



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

On Tuesday, Owl Class had their long awaited theme day after the several unfortunate cancellations throughout the year. The morning session was dedicated to the Shakespeare play Macbeth. This was an opportunity for the children to show their acting skills and was followed up by a valuable session on internet safety. It was certainly worth the wait.

'Mystery at Magpie Manor' was performed twice yesterday by our talented KS2 children. I was so proud of their performances; for their singing, acting and, for some, the challenge of learning the lines. Thank you to the staff for their help and especially to Mrs Burns for sorting out additional costumes and the props.

A few months ago, Fox class entered a Poetry Competition organised by the Somerset Literacy Network. Each child created their own tree poem and I am pleased to announce that Nola Kelly came 2nd in the Lower KS2 category, winning a poetry book and a framed print of her poem. Well done to her and to Fox Class for all their efforts for the second year running.

The Leavers' service and the end of term service have been combined again and will be held at the **Abbey at 9:30am on the 24th July**. The Year 6 children will lead this service by sharing their memories of their time with us. I do hope you can join us for this special service (open to all parents) as we wish the Year 6s well in their new schools.

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.

Saturday 20th July – 10:30am – Pickleball demo
Tuesday 23rd July – Musical Concert in the Abbey
Wednesday 24th July – 9:30am – Leavers Service in the Abbey
Wednesday 24th July – 2pm – School closes for the summer holiday.

Monday – Wednesday 2nd – 4th September – INSET Days

Thursday 5th September 8:50am – Autumn Term starts

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class:	Loveday Goodwin
Squirrel Class:	Poppy Line, Juvanita Johnson
Fox Class:	All children – for the KS2 production
Owl Class:	All children – for the KS2 production

Attendance

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

94%



Punctuality Stars

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



KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT



Congratulations to Delilah Budd

KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT

– 2nd Degree



Congratulations to Poppy Line

Staff Changes

Miss Dexter will be leaving us next week to return to university to train to be a teacher so with sadness we will say goodbye to her on Wednesday and wish her luck in her new adventure.

School Meals

Please ensure your school meal balance is at nil or above by the end of term. Payment for school meals is direct to Oxfordshire County Council and so meals should be paid for in advance and not from the school budget.

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!

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Free School Meals

If your family is in receipt of Free School Meals and you are concerned that the summer holiday may put a strain on your budget, Wallingford Foodbank are running a scheme which may help. For further information please speak to the office.

School lunch changes next week

The menu for next Tuesday and Wednesday will be different from the menu that you have at home.

The choices will be as follows:

Tuesday

Ham and cheese pasta

Quorn burgers

BLT

Mini sweetcorn & peas

Jelly

Wednesday

Salmon Nuggets

Summer quiche

Creamed cheese, ham and cucumber wrap

Chips or pasta

Garden peas or baked beans

Frozen fruit yoghurt

Food Bank Summer Lunches

The Wallingford food bank will be providing 'packed lunch' boxes during the school summer holidays. If you would like to contribute the basket for contributions will be in the Abbey when you come for the End of Term service next Wednesday and throughout the summer.

Tinned goods for sandwich fillings (well within sell by dates please) and juice cartons and snacks would be particularly welcome.

Thank you!

