



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 21st September 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

During the first two weeks of the term, the children have been learning about different aspects of Russia and I have certainly enjoyed the facts that have been shared with me as I walk around at lunchtime. This morning, we held our sharing assembly to enable each class to show some of their work. Hedgehog class have cut and coloured some Russian doll figures to represent their own family, Squirrel class have been looking at the work of Kandinsky, Fox class have been making Russian dolls and Owl class have had the unenviable task of replicating Faberge eggs – quite a challenge.

Last week, I sent out a letter to KS2 children inviting them to join me to sing at the Birmingham Arena for the Young Voices concert. I have to submit choir numbers by the end of next week to ensure that our place is secure. If there are still children that wish to take part in this but are unable to join choir after half term, I still need the permission slip to confirm the place. **Please can the forms be in the office by Wednesday 26th September.** To make the trip viable we need at least 15+ children.

A quick reminder that the Flu vaccination consent forms need to be back in school by Monday 24th September at the latest.

Please could I remind everyone to take care when parking at the start and the end of the school day. This week a resident of Queen's Close could not get down the road as two cars had parked opposite each other leaving a distance of just over a metre.

Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Creativity

As part of our work on this value, we will think about God as Creator of the world. We will talk about what a great designer God must be and how powerful He is. We are reminded how important it is for us to make informed choices about looking after our world.

'For nothing will be impossible with God.' Luke 1.37

Future Diary Dates.

W/b 24th September - 8 x Y6 Children on residential to the Isle of Wight

Tuesday 25th September – Foundation Stage Eye Test

Wednesday 3rd October – Y6 PE morning at Wallingford

Thursday 4th October – 9:15am Harvest Service in the Abbey

Friday 5th October – Foundation to Y5 – Flu Vaccination

Wednesday 10th October – 7pm – Full Governors

Friday 12th October – Open Morning

Monday 15th / Tuesday 16th October – Parents Evenings

Thursday 18th October – Tempest Individual Photos

Achievements Book

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement book this week.

Squirrel Class: Hugo Margison, Jeremiel Shijo

Fox Class: Kodie Curtis, Jessica King

Owl Class: Phoebe De-Maine, Axl-Zayvier Taylor

Attendance

Our whole school target this year for attendance is **97%**
This week's whole school attendance is **93%**



Punctuality Stars

A great continuation to the term – no late marks this week – Brilliant news!



Thank you

We would like to thank Kristina Palm who came into school this week and gave the children an insight into Russia. Hedgehog Class were taught to write their name in Russian and Fox Class had the story of The Snowmaiden read to them.

Reminders

Amenities Fund

At the beginning of the new school year, we ask each family in school if they would contribute £5 towards our Amenities Fund. The £5 per family is a voluntary contribution but it is one that we very much hope that you will decide to make. The money is used to buy all kinds of 'extras' for the children, the kind of 'extras' that we would have to think twice about if we had to fund them from the school budget. For example, we buy tissues for the classrooms, first aid kit items, squash, biscuits for visits, classroom and sports day stickers, etc. If you are willing to make this voluntary contribution, please complete the slip below and return it to school with the £5 donation. Cheques should be made payable to Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School.

End of School Arrangements

We are updating our records as to what happens to your child at the end of the school day *e.g. you collect them, someone else collects etc.* Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible.

Family Donation to Amenities Fund

Child's Name:

Class: Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

I enclose £5 as our family contribution to the school's Amenities Fund.

Signed:

Date

End of School Arrangements

Child's Name:

Class Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

End of School Arrangements 2015-16

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

General Consent Form for Fieldwork Activities in the Local Area of Dorchester on Thames

Child's Name:

Class Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

I am aware of the school's policy and practice of fieldwork activities in the local area. Provided the class is adequately supervised at all times, I am happy for my child to take part in these activities.

Signed: Date:

At present, I do not feel able to give my consent for my child to take part in such fieldwork activities.
