



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 14th December 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

It is time to announce November's 'Writer of the Month' children for each class.

Hedgehog Class Loveday Goodwin

Squirrel Class: Jeremiel Shijo, Max Jasinskas

Fox Class: Rose Chadney, Shannon Pottinger

Owl Class: Theo Beaman, Oakleigh Taylor-Coombs

If you get a chance, please come in and read their work.

Following the successful Bingo evening, I can now confirm that the evening raised £405.00 - which is a great amount. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and to Miss Edwards for organising the event.

On Tuesday, Squirrel and Hedgehog classes performed their play – 'Born in a Barn'. The children performed brilliantly learning all their songs and words for the actors. A big thank you must go to Mrs Harding, Mrs Grenfell, Mrs Goby, Ms Dexter and Miss Edwards for all their hard work with the costumes.

Christmas Lunch was held on Wednesday with all the trimmings and the KS1 Christmas party was on Thursday with our very special visitor making an appearance at the beginning of the party. How exciting!

Today is our Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the children - as always it is great to see the array of colour around school – we have combined your donations with the money from the retiring collection at the Nativity.

On Monday afternoon, we head off to the Oxford Playhouse for our visit to the pantomime. The show is due to finish at 4pm, we will text everyone when the coach leaves the theatre, hopefully we will return around 4:45pm. We are all really looking forward to it.

Next week's dates:

- **KS2 Christmas Party** – 18th December, this will be in the afternoon and the children can bring in some 'party' clothes to change into prior to the party.
- **Christmas Service** – 19th December at 1:15pm in the Abbey.

There are details of the after-school clubs for next term listed below with a note from Mrs Harding regarding the sports clubs.

This is the final newsletter of the term so a reminder that term finishes next Wednesday (19th December) **at 2pm**. I hope you all have a great Christmas and a happy New Year and I will look forward to seeing you on the Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8:40am.

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.

Monday 17th December – 2pm Pantomime
Tuesday 18th December – KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19th December – 1:15pm Christmas Service
Wednesday 19th December – 2pm Term ends

Monday 7th January 2019 – INSET DAY
Tuesday 8th January – First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 8th January – 6pm – Governor Committees
Monday 14th January – FOX CLASS SWIMMING
Thursday 17th January – Young Voices Concert at Birmingham Arena

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Ethan Togy
Squirrel Class: Bella Sebastian, Harvey Sullivan-Webb
Fox Class: Max Pottinger, Jezreel Shijo
Owl Class: Leo Wilson, Phoebe De-Maine

Attendance

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

95%



Punctuality Stars

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



Message from Mrs Harding (PE Co-ordinator)

I have been disappointed at the turn out for after school sports clubs this term. Although I realise the clubs have been cancelled on a few occasions due to reasons beyond our control, however when they have been running the attendance has been patchy. It has been agreed with the new sports coach that the maximum number of children on each day will be **16**. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you apply for a place, there will be an expectation that everyone attends each week in complete sports kit, including trainers/plimsolls and will have signed up at the beginning of the term. Whereas we understand there could be a good reason for non-attendance, we are trying to teach the children the importance of respect and commitment– therefore non-attendance will mean that the next person on the waiting list will be given the place.

After School Clubs – First half – Spring Term

Tuesday: KS2 Art Club 3.30pm-4.15pm (20 children) – Mrs Eade
KS1 Art & Craft Club 3:30pm – 4:15pm (10 children) – Mrs Harding

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 - This will only be for the first two weeks of term until the Young Voices concert is complete. (Separate letter to be sent out next week about the concert day)

Thursday : Sports Club with Mr Lloyd 3.15pm-4.15pm

Friday : Hockey Club with Mr Lloyd 3.15pm-4.15pm



(drawing by Max Pottinger)

KS1 Art and Craft Club Tuesday (3.30pm-4.15PM)

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend KS1 Art and Craft Club on Tuesdays after school.

Signed _____ (parent/carer)

Date _____

KS2 Art Club Tuesday (3.30pm-4.15pm)

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend KS2 Art Club on Tuesdays after School.

Signed _____ (parent/carer)

Date _____

Sports Club Thursday (3.15pm-4.15pm)

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend Sports Club on Thursdays after school.

Signed _____ (parent/carer)

Date _____

Hockey Club Friday (3.15pm-4.15pm)

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend Hockey Club on Fridays after school.

Signed _____

Date _____
