



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 19th October 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

Parents Evenings started the week. Thank you to all parents who booked and attended their appointments. If you were unable to make these meetings, please let us know if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher.

On Tuesday, Angelina, Jessica, Megan, Jake, Kodie, Orvil, Oakleigh, Leo, Cecily and Olivia headed off to the Oxford Academy to take part in a Tchoukball Tournament (photo below) – a change to the normal selection of sports. The children really worked as a team and although we did not win, I was really proud of their achievement and I am sure they can explain the game to you if you ask.

This year is the centenary commemoration of the end of World War I and as a school we have been asked to prepare a Remembrance banner to go in the Abbey. We will be having a service in the Abbey on the 8th November to present our work. If possible, I am hoping that some children and their families would be free to carry our banner at the village Remembrance Day service on Sunday 11th November. If you are able to be a part of this service, please could you let me know – thank you.

We held the first of our Open Mornings last Friday and thank you to Charlie and Toby who showed our visitors around. We are planning two more mornings and are throwing our doors open to the community as well as prospective parents – more details to follow after half term. I hope you all have a great break next week and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 29th October.

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 29th October – School resumes

Monday 29th October – Owl Class swimming

Tuesday 30th October 5pm/7pm – Governor Committees

Thursday 8th November – Remembrance Service

Friday 16th November – Children in Need

Thursday 6th / Friday 7th December – Community Open Mornings – see poster below

Tuesday 11th December – KS1 Nativity Play

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Isaac Rhodes

Squirrel Class: Cressida Kilby-Birch, Tobith Biju

Fox Class: Mickey Bell, Marcie Bennett

Owl Class: Charlie Bell, Olivia Obeng

Attendance

Our whole school target this year for attendance is **97%**

This week's whole school attendance is **97%**



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to all classes with no late marks this week.



Headlice

We have had several cases of headlice reported in school this week. Please check your family's hair and treat as necessary. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications

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



After School Clubs next half-term

Tuesday : Y2 – Y4 Science Club 3.30pm-4.15pm (15 children)

Mrs Grenfell will continue to run this club until **Tuesday 11th December**

Tuesday: KS2 Craft Club 3.30pm-4.15pm (20 children)

This Club will run until **Tuesday 11th December.**

Wednesday : KS2 Drama Club 3.30pm-4.30pm

The Drama Club is provided by Boost for KS2 children-if you require further information please speak to Caroline Seed. Please note there is a charge for this club.

Thursday : KS2 Choir 3.30pm-4.15pm

Mr Leigh will continue to run Choir working on songs for Young Voices until **Thursday 13th December**

Thursday : Hockey Club with Mr Burrows 3.15pm-4.15pm (Until 13th December)

Friday : Sports Club with Mr Burrows 3.15pm-4.15pm (Until 14th December)

KS2 Craft Club

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend Craft Club on Tuesdays from 3.30pm-4.15pm

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

KS2 Football Club

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend Football Club on Thursdays from 3.15pm-4.15pm

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

Our Village Primary School is opening its doors

**Community Open
Mornings**



at



**Dorchester St Birinus CE
Primary School**

Both for children starting school in September 2019 or later and also for all members of the community to visit

We would like to invite you and your friends to visit our friendly, welcoming and hardworking school on

**Thursday 6th December and
Friday 7th December**

Please arrive from 9.30am to 11am for coffee to meet our Headteacher, Mr Leigh, followed by a tour of the school given by the Year 6 children with an opportunity to spend some time in classrooms meeting staff and pupils

If you can come along please let us know, thank you.
office.3186@st-birinus-pri.oxon.sch.uk or 01865 340081.
Alternatively, do just drop in.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School