

# Ducklington CE Primary School

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## Newsletter

No.8 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, thank you all so much for the thoughtful cards, presents and comments at the end of last term. The staff were overwhelmed by your generosity and appreciation of all that they do.

It is clear that the children have all had a fantastic Christmas with family and friends as they have all come back reenergised and ready for their new topics! Classrooms are already looking exciting and stimulating with new displays and information about the children's learning so far - and what is yet to come! The children have all settled well back into school and have had a busy and productive week, getting back into full swing after the break.

The school football team were back in action this week in the Witney Partnership semi-finals away against The Blake school. I am delighted that their hard work and team effort paid off and they are, for the second year running, into the finals! I know the final will be an exciting and hard fought match. Good luck to them and we will let you know the result!

Our swimming team are also in action at the Oxfordshire Swimming finals this morning and I know they will all do their very best at this event.

There are lots of events this term - trips for the children, meetings for parents and FODