



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 14th June 2019

Headteacher's Thoughts

It is time to announce May's 'Writer of the Month' children for each class.

Hedgehog Class: Koreigh Curtis

Squirrel Class: Anushka Arun, Molly Bindon

Fox Class: Diya Sijo, Mickey Bell

Owl Class: Riley Wells, Annabelle King

As you will have been aware, we were visited on Tuesday by an Ofsted Inspector. Thank you to all the parents who were able to take the time to respond to the parental survey which formed part of the process. At this time, I am not able to share the result of the Ofsted inspection with you, however I understand that the letter which the inspector will write should be with us in two or three weeks, when you will receive a copy in your child's book bags. I was very proud of the children throughout the inspection, in the way they were willing to share all their good work with the inspector. A big thank you to the staff for their hard work all year but particularly this week and to the Governors for their support.

Tuesday was also the day that Owl class were having their Stone Age Day, however due to the course leader being unwell, this had to be cancelled – which I know was a great disappointment – well done to Owl Class for coping with the change of plan.

Fox Class have been learning the violin this year, which has been brilliant to hear – if there are any children who would like to continue, please see the information later in the newsletter.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Thankfulness

We will think about what we are **thankful** for. We will also be learning how we should appreciate and be **thankful** to our family and friends and also to God. We will be looking at raising consciousness of being thankful for those things we often take for granted.

Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 18th June – 6:30pm – Governors - Resources

Thursday 20th June – Festival of Voices - Dorchester
Abbey

Monday 24th June – Owl Class – Water Cycle model visit
in school.

Wednesday 3rd July – Squirrel Class visit to Cotswold
Wildlife Park

Week beginning 8th July – Owl Class Cycle Training

Monday 15th July – KS2 School Play

Tuesday 16th July – 5:30pm – School Disco

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Isaac Rhodes

Squirrel Class: Jacob Hassall, Harvey Sullivan-Webb

Fox Class: Megan Smith, Kodie Curtis

Owl Class: Phoebe De-Maine, Toby Atkinson-Seed

Attendance

Our whole school target this year for attendance is **97%**
This week's whole school attendance is

95%



Punctuality Stars

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



KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT



Congratulations to Poppy Line

KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT

– 2nd Degree



Congratulations to Kassandra Jasinskaite

Lost trousers

Following Year 1 Forest School this week, Harvey Sullivan-Webb's trousers have gone missing – please could all Year 1's check uniform at home to make sure they have the correct trousers – thank you.

String lessons next term

We currently have some spaces for string lessons next term. If your child is interested please log on to the link below to register your interest.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

PTA is running the Tea Room on Saturday 7th September

Save the date! Shortly after our return to school in September, the PTA will be running the Abbey Tea Room to raise essential funds for the PTA. **We will need cakes and helpers!** Please let me know if you are able to bake a cake, batch of cupcakes or traybake and a few people on the afternoon to help out between 2 - 5.30pm. Don't worry if you haven't done it before, it's really a doddle, great fun and I will be there to coordinate everything.

Email me if you can help - before the end of term please!

Claire Andersson claire@claireandersson.co.uk

PTA Film Night 25th June

Another great film night on its way on Tuesday 25th June.

We will start straight after school until 5pm. Please buy your tickets in advance from the school office at £3 per child or £5 for two siblings. Includes refreshments.

We really need a parent helper to enable this event to go ahead so if you can spare some time please let Mrs Flinders or a member of the PTA know.

PTA Film Night Tuesday 25th June

Name(s) of child _____

I give permission for my child to attend the Film Night on Tuesday 25th June ,

I enclose _____ for ____ ticket(s).

Change of Bank Holiday

You may have seen in the news that next year's early May Bank Holiday has been changed from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May. This has been amended on next year's Term dates which are attached to the end of this letter.

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

Tuesday 23rd July, 6.30pm in Dorchester Abbey

A Summer Concert with a Difference



Do please support our Summer Concert in the Abbey. Performers will be known to you, we are all staff, parents and governors, past and present, of our village school. Many of us are bravely leaving our comfort zones! Performances will include classical, jazz and popular music, Indian dance and poetry reading. There will also be refreshments. Proceeds will support music within school.

TERM DATES 2019/2020

<u>Autumn Term 2019</u>	Total School Days
Monday 2 nd , Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th September - Inset Days	
Thursday 5 th September - Friday 25 th October	37
Half Term: Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	
Monday 4 th November - Thursday 19 th December (School closes at 2pm)	34
Christmas Holiday: Friday 20 th December - Friday 3 rd January	
<u>Spring Term 2020</u>	
Monday 6 th January - Friday 14 th February	30
Half Term: Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	
Monday 24 th February - Friday 3 rd April (School closes at 2pm)	30
Easter Holiday: Monday 6 th April - Friday 17 th April	
<u>Summer Term 2020</u>	
Monday 20 th April - Friday 22 nd May	24
May Bank Holiday: Friday 8 th May	
Half Term: Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May	
Monday 1 st June - Friday 17 th July (School closes at 2pm)	35
Monday 20 th July and Tuesday 21 st July - Inset Days	
Summer Holiday	
Total school days	190