



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 16th November 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

I start with a thank you to Toby, Delilah and Mylo, who represented the school on Remembrance Sunday in the village procession to the war memorial with our poppy banner. (photo at the end of the newsletter).

We came to school this morning in our own clothes to raise money for Children in Need – thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile charity. In last week's newsletter, I mentioned the Talent show being organised by Annabelle and Carys (Owl Class) with the help of Mrs Harding - this is set to go ahead next Friday at 2pm. Everyone is invited and we hope to raise more money for Children in Need therefore we will be charging £3 per adult on the door.

The Young Voices choir is busy learning the songs for the exciting concert in January in Birmingham. Please note the deadline for audience tickets for the school to be able to order them will be Monday 19th November. **Due to another commitment, there will be no choir on the 29th November (in two weeks).**

Miss Edwards is currently undertaking training to become our school ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) – which will be great for the school. There is a list of resources that would benefit the role and Miss Edwards is keen to do some fundraising to help raise some of this money. Therefore she is proposing to hold a Bingo Evening on the 7th December at 6pm, which is open to all. More details to follow next week.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Forgiveness

As part of our work, we will be thinking about how important it is to forgive people who upset us and how we need to say sorry if we do things to hurt others. We will be learning about how Jesus is a great inspiration to Christians to forgive others. We will also think about God's all-forgiving love.

"Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us."
Luke 11:4

Future Diary Dates.

Friday 30th November – Squirrel Class to visit Oxford Castle

Thursday 6th / Friday 7th December – Community Open Mornings

Tuesday 11th December – KS1 Nativity Play

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th December – 2pm Pantomime

Tuesday 18th December – KS2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 19th December 1:15pm Christmas Service

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Ethan Togy

Squirrel Class: Oscar Prior, Isla Shrimpton

Fox Class: Jerome Jojy, Fern Andersson

Owl Class: Theo Beaman, Orvil Edison

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is

98%



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to all classes with no late marks this week.



A message to parents from the School's Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all hopefully aware, our school is opening its doors on the mornings of Thursday 6th and Friday 7th December, 9.30-11am.

We hope to welcome families with young children, who are looking for a small, friendly and vibrant village school.

We are also inviting members of the communities, particularly of Berinsfield and Dorchester, as most of our children come from these villages.

Could we please ask for your support in this? We all know what a very special school our children are lucky enough to attend. The high quality of teaching and pastoral care, the outstanding sport, music and other extra-curricular activities, together with the unique atmosphere, all make up the friendly and secure school we have chosen for our children.

We do, however, need to share this with others.

Did you know that Hedgehog Class has only 6 members? Those 6 lucky children are enjoying a wonderful, exclusive education in their large, well-equipped area! But unfortunately the school needs greater numbers of pupils if we are to continue to provide all that we do now.

Please, please encourage (or bring) friends and acquaintances to visit our school and find out more about the great work going on here. There are more copies in the school office of the flyers advertising the Open Mornings – please take some and talk to other families about our school!

With many thanks for your support,
The Governing Body

(The Governing Body is made up of parents, teachers, members of the community and local clergy. There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor, please ask for more details.)

Davis Tate Colouring Competition

In book bags today you will find a colouring competition from Davis Tate in Wallingford. If your child would like to enter please take their entries to the shop directly (opposite Waitrose). The winning pictures will be displayed in the window.

Trip to the Oxford Playhouse to see 'Dick Whittington and His Cat'

Monday 17th December 2018

We have booked the Playhouse in Oxford to see their production of "Dick Whittington and His Cat" on **Monday 17th December**. This will be a lovely afternoon out for the children and a great opportunity for them all to see a "live" performance on stage. The trip will cost £13.50 per child and to keep the cost down for you the PTA has agreed to contribute towards the total cost again this year. (Permission slips and payment to be returned in a marked envelope to your child's teacher/Payment via Parentmail). The children should wear their school uniform and have a coat. As this is an afternoon performance we do not expect to be back in school until 4pm.

After School Clubs

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 Lloyd 3.15pm-4.15pm (Until 14th December)

Pantomime Trip

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child/children to attend the trip to Oxford Playhouse on the afternoon of **Monday 17th December 2018**.

I enclose payment of _____ (£13.50 per child) / I have paid via Parentmail

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian.

