



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

As last year, we are sending this week's newsletter as school term is about to commence rather than the end of the week. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back tomorrow to a new and exciting school year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Swimming

Swimming starts next **Thursday 12th September** for children in Owl Class for the first half term. Please ensure your child brings to school a swimming costume and towel in a waterproof/plastic bag and a swimming hat. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office for 2.00. All these items should be named. Due to changes with our swimming provider this year, we will be only swimming during the Autumn Term.

School Meals

Under the Universal School Meals scheme lunches are provided free of charge for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. For children in Years 3-6 school meals are charged at £2.30 per day. Payment can be made via Parentmail which will advise you daily if your balance goes below £0.00. You can also pay by cash or cheque made payable to Oxfordshire County Council. Payment can be made daily, weekly or termly -Oxfordshire County Council asks that school meals are paid for in advance.

Newsletter

This year, everyone is receiving the newsletter as an electronic copy to help reduce our paper use and becoming a more Eco-School. We hope this way that everyone will receive the weekly newsletter or can find a copy on the school website. During the year, we will endeavour to get forms prepared on Parentmail to reduce the need for returned paper slips.

Uniform

I would take the opportunity at the beginning of the year to remind everyone to make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. This makes it easier to reunite the item with its owner. A reminder of the school uniform is shown below. Please can we make sure that children with long hair have their hair tied back at all times.

Each year we ask for your general consent to undertake activities within the village, to ensure all our records are up to date, so I would ask that this form is completed and returned to the office. Thank you.

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.

Thursday 5th September – 8:50am – School term starts
Thursday 12th September – Owl Class Swimming starts
w/b 16th September – School Clubs will start (information to follow)

Wednesday 25th September – Foundation Stage Eye Test

Wednesday 25th September – 6pm Governor Committees

Wednesday 3rd October – Y6 PE morning at Wallingford

Friday 4th October – Harvest Service in the Abbey

Wednesday 9th October – Flu Vaccination

Monday 14th October – Tempest individual photos

Amenities Fund

At the beginning of the new school year, we ask each family in school if they would contribute £5 towards our Amenities Fund. The £5 per family is a voluntary contribution but it is one that we very much hope that you will decide to make. The money is used to buy all kinds of ‘extras’ for the children, the kind of ‘extras’ that we would have to think twice about if we had to fund them from the school budget. For example, we buy tissues for the classrooms, first aid kit items, squash, biscuits for visits, classroom and sports day stickers, etc. If you are willing to make this voluntary contribution, please complete the slip below and return it to school with the £5 donation.

End of School Arrangements

We are updating our records as to what happens to your child at the end of the school day *e.g. you collect them, someone else collects etc.* Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible.

Medicines

If any child needs medication whilst in school a form will need to be completed. If required, please ask Mrs Flinders for a form. If your child has an inhaler in school, please check that it is up to date. Thanks.

School Uniform

Girls:

- Grey skirts, pinafore dresses or grey school trousers, white blouses or white/red polo shirts, **grey school sweatshirts with school logo**, or **sweatshirt cardigans with the school logo**, white socks or grey/red tights.
- Red and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer.
- Sensible low-heeled black shoes or closed-toe summer sandals.
- Hair accessories should be minimal and discrete. Decorative hair braids with beads are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

Boys:

- Smart grey school trousers, white shirts or white/red polo shirts, **grey school sweatshirts with school logo**, grey socks.
- Grey school shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Black shoes.

P.E. Clothing for girls and boys:

- **White t-shirts with the school logo**, black or navy shorts,
- Black plimsolls and trainers for outdoor games. Trainers are also worn by children playing ballgames at playtimes.

Jewellery

With the exception of discrete stud earrings, jewellery is not permitted for health and safety reasons. Watches should be appropriate for school wear and along with bracelets and bands must be removed for PE.

Family Donation to Amenities Fund

Child's Name: _____ Class: Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

I enclose £5 as our family contribution to the school's Amenities Fund.

Signed: _____ Date _____

End of School Arrangements

Child's Name: _____ Class Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

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Monday _____ Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

Friday _____

General Consent Form for Fieldwork Activities in the Local Area of Dorchester on Thames

Child's Name: _____ Class Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

I am aware of the school's policy and practice of fieldwork activities in the local area. Provided the class is adequately supervised at all times, I am happy for my child to take part in these activities.

Signed: Date:

At present, I do not feel able to give my consent for my child to take part in such fieldwork activities.