



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 4th October 2019

Headteacher's Thoughts

This morning was our Harvest Festival in the Abbey. It was great to see so many parents who were able to join us. I was very proud of all the readers, who did an amazing job – well done! A big thank you to everyone, who was able to bring some foodstuff to support the Wallingford Food Bank – I know it will be greatly appreciated.

Thinking about food, as a school we are looking to re-start our drive for Healthy Schools – we achieved this standard a long time ago and would like to do so again. Therefore, we propose to start after half term by looking at healthy snacks (KS1 already have fruit) at playtime encouraging all children to avoid all sugary snacks (e.g. chocolate). This supports the part of the Healthy Schools programme that says

'(schools) help equip pupils, staff and families with the skills and attitudes to make informed decisions about their health'.

I hope you will support us in this project to promote a healthier lifestyle.

I am finishing off with a special request for help – to be able to take Years 1 and 2 out for Forest school, Mrs Harding needs to be accompanied by at least two other adults. If you are able to give a Wednesday morning, then please speak to Mrs Harding and find out what happens at the Hurst Water Meadow. You do not need to be a parent /grandparent of Year 1 or 2 to experience the fun. We appreciate that time is a challenge but any offers would be greatly received. 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.

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

Thursday 7th November – Fox Class start swimming

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Event (more
details to follow)

Wednesday 13th November – Governor Committees

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class : Edward Read

Squirrel Class: Loveday Goodwin, Hugo Margison

Fox Class: Mikey Ashley, Millie Shrimpton

Owl Class: Courtney Ashley, Rebecca Green

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is **97%**



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to Hedgehog class 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 last week you will have received 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.

Student Update Forms for children in Squirrel, Fox and Owl Class

You should have today received the above in your child's book bag. The form contains the information we hold about your child. Please double check that the information is correct and if not, make amendments. Please sign and return the form to school as soon as possible (**Even if no changes are necessary**). Thank you.

Message from Preschool:

We have had some good news today that Waitrose in Wallingford have chosen us as one of their **Community Matters** projects this month. When you shop in Waitrose you will be given a green token to place in the box on your way out. The more tokens we get the higher share of the monthly £1000 we will receive. This will be helpful as we are having to do repairs to the play surface and also we are shortly installing a new gate in Manor Farm road so that we have our own entrance and parents will not have to walk through the main school. So we encourage you to support us by shopping in Waitrose Wallingford and voting, more information can be found on the Waitrose website.



Harvest Messy Church

Sun 6th Oct
4 - 5:30pm

BERINSFIELD CHURCH HALL

Fun crafts, fun worship, and bring and share food.
Bring any donations for the food bank.
We'll also be welcoming our new vicar, Teresa!



Everybody welcome!