



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 23rd November 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

Last Friday, we were visited by owls, rabbits and pole cats kindly brought in by Dr Sasha Norris (Siren Charity). Each class had the opportunity to meet the animals in the hall speaking in very quiet voices, which was a welcome change. Everyone enjoyed our special visitors – thank you to Mr Bennett for organizing this for us.

Yesterday, Jezreel, Ryan, Max, Charlotte, Bella, Fern, Joe, Axl, Brynmor, Joshua, Daniel, Courtney and Sasha represented the school in a Dodgeball tournament at Oxford Academy. Jezreel and Ryan reported '*We faced five different teams and our team came 2nd. It was really fun!*' Well done to both our teams and thank you to Mrs Harding for supporting the teams.

As always as we approach the festive period, the term seems to speed up with the excitement. Don't forget to check the diary dates below - some key dates include the Community Open Mornings on the 6th and 7th December, Miss Edward's Bingo Evening on the 7th December, KS1 Nativity Play with two performances on the 11th December to name but a few.

Another exciting event is our Pantomime visit to the Oxford Playhouse, please can you make sure the slips and payments are returned to school as soon as possible – thank you.

Just a reminder that there will be no choir next Thursday (29th November).

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 visit Oxford Castle

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

Friday 7th December – Bingo Evening

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

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Koreigh Curtis

Squirrel Class: Molly Bindon, Jacob Hassall

Fox Class: Rebecca Green, Megan Smith

Owl Class: Gabriel Sebastian, Cecily Gauden

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is **98%**



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to Fox and Owl 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.)

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 (Not this week)

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.

