



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 7th December 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

Owl class were all braced for their Egyptian day on Wednesday, however the course leader's chariot lost its wheel on the way to school. Luckily Mrs Eacopo's quick thinking meant that the children enjoyed the day with art and drama activities, so their costumes were not in vain.

Yesterday, we had our first of two Community Open Days, the second one today as I write this newsletter. It was great to see a mixture of prospective parents and members of the community coming to share our morning with us. Well done to Year 6 for their wonderful tours and the staff and children for their hard work in the classrooms and displays. Also, thank you to the PTA and the Governors for their support in preparing these mornings - a great team effort.

Next Friday is our annual Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and as always, we can all come in wearing our festive knitwear for a donation of at least a £1 in aid of this worthwhile charity.

As it is the 7th December, I can now start mentioning Christmas and the forthcoming events on the last weeks of term.

- **KS1 Nativity Play** – 11th December, details below
- **Christmas Lunch** – 12th December, please sign the form at the end of the newsletter to confirm that your child wishes to have this festive lunch
- **KS1 Christmas Party** – 13th December, this will be in the afternoon and the children can bring in some 'party' clothes to change prior to the party.
- **Pantomime Visit** – 17th December – remember we will be late returning to school
- **KS2 Christmas Party** – 18th December, this will be in the afternoon and the children can bring in some 'party' clothes to change prior to the party.
- **Christmas Service** – 19th December at 1:15pm in the Abbey.

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 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: Loveday Goodwin

Squirrel Class: Bella Sebastian, Harvey Sullivan-Webb

Fox Class: Ryan Robinson, Jake Sullivan-Webb

Owl Class: Jacob Clewley, Daniel Brooks

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is **94%**



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to Hedgehogs with no late marks this week.



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.

Festive Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch this year will be served on Wednesday 12th December. Please sign the permission slip and return to school as soon as possible. The cost per child is £2.20. Please pay via Parentmail or make cheques payable to Oxfordshire County Council. **Children who are entitled to Free School Meals do not have to pay.**

KS1 Nativity

The evening performance of the Nativity starts at 6pm. Please ensure the children in the play are back at school for 5.30pm.

Thank you.

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)

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 _____

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH (Wednesday 12th December)

Child's Name: _____

I give permission for my child to have School Christmas Lunch

I enclose £2.20 for my child's School Christmas Lunch/I have paid via Parentmail/my child is entitled to a Free Lunch (please delete as appropriate)

Please tick if the vegetarian option is preferred

Signed: _____

Date: _____
