



# DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Headteacher's Thoughts

Last Sunday morning, Marcie, Nola, Carys, Charlie, Cecily, Annabelle, Jessica, Joe, Ryan, Jezreel, Sian, Leo alongside Mrs Harding and Ms Dexter took part in the Virgin Sport Schools' Challenge to run a mile as part of the Oxford Half Marathon. All the participants had to prepare by running the 13 miles over several sessions (including the summer holiday). Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mrs Harding and Ms Dexter for their support.

KS2 children had a visit from the PSCOs this week to talk about the excitement and the risks for Halloween as well as answering some interesting questions about the police.

Next week are the first parents' evenings of the year, I know most parents have signed up for appointments – if you haven't, the booking form on ParentMail is open until the day to sign up. Next Thursday is our annual visit by Tempest Photography to take the individual and family photographs. As always if you wish to have a family group with pre-school siblings, please come into school at the beginning of the school day around 8:30am.

Please can I remind everyone again about the parking around the school at the beginning and end of the school day – please ensure enough room is given to allow residents access to their drives and roads. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 15<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evenings  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Tchoukball Competition  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Hedgehog Parents evening  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Tempest Individual Photos  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October -3:15pm Half term starts

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – School resumes  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Owl Class swimming  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 5pm/7pm – Governor Committees  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

## Achievements Book

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

**Hedgehog Class:** Loveday Goodwin

**Squirrel Class:** Ella Green, Octavia Goodwin

**Fox Class:** Olga Edison, Jezreel Shijo

**Owl Class:** Sasha Jasinskaite, Joshua Jojy

### Attendance

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



### Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to Hedgehog, Fox and Owl Classes with no late marks this week.



### Christmas Card Design

This year the PTA have arranged for the children to design their own Christmas Cards again. In bookbags today you will receive a design form for each of your children. When designing their cards please ensure the children follow the instructions carefully so that their design is the best it can be.

Please return the forms to school by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the latest so that we have time to send off the designs and they can be ordered in time for Christmas.

Thank you.

### Secondary School Applications

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline for your child's secondary school application forms is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The website is already open to complete the forms - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/secondary-school>

