



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 29th March 2019

Headteacher's Thoughts

At the beginning of this week, we held our mid-year Parents Evenings, which I hope you found informative about your child's progress through this year. It was great to see such a great attendance over the two days

On Wednesday, the Year 6 children headed off to the Abbey for the Y6 Diocese Service and workshops – this year's theme was 'Quests and Questions'. It was good to meet up with other Year 6 children and I know the singing was very impressive. As this newsletter is sent out they are off out again to the annual Junior Citizen at the Oxford Fire Station – as always a reminder to the children to keep the activities quiet from the other children, don't spoil the surprise!

Some quick reminders - Forest School children (at this time of year) need to bring clothes for warm and cold weather just in case. Also Hedgehog class and Year 6 Tempest photograph orders need to be back in school by Wednesday.

It is with some sadness that I have to write in the newsletter about parking on the zigzag lines at the beginning and end of school particularly as there was a near miss this week. Please can I remind everyone not to park on these lines – parking is a challenge at the moment but your child's safety is more important.

Next week brings the Spring Term to an end- where has the time gone? Just to remind you that our Easter Service is at 1:15am in the Abbey on Friday – I hope you are able to join us. Also school closes for Easter at 2pm.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Courage

We will think about the importance of **standing up for what is right** against the odds, **sticking by one's convictions** and **not being swayed** as well as **strength of will**. We will also think about how we can encourage each other to do so too.

Future Diary Dates.

Friday 5th April – 1:15pm – Easter Service in the Abbey

Friday 5th April – 2pm – School closes for Easter

Tuesday 23rd April – 8:50 am - School re-opens for the Summer term.

Wednesday 1st May – 7pm – Full Governors

Friday 3rd May – 1:30pm – May Dancing

Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 8th May – Cricket Session for Fox and Squirrel Classes

Thursday 9th May – KS1 Music Festival – Squirrel Class

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class:

Ethan Togy

Squirrel Class:

Mikey Ashley, Anushka Arun

Fox Class:

Shannon Pottinger, Joshua Ellery-Greaves

Owl Class:

Year 6 – for the Service this week

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is

96%



Punctuality Stars

Sadly all classes had at least one late mark this week.



Mrs Harding the daredevil

Mrs Harding has agreed to be a part of the Dorchester Festival abseiling from the Abbey tower. As part of this project, she has to raise £400 for the Dorchester Festival Fund – if you would like to sponsor Mrs Harding in her brave endeavours, please follow the following link <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sandraharding1>

Oxford United Tickets

The winners of the raffle for the football tickets are Reilly Newport and Riley Wells. I hope they have a great time tomorrow at the game.

After School Clubs Second Spring Half Term 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Clubs	KS2 Craft Club 3:15pm – 4:15pm KS2 Chess Club 3.15pm-4.15pm KS1 Construction Club 3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Drama Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Sports Club 3.15pm-4.15pm KS2 ICT Club 3.15pm-4.15pm	School closes at 2pm