



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 3rd May 2019

Headteacher's Thoughts

It is always interesting to have your birthday on a school day, however, it was a real pleasure to share my day with the children on Tuesday as everywhere I went around the building I was greeted with 'Happy Birthday' (or the classic 'how old are you?').

Some of Squirrel Class have had great fun this week stuffing hay and paper into our scarecrow ahead of the Dorchester Scarecrow trail around the village. This year, each scarecrow is linked to a song title – I wonder if you can work out ours? Don't forget to explore the trail around the village to spot the variety of scarecrows and their related songs over the next few weeks. Good luck!

Another exciting project we have been invited to take part in is 'Henge' – thinking about stone age settlements around Dorchester. We will have the opportunity to work with a poet, artists and musicians to create work to be displayed in the village in September. Our work with the project will be the last two weeks of the summer term in July. I will be able to give more information nearer the time but watch this space.

This afternoon is our annual May Dancing, the children and the teachers have been busy learning the dances. I know they will be brilliant, and I look forward to seeing you there.

GOOD LUCK to Mrs Harding for tomorrow as she abseils down the Abbey Tower – you can come and support her from around 12 noon tomorrow if you are around and about.

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.

Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY

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

Thursday 9th May – KS1 Music Festival – Squirrel Class

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

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Ethan Togy

Squirrel Class: Bella Sebastian, Jeremiel Shijo

Fox Class: Fern Andersson, Olga Edison

Owl Class: Sian Wilson, Oakleigh Taylor-Coombs

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is

96%



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 concert to sing with other schools with a good variety of songs. It is always very popular and well attended. Choir will start again in a couple of weeks – 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.

Bake Off Competition

Bring your best cakes to the tent to be judged by Bake Off quarter finalist Christine Wallace. Children's category 4 decorated cupcakes. Sunday 12th May. Entries by 11.30am, Judging and Prizes 2pm. Entry £2 at Festival Tent. see dorchesterfestival.com for more details.

Uniform reminder

Please can I remind everyone that hooded tops are not school uniform and should only be worn if used as an outside jacket not as an alternative to a school jumper. Thank you.

Lost PE Kit

Millie from Squirrel Class has lost her full PE kit. It is in a red PE bag which is named and all the items inside are also labelled. Please can you check and make sure that your child has not taken the wrong kit by mistake.

Forest School-message from Miss Dexter

Please could you ensure that your child wears long-sleeved tops to Forest School so that their arms are protected. Some children's wellies are a little snug-please check whether they need the next size up. Lastly, I need volunteers to come with me every week to Forest School otherwise we will not be able to go. If you can spare some time, please speak to me or let Mrs Flinders know.

Thank you.

KS1 Music Festival

Squirrel Class are taking part in this event on Thursday 9th May-all parents have received a letter detailing the event. Tickets are available from the link below:

<http://www.wegottickets.com/event/468198>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Clubs	KS2 Choir (for Festival of Voices) 3:15pm – 4:15pm (to start 14 th May)	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)

Choir - Tuesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm (starting 14.05.19)

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend Choir after school.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Multi-Sports Club- Thursdays 3.15pm-4.15pm. FULL

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend Multi-sports Club after school.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Hockey Club- Fridays 3.15pm-4.15pm

Child's Name _____

Class _____

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

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Festival of Voices Concert 2019

Child's Name:

Years: 3 4 5 6

My child would like to take part in the Festival of Voices Concert on Thursday 20th June.

I give permission for my child to attend the afternoon rehearsal and evening concert.

Signed: _____

Date: _____