



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 22nd November 2019

Headteacher's Thoughts

Next Friday is our annual open morning for prospective parents starting at 9:30am. I have attached a flyer to the end of this newsletter. Please pass it on if you know any other parents with children starting school next September that may have missed the original flyer. Thank you

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Edwards, as she leaves us at the end of next week. We wish her well in the future and no doubt will see her around in the village.

As always as we approach the festive period, the term seems to speed up with the excitement. Don't forget to check the diary dates below - some key dates include the Squirrel and Hedgehog Nativity Play with two performances on the 10th December and our first Foundation and Pre-school joint Nativity on the 13th December to name but a few.

Another exciting event is our Pantomime visit to the Oxford Playhouse, please can you make sure the slips and payments are returned to school as soon as possible – thank you. As last year, there may be some spare tickets for parents, who would like to join us – the price of the tickets will be £15. These will be on a first come first served basis depending on the number of tickets. If you would like to do this, please let Mrs Flinders know and we can add you to the list as tickets become available.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Justice

We will be learning that Justice means more than making things 'fair'. In order for people to live together well in a **just community**, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to.

"Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times."
Psalm 106:3

Future Diary Dates.

Friday 29th November – Open Morning 9.30am
Tuesday 10th December – 2pm and 6pm KS1 Nativity
Friday 13th December – 9.15am Hedgehog Class and
Preschool Nativity
Monday 16th December – Whole school trip to Panto
Tuesday 17th December – KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch
- KS2 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December – 1:15pm Christmas Service

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Isla Hassall
Squirrel Class: Isla Shrimpton, Jacob Hassall
Fox Class: Marcie Bennett, Diya Sijo
Owl Class: Melissa Obeng, Ellie Lockyer

Attendance

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

This week's whole school attendance is

94%



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to ALL classes with no late marks this week – this is brilliant!



Easyfundraising

Please help support the school - by shopping online. Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,600 retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, you'll raise a free donation for the school - every time, it's that easy!

Also

Use easyfundraising to switch your car & home insurance, purchase a new tv package, take a new mobile contract or switch your gas supplier and you can raise up to £200 for the school. Aviva will donate up to £30, More Than up to £22.50, Vodafone and EE up to £35, SKY up to £52.50 and British Gas up to £25, to name just a few.

Find out more:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dorchesterstbirinusschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Wanted - exam invigilators!

Fitzharrys and John Mason Secondary Schools are looking to recruit new exam invigilators to their teams. The work is on a casual basis depending upon your availability and the exam timetable throughout the school year. The salary is at Grade 4/Point 4/£9.55 per hour. Applications will be processed on arrival and interviews and appointments considered thereafter. If you are interested in occasional work then an application pack is available on both schools' websites or via recruitment@abingdonlearningtrust.org or directly from the exam manager IHale@fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk

Trip to the Oxford Playhouse to see 'Beauty and the Beast'

Monday 16th December 2019

We have booked the Playhouse in Oxford to see their production of "Beauty and the Beast" on **Monday 16th December**. This will be a lovely afternoon out for the children and a great opportunity for them all to see a "live" performance on stage. The trip will cost £15.00 per child and to keep the cost down for you the PTA has agreed to contribute towards the total cost again this year. Please sign the permission slip below and return payment in a marked envelope to your child's teacher. Alternatively you can pay via Parentmail and tick the online consent box. The children should wear their school uniform and have a coat. As this is an afternoon performance we do not expect to be back in school until 4pm.

Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes perform “Baubles”

Mrs Flinders is now taking ticket requests for our exciting Christmas production of ‘Baubles’. Performances will be on 10th December at 2pm and 6pm and will be in the **School Hall**. Please return the slip below to request tickets for the performances. We ask for parents’ support and co-operation in not bringing babies and young children to the evening performance. In the interest of fairness, we initially allocate **two** tickets per family. We also keep a reserve list for any additional tickets requested. Tickets are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, as are any spare tickets from the reserve list. Please note these tickets are free of charge.

Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes Christmas Production Ticket Request

Child’s or Family Name _____ Class: Hedgehog / Squirrel

I would like to take up my initial allocation of 2 tickets for the performance on:

_____ Tuesday 10th December 2pm

_____ Tuesday 10th December 6pm

Reserve list

Please indicate the number of additional tickets you would like to request and we will add you to the reserve list:

_____ additional tickets for the afternoon performance

_____ additional tickets for the evening performance

Signed: _____

Date _____

Pantomime Trip

Child’s Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child/children to attend the trip to Oxford Playhouse on the afternoon of

Monday 16th December 2019.

I enclose payment of _____ (£15.00 per child) / I have paid via Parentmail

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian.



**DORCHESTER ST. BIRINUS
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**Open Morning Invitation
Friday 29th November 2019
09:30**

For children starting September 2020 and beyond

Please arrive from **09:30 to 11:00** for coffee to meet our Head Teacher, Mr Leigh. This will be followed by a tour of the school given by Year 6 pupils, with an opportunity to spend time in classrooms meeting staff and pupils.

If you would like to join us on the 29th, please let us know:

01865 340081

office.3186@stbirinus-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Or, you're welcome to just drop in on the day.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our friendly and hard-working school.

Inspiring one another to be the best
we can be as a learning community

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