



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 30th November 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

The talent show, the inspiration of Annabelle and Carys supported by Mrs Harding, was held last Friday. Well done to all the children who were willing to stand up to perform and thank you to the parents who were able to come and watch helping to raise more money for Children in Need. We raised £60 on the day which has been added to our non-uniform amount of £77.00. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful cause.

In Wednesday's assembly, I introduced our new initiative '60 things to do before you leave Dorchester St Birinus' (copy attached at the end of this newsletter) – as the name suggests it is a list of activities that we hope the children will have the opportunity to do as part of their time at school. Squirrel class are already ticking off one of the boxes today on their trip. The sheets will remain in school, so that a record can be kept throughout their 7 years with us. I am excited to see everyone try some of these activities (and for me too!)

Just a reminder that the Bingo Evening is on next Friday starting at 6pm. I hope you are able to join us for an evening of fun raising money to support the introduction of our Emotional Literacy project led by our new ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (Miss Edwards). This project is designed to help children within school who need support with a variety of emotional needs such as social skills, self-esteem. It will be a valuable resource for the school. Do come along on Friday.

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.

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

Wednesday 19th December – 1:15pm Christmas Service

Wednesday 19th December – 2pm Term ends

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Kassandra Jasinskaite

Squirrel Class: Poppy Line, Lori-Mae Garricks

Fox Class: Shannon Pottinger, Diya Sijo, Joshua Ellery-Greaves

Owl Class: Sian Wilson, Zachary Fowler

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is

98%



Punctuality Stars

Sadly all classes have late marks this week.



Forest School Volunteers required

We currently have no volunteers for Year 1's Forest School on Tuesday. If you can help out please speak to Miss Dexter.

Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes perform "Born in a Barn"

Mrs Flinders is now taking ticket requests for our exciting Christmas production of 'Born in a Barn'. Performances will be on 11th December at 2pm and 6pm and will be in the **School Hall**. Please return the slip below to request tickets for the performances. We ask for parents' support and co-operation in not bringing babies and young children to the evening performance. In the interest of fairness, we initially allocate **two** tickets per family. We also keep a reserve list for any additional tickets requested. Tickets are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, as are any spare tickets from the reserve list. Please note these tickets are free of charge.

Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes Christmas Production Ticket Request

Child's or Family Name _____

Class: Hedgehog / Squirrel

I would like to take up my initial allocation of 2 tickets for the performance on:

____ Tuesday 11th December 2pm

____ Tuesday 11th December 6pm

Reserve list

Please indicate the number of additional tickets you would like to request and we will add you to the reserve list:

____ additional tickets for the afternoon performance

____ additional tickets for the evening performance

Signed: _____

Date _____

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)

KS2 Chess Club 3:30pm – 4:15pm (organised by Toby and Theo)

These clubs 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 LLOYD 3.15pm-4.15pm (Until 13th December)

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



**Sixty things
to do before
I leave
Dorchester, St Birinus
CE Primary School**

Name _____



Climb a tree	Fly a kite	Camp out	Visit a farm	Compete in a sport	Perform on a stage	Write a blog	Plan and organise a school trip	Sing in church	Do a sponsored event
Roll down a big hill	Play pooh sticks	Cook on a fire	Go to the seaside	Post something on the school website	Watch a play in a theatre	Take a photo and display it	Take part in a debate	Write a prayer	Organise a fundraising event
Dam a stream	Star gazing	Go on a nature walk at night	Walk around Oxford	See a live game/match	Visit an art gallery	Design a computer game	Be published	Visit a religious building (different from your own)	Perform with other schools
Build a den	Set yourself a physical challenge	Hold a scary beast	Visit a museum	Take part in country/ Maypole dancing	Play an instrument	Communicate on line	Meet an MP	Lead or take part in worship	Bring a family member to school
Plant it, grow it, eat it	Discover what's in a pond	Bring up a butterfly	Visit London	Learn to skip with a rope	Make a sculpture	Learn how to contact the emergency services	Sing the National Anthem	Learn a favourite poem/prayer/verse off by heart	Post a letter and get a reply
Watch a live music event	Grow a flower from seed	Climb up and down Wittenham clumps	Visit a castle	Listen to music	Learn a needle-craft	Learn some basic first aid	Attend a Governors/ Parish meeting	Meet an author	Learn how to play card and board games – teach someone else