



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 27th September 2019

Headteacher's Thoughts

During the first two weeks of term, we have been exploring a topic focussed around India. Please do take time to look at some of the amazing art work down the corridor, which has been inspired by the children's work.

PTA

Our Parent Teacher's Association has always been a vital and valuable part of our school community. Without their wonderful fundraising, many of our school trips would have proved financially challenging – due to their generous subsidies of our coach trips, the costs to parents are often halved. We are particularly grateful for their support with the new playground equipment. The reason for sharing this now is that we are looking for volunteers to join the PTA committee to help re-build the funds. If you would like to be a part of the committee to make a difference to our school – please let me know.

Harvest

It is our Harvest Festival in the Abbey next week - all are welcome to join us at 9:15am in the Abbey – do come along if you can. As a school we would like to collect food for the Wallingford Food Bank to promote supporting others in need (they would particularly like to receive some biscuits or treats as well as Long-life fruit juice, sugar, corned beef, hot dogs, custard, packets of cereal, tinned/packet soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, baked beans, tinned fruit, rice pudding, jam, coffee, tea. In fact, most things that are non-perishable.) The idea would be that the children would bring the items to the front of the abbey during our service and then they would be taken from there to the Food Bank.

Parents Evenings - As you will see from the diary, Parents Evenings are approaching - a chance to find out how your child is settling into the new academic year. The booking system through Parentmail will be available on Wednesday afternoon to book your appointment.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Truthfulness

Throughout our worship, we will learn that truthfulness is being honest, not only in words but actions too. We will learn why it is wrong to tell lies, even if it is to protect themselves from getting into trouble. Children will be able to see with their own eyes and make up their own mind about what is true

Future Diary Dates.

Wednesday 2nd October – 7pm – Full Governors Meeting

Friday 4th October – Harvest Service in the Abbey

Wednesday 9th October – Flu Vaccination

Monday 14th October – Tempest individual photos

Monday 14th/Tuesday 15th October – 3:30pm – 6pm –
Parents Evenings

Friday 25th October – 3:15pm – End of first half term.

Monday 4th November – School re-opens

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class:	Isla Hassall
Squirrel Class:	Lori-Mae Garricks, Koreigh Curtis
Fox Class:	Poppy Line, Orianna Lobb
Owl Class:	Riley Wells, Axl-Zayvier Taylor

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is

93%



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to Hedgehog & Squirrel classes with no late marks this week.



Christmas Card Design

This year the PTA have arranged for the children to design their own Christmas Cards again. In bookbags today you will receive a design form for each of your children. When designing their cards please ensure the children follow the instructions carefully so that their design is the best it can be.

Please return the forms to school by Monday 7th October at the latest so that we have time to send off the designs and they can be ordered in time for Christmas.

Thank you.

Dorchester Pre-School

Places available for 2-4 year olds

Up to 30 hours government funding available for 3 & 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds

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The advertisement features a blue background with a black silhouette of a rocking horse in the top left. It includes two circular photographs: one of the school's outdoor play area with a white path and another of a tree in a grassy area. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful cartoon illustrations of diverse children, including one child in a wheelchair, all with their arms raised in a celebratory gesture.