



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

A change for this year to have this week's newsletter as school is about to commence. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back tomorrow to a new and exciting school year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Staff News

We welcome officially Mrs Grenfell and Mrs Goby who will be our Squirrel Class teachers. It is great to have a full complement of staff to start the new year.

Swimming

Swimming starts next **Monday 10th September** for children in Fox Class. Please ensure your child brings to school a swimming costume and towel in a waterproof/plastic bag and a swimming hat. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office for £1.20. All these items should be named. Please note there will be **no charge** for swimming transport this term.

School Meals

Under the Universal School Meals scheme lunches are provided free of charge for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. For children in Years 3-6 school meals are charged at £2.20 per day. Payment can be made via Parentmail which will advise you daily if your balance goes below £0.00. You can also pay by cash or cheque made payable to Oxfordshire County Council. Payment can be made daily, weekly or termly -Oxfordshire County Council asks that school meals are paid for in advance.

Newsletter

This week, everyone is receiving the newsletter as an electronic copy. We hope this way that everyone will receive the weekly newsletter especially as there are several return slips. Please could you complete the slip at the end of the newsletter to indicate whether you would prefer a printed copy each week rather than an electronic copy. Thank you.

Uniform

I would take the opportunity at the beginning of the year to remind everyone to make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. This makes it easier to reunite the item with its owner. A reminder of the school uniform is shown below.

Each year we ask for your general consent to undertake activities within the village, to ensure all our records are up to date, so I would ask that this form is completed and returned to the office. Thank you.

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.

Monday 10th September – Fox Class Swimming starts

Tuesday 18th September – Governors Resources
Committee

Wednesday 19th September – P & C Governor Meeting

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 – Harvest Service in the Abbey

Friday 5th October – Foundation to Y5 – Flu Vaccination

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.

Medicines

If any child needs medication whilst in school a form will need to be completed. If required, please ask Mrs Flinders for a form .If your child has an inhaler in school please check that it is up to date. Thanks.

School Uniform

Girls:

- Grey skirts, pinafore dresses or grey school trousers, white blouses or white/red polo shirts, **grey school sweatshirts with school logo**, or **sweatshirt cardigans with the school logo**, white socks or grey/red tights.
- Red and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer.
- Sensible low-heeled black shoes or closed-toe summer sandals.
- Hair accessories should be minimal and discrete. Decorative hair braids with beads are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

Boys:

- Smart grey school trousers, white shirts or white/red polo shirts, **grey school sweatshirts with school logo**, grey socks.
- Grey school shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Black shoes.

P.E. Clothing for girls and boys:

- **White t-shirts with the school logo**, black or navy shorts,

- Black plimsolls and trainers for outdoor games. Trainers are also worn by children playing ballgames at playtimes.

Jewellery

With the exception of discrete stud earrings, jewellery is not permitted for health and safety reasons. Watches should be appropriate for school wear.

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.

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Child's name _____ Class – Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

I would prefer to have to receive a printed copy of the newsletter each week.

Signed _____