



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 10th May 2019

Headteacher's Thoughts

Despite the rain last Friday, which began as soon as the children started our May Dancing afternoon, we enjoyed a good display of dance. Well done to the children and staff for performing so brilliantly and to the parents and visitors who joined our big Circassian Circle – I am sure it gets better each year.

This was followed by our official opening of the new climbing frame – thank you to all the children who helped me put the big ribbon around the wood during the lunch break. In my talk, I thanked the PTA for helping with the funding, however I did forget to thank Darwin Escapes for their kind donation as well for which we are very grateful. I am still smiling when I think of Charlie, Carys and I trying to get the ribbon untied and the following spontaneous jump on the equipment as the ribbon fell to the ground.

Congratulations to Mrs Harding for her abseil down the Abbey Tower on Saturday as part of the Dorchester Festival – it was great to witness her quickly descend as if she was Spiderwoman. Also, as part of the Festival, Owl Class took part in the Shakespeare Workshop led by Caroline Seed – they all had a great experience, thank you Caroline.

Our musical evening is on the 21st May, which is a great showcase of our musical talent. A letter inviting children to participate went to KS2 children this week – don't forget to bring the slips back next week.

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.

Week beginning 13th May – Year 6 SATS WEEK

Tuesday 14th May – Hedgehog class visit Farmer Gows

Tuesday 21st May – 6:30pm Musical Evening

Friday 24th May – 3:15pm – Half term

Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th June – 8:50am School re-opens

Thursday 6th June – Sponsored Walk (details to follow)

Tuesday 11th June – Owl Class – Stone Age Day

Thursday 20th June – Festival of Voices - Dorchester
Abbey

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class:

Koreigh Curtis

Squirrel Class:

Rozalla Robinson, Isla Shrimpton

Fox Class:

Rose Chadney, Joshua Ellery-Greaves

Owl Class:

The whole class for the Shakespeare workshop

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is **97%**



Punctuality Stars

Sadly, all classes have at least one late mark this week.



Choir

The Festival of Voices concert, which is held in the Abbey in June is a great opportunity to sing with other schools with a good variety of songs. It is always very popular and well attended. Choir will start again next week – at the moment there are only 4 people signed up for Festival of Voices. Don't forget to sign up if you would like to be a part of the choir – slip below.

Forest School-message from Miss Dexter

At present we do not have any volunteers to help with Forest School this week. If you can spare some time, please speak to me or let Mrs Flinders know. If we do not have any volunteers Forest School will not go ahead.
Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Clubs	KS2 Choir (for Festival of Voices) 3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Drama Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Sports Club 3.15pm-4.15pm	Hockey Club 3.15pm-4.15pm

A Summer Concert to raise funds for our school

Dear Parents

I am organising a concert in Dorchester Abbey as a fundraiser and to raise the profile of our very musical school within our local communities. Mr Leigh has kindly offered to play, which will be a real treat I am sure. In addition, I am asking for any staff or parents (past or present) who play or sing and would like to take part, to come forward. All types of music are very welcome, and we can arrange piano accompaniment if necessary.

The concert will take place on Tuesday 23rd July so there will be plenty of time to practise! Please everybody, put the date in your diaries and start to invite friends, family and neighbours. If you would like to perform, please see me or drop me an email:

sarah.gauden@btopenworld.com

Many thanks Sarah Gauden (Cecily's mum)

Parking Safely

Please ensure that you do not park on the zig zags outside school at the beginning and end of the day as it is very dangerous-the safety of all our children is paramount. If it means that you have to walk a little further surely it's a small price to pay to keep our children safe.

