



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

To support their work, Owl Class were fortunate to have Mr Sadler (Carys' uncle) bring in a Lego model of Oxford to enable the children to have a go at protecting the infrastructure and historic buildings of Oxford from flooding using lego sandbags, before flooding the city to test their flood defences! It was a great session and we thank Mr Sadler for kindly bringing the model in again.

To answer the recent question, 'So what is Pickleball?' here is a brief explanation. It is a game for all ages, a mixture of badminton, tennis and table tennis. We hit the ball with a "paddle" a short handled bat similar to a table tennis bat but larger. The ball (like a whiffle) is a plastic ball with 20-40 holes in it. Val brought some bats and balls into assembly a few weeks ago to show us all. It's easier than tennis, underarm serving, a smaller court (size of a badminton court) and first to 11 (with a lead of two points) wins the game. It's a really good fun game for children and adults. We are trying to borrow some equipment and set up a "mock court" on Saturday July 20th (in the morning) for you to come and have a go. Details to be confirmed.

A letter went home this week about our Sports Afternoon next Thursday – I hope you are able to join us then.

Also tickets are now on sale for the Music Concert in Dorchester Abbey on 23rd July featuring myself as well as parents and teachers – children under 12 are free (and don't need a ticket), everyone else is £6 in advance, £8 on the door. Refreshments will be on sale. Children are very welcome!

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 2nd July – New Foundation children visit
Wednesday 3rd July – Squirrel Class visit to Cotswold
Wildlife Park
Thursday 4th July – Sports afternoon. 1:30pm
Week beginning 8th July – Owl Class Cycle Training
Friday 12th July - EAL assembly
Saturday 13th July – Pre-School Fete
Monday 15th July – KS2 School Play – 2pm & 6pm
Tuesday 16th July – 5:30pm – School Disco
Wednesday 17th July – 7pm – Full Governors Meeting
Tuesday 23rd July – Musical Concert in the Abbey

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Kassandra Jasinskaite

Squirrel Class: Delilah Budd, Jeremiel Shijo

Fox Class: Fern Andersson, Izzy Elliott

Owl Class: Riley Wells, Courtney Ashley

Attendance

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



Punctuality Stars

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



KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT



Congratulations to Angelina Sirjajeva

KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT

– 2nd Degree



Congratulations to Isla Shrimpton

Message from Dorchester Preschool

Preschool will be running the Abbey tea room this Saturday. It would be great to see lots of familiar faces coming along to support us. There are yummy cakes planned and the weather is going to be amazing! Hope to see you there.

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

Chess Club

Toby Atkinson-Seed has re-started the chess club for the remaining weeks of this term (which will be overseen by myself). If you would like to sign up, please complete the form below and return by Monday.

Chess Club – Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Name(s) of child _____

I give permission for my child to attend the Chess club on Tuesdays

Signed _____ Parent/carer
