

Ducklington CE Primary School

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**Value of the term -
Forgiveness**

*Be kind and compassionate to
one another, forgiving each
other, just as in Christ God
forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32



Newsletter

No.6 24th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our year 3 and 4 children. This year for the first time we have put the children in charge of organising all our fundraisers over the year as part of the enterprise curriculum. Year 3 and 4 have been the first to do this and they did a brilliant job! Together they thought of the day's activities - which were hugely enjoyed by all the children - set them up and ran them during the day. I am delighted that together we raised a fantastic £379.59 for Children in Need. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed.

We were treated this morning to a fabulous assembly by year 5. They have clearly worked really hard this term and presented a variety of work to the audience. I particularly liked their Kennings and the way that they had gained an understanding of democracy through debating. Thank you year 5, Mr Weekes and Mrs Moore!

Next week is the nearly start of the Festive Season and we are holding our traditional non-uniform day on Friday to support FODS and their Christmas Fayre on December 8th. Please get creative and send your child in with a decorated jar full of treats for the tombola. The children really love making these - and winning them! The year 6 children have been working on their enterprise project and are in charge of several stalls at the Fayre thanks to FODS who have given each child in year 6 £5 with the challenge of making a profit. The children love the Fiver Challenge so please do come along next week and support their efforts.

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Sarah Nisbett, Headteacher

Shining Stars this week!

Oscar (Y4) and Jay (Y4) for making the school advent wreath for the 1st December



Applying to start infant and primary school for the first time

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 (inclusive) will be starting Reception from September 2018.

The deadline for receipt of primary and infant school applications is **15th January 2018**.

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 commencing 27th November				
Beef Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice Or Macaroni Cheese Sweetcorn, broccoli Raspberry mouse cake	Salmon fishcakes with creamed potatoes Or Jacket potato with a choice of fillings Baked beans, peas Fruit crumble with custard	Roast fillet of chicken with stuffing Or Mediterranean vegetable tart Roast or parsley potatoes, savoy cabbage, carrots Fruit salad with waffles and chocolate sauce	Homemade lasagne Or Vegetarian cottage pie Green beans, sweetcorn *Chocolate and orange brownie *please note this change of pudding for week 2 going forward	Crunchy chicken fillet in a roll Or Tomato and mozzarella sausage Chips or pasta, cucumber, carrots Fruity flapjack
Week 3 commencing 4th December				
Pasta Bolognese Or Vegetarian meatballs in tomato sauce with rice Herb bread, peas, carrots Iced fruit smoothie	Oven baked sausages in gravy Or Vegetarian sausages in gravy Creamed potatoes, sweetcorn, broccoli Gingerbread with custard	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding Or Roast Quorn fillet with Yorkshire pudding Roast or parsley potatoes, green beans, carrots Fruity golden crispy square	Oven baked breaded fish fillet Or Cheese and onion pinwheel New potatoes, sweetcorn, peas Toffee apple sponge with cream	Ham pizza Or Vegetarian pizza Chips, broccoli, carrots Apricot and oat cookie

Also available every day: cup of fresh fruit or fruity yoghurt pot, fresh salad and wholemeal bread - £2.10 per meal or £10.50 per week.

Please ensure all meal orders are placed online via Parentpay by midnight on a Thursday

Quick Reminders

Cool Milk - If your child requires school milk please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com or telephone 0333 4000 1199.

School Uniform - Ducklington School uniform can be ordered from PMG Schoolwear [http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/Ducklington C of E Primary School Witney](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/Ducklington_C_of_E_Primary_School_Witney) or by telephoning 0800 404 6644.

Earrings - If your child has pierced ears they must be able to remove them themselves for PE and swimming lessons. They also need to be able to put them back in. In line with our school policy we are unable to cover earrings with tape.

