



# DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Headteacher's Thoughts

A Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a relaxing Christmas and that we are now ready for this coming term. Although the weather seems to be snow free at the moment, it is always good to remind you of the severe weather information should the weather change very quickly (See page 2).

On Tuesday, we had a visitor to our assembly, Jemma Evans from the Oxfordshire Music Service, who demonstrated several brass instruments including trumpet, trombone and a hose pipe (not really a brass instrument!). It is always great to hear live music – if anyone is interested in learning a brass instrument, please let me know.

Forest School will re-start again next week for Hedgehog class and the Year 1 children. Please make sure that forest school clothes are always in school on the correct day as we will always endeavour to take them out. If anyone is willing to help either group on a rota basis – it will certainly be a great help. If you can help, please speak to Mrs Harding or Miss Dexter. Thank you.

### **N:B We require an extra helper on Tuesday**

At the end of this newsletter I have attached the term dates for the next academic year 2019-2020 for your reference – so you have early notification of the school holidays to assist with your own holiday planning.

**Fox Class restarts their swimming next Monday; please make sure that the children have their swimming kit with them for the full five weeks – Thank you.**

### **Our Christian Value for this half term is:**

## **Trust**

We will think about people or things that we trust and what trust means in our relationships with others. We will also look at the repercussions when trust is broken.

Jesus's words to his disciples  
'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, in whom I trust.' *John 14:1*

### **Future Diary Dates.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January – FOX CLASS SWIMMING  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices Concert at the Birmingham Genting Arena  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Squirrel Class – Grandparents Morning  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Resources Governors Meeting  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 6:30pm – Full Governors  
Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February – Art Week  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – 3:15pm – School closes for half term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – School re-starts.

## **Achievements Book**

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

**Hedgehog Class:** Maisy Mackrory

**Squirrel Class:** Hugo Margison, Juvanita Johnson

**Fox Class:** Ryan Robinson, Kai Curtis

**Owl Class:** Theo Beaman, Brynmor Bennett

### Message from The school Nurse Team

The flu immunisations in schools and local catch up clinics have now come to end but we are holding a further 2 clinics in Abingdon/Wantage in the New Year for those children who did not have their Flu immunisation in school.

- **Abingdon Community Hospital, Out Patients Department (OX14 1AG) – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (9.00am - 12.00pm)**
- **Wantage Community Hospital (OX12 7AQ) – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (3.30pm - 4.30pm)**

### Thank you!

On behalf of the staff I would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who kindly gave Christmas Gifts-they were very much appreciated.

### Cold weather clothing

During the cold weather please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing-they should all have a coat, hat and gloves every day.

### Severe Weather Information

The weather forecast is unpredictable therefore here is a reminder about where the information on any potential school closures can be found should the weather change:

- 1) Hopefully we will be able to send out a text message in the morning regarding any closure,
- 2) Listening to local radio stations i.e. BBC Radio Oxford/Heart/Jack FM. School closures are announced at regular intervals.
- 3) OCC also put school closure details on their website

### After School Clubs First Spring Half Term 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Clubs	<b>KS1 Art and Craft Club</b> 3.30pm-4.15pm <b>KS2 Art Club</b> 3.30pm-4.15pm <b>KS2 Chess Club</b> 3.30pm-4.15pm	<b>KS2 Drama Club</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm	<b>Sports Club</b> 3.15pm-4.15pm	<b>Hockey Club</b> 3.15pm-4.15pm <b>(Please note children must be picked up by 4.15pm)</b>

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Chess Club Tuesday (3.15pm-4.15pm)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend Chess Club on Tuesdays after school.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## TERM DATES 2019/2020

### Autumn Term 2019

### Total School Days

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - **Inset Days**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 37

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (School closes at 2pm) 34

Christmas Holiday: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

### Spring Term 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 30

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (School closes at 2pm) 30

Easter Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 24

May Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (School closes at 2pm) 35

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday

Total school days 190