Useful Addresses and Contact Details

Chair of Governors is: Sarah Varnom email: cog@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk

School Web Address is <http://ducklington.oxon.sch.uk/>

Pre-school contact:
Emma Pratley email: www.duckpreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Pre-School Web Address is: <http://www.ducklingtonpreschool.org.uk/>

Friends of Ducklington School:
Chairfods@hotmail.com or via a message in the school office

Diary Dates 2016-2017

27th Nov - Year 1 Dance Morning - Henry Box School

27th Nov - Year 5 Cokethorpe Classics trip

7th Dec - Year 5 Girls' Hockey @ Cokethorpe

8th Dec - FoDS Christmas Fayre

13th/14th Dec - Panto trip (whole school) (approx cost £10)

12th Dec - KS1 Nativity (9am)

12th Dec - F1 Nativity (2pm)

12th Dec - KS2 Carol Service @ St Bartholomew's

18th Dec - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

19th Dec - End of Term 2 @ 1.30pm

4th Jan - Inset Day

5th Jan - Inset Day

8th Jan - Beginning of Term 3

2nd Feb - Robins' assembly and cake sale

5th Feb - Year 6 IMPS trip to Witney Community Hospital (approx. cost £3.40)

9th Feb - End of Term 3

19th Feb - Beginning of Term 4

** New/updated diary dates added in red*



Ducklington CE Primary School School Terms and Holiday Dates 2017-2018

Term 1 4th September - 20th October 2017
(INSET 4th September, 5th September and 6th October)

23rd October - 27th October 2017

October Holiday

Term 2 30th October - 19th December 2017
20th December - 3rd January 2018

Christmas Holiday

Term 3 4th January - 9th February 2018
(INSET 4th January, 5th January)

12th February - 16th February 2018

February Holiday

Term 4 19th February - 29th March 2018

April Holiday 30th March - 13th April 2018

Term 5 16th April - 25th May 2018
(Bank Holiday 7th May)

Mid-Summer Holiday 28th May - 1st June 2018

Term 6

4th June - 25th July 2018

Outdoor coats

As the weather is now getting much colder. Please can we remind you that your children need to bring an outdoor coat to school even if they travel by car. A warm hat and gloves are always welcome especially at break and lunchtime! Please also ensure that your children have a pair of black or navy jogging bottoms in their PE kits also for outdoor lessons. Many thanks.



Christmas Dinner Day - Monday 18th December

Please don't forget that if your child would like a Christmas dinner on Monday 18th December this needs to be booked via Parentpay by **midnight on Thursday 7th December**. You will need to book a meal even if your child is entitled to Universal free school meals/free school meals. Many thanks.

Roast Turkey and trimmings

Or

Roast Quorn and trimmings

Roast Potatoes, Creamed potatoes, selection of vegetables

Christmas Tree ice cream



Junior Jazzercise

Junior Jazzercise Ducklington will be exhibiting their Christmas performance on Thursday 30th November 2017 at 4pm in the school hall. We have been busy this term learning a routine to Jingle Bell Rock and making Christmas cards. Parents/carers are invited to watch as well as children who would like to find out more about Junior Jazzercise.

We will be back in New Year every Thursday after school. Junior Jazzercise is suitable for children in Foundation to Year 6 and sessions cost £4 each. Children get moving to easy to follow dance moves and interactive fitness games designed just for them.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need events this year and to Years 3 and 4 for organising them all!!

We are delighted to tell you we raised an amazing £379.59!!

Thank you.



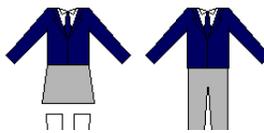
Usborne Book Fair

Order forms are available from the school office if you were unable to order books on the day of the fair. Please note all orders need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 29th November.



Second Hand School Uniform

A reminder that there is second hand school uniform for sale in the entrance hall every Friday, if you are in need of any items please take a look. Thank you.



Celebration Assemblies

We will have a Celebration Assembly every Friday afternoon at 2.30pm unless other events are taking place and are listed in the diary dates. Please feel free to come and join us in our weekly celebrations. If your child has a certificate, award or trophy to share please do bring them into school to be celebrated.

Lost property in school plea!

We have an absolutely overflowing lost property box in our reception area full of school uniform!! Sadly if items are not named then we are unable to return them to your children. Please ensure that you label all items of clothing to enable us to do this. Can we also please ask that you check uniform items at home because we have had a number of children whose clothing has gone missing which is named - it might have found its way home to the wrong house!

If you have lost a pair of glasses recently please also see the school office.

Christmas Fayre



SANTA'S GROTTTO EXPERIENCE

KS2 Children within School Hours

KS1 Time Slots from 3:15pm

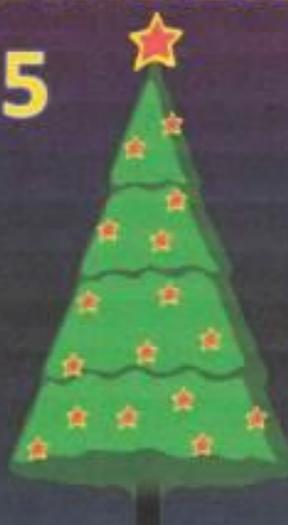
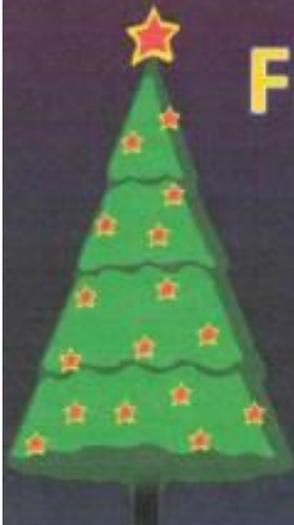
ONLY £4.00 PER CHILD!

INCLUDES SMALL GIFT AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMENTO
(Santa's Grotto must be booked and paid for before the fayre)

**FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL TO ENJOY
INCLUDING A RAFFLE, THE YEAR 6
ENTERPRISE STALLS PLUS LOTS MORE!**

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

FROM 3:15



Events on around our school



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock



Christmas and beyond!

sofo.org.uk/whats-on/ 01993 819211

Saturday Kids Club - Cracking Christmas!

Saturday 25th November 1.00pm - 3.30pm £7 **Booking essential**

Two and a half hours of parent-free fun and educational activities for girls and boys aged 6 - 9 years. There'll be Christmassy craft with LED tea lights, a 'snow shoveling' challenge and chance to make a gift box inspired by Princess Mary in WW1, as well as festive trails and games.

Family Open Afternoon - just drop in

Wednesday 20th December 2pm - 4pm Come and enjoy our family-friendly Museum and make something special for Christmas! £2 per child. Adults and children under 3 FREE

Looking ahead.....Saturday Kids Club - Dungeons and Dragons!

Saturday 13th January 2018 1.00pm - 3.30pm £7 **Booking essential**

Not the legendary game but an action-packed session with Medieval armour and knightly attire!

**Vicky's
Holiday
Club**

Join us this Christmas at Vicky's Holiday Club
Located at Aston and Cote Primary School
Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd December

Vicky's Holiday Club is open to all children aged 4-14 and will include fun activities, including **festive arts & crafts, sports, indoor games, baking** and much more. Full and half days are available with lunch/tea provided.

To book contact Vicky Hickman
call 07887 711 454 or
email vickyhickman1@gmail.com
www.vickysofterschoolclub.co.uk

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Ducklington OX29 7UX

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More information about alternative times and venues:
www.facebook.com/EugenieZumba
[@EugenieZumba](https://twitter.com/EugenieZumba)
EugenieZumba@outlook.com

Events on around our school cont'd...

St Bartholomew's Church Christingle Service - Sunday 3rd December 5pm

Christingle - what a lovely service for all the family no matter what age. What's it all about? [The Children's Society](#) first introduced Christingle to The Church of England in 1968, and it has since become one of the most popular events for families and communities in the church calendar. This candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith, while helping to raise vital funds to help children across the country.

The orange - represents the world

The red ribbon - indicates the love and blood of Christ

The dried fruits and sweets - symbols of God's creations

The lit candle - symbolises Jesus, the light of the world

Please bring along a gift for needy children if you can but it's NOT mandatory!

'MESSY DUCKS' IS BACK! - SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER - 2.30-4.00PM IN ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, DUCKLINGTON



COME AND JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, MUSIC AND FOOD. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN ALONG AND STAY WITH THEM DURING THE SESSION. TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Just a reminder:

'Messy Ducks' is:

- A form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't necessarily belong to church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables.
- It's fun.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of **any age**
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS TOGETHER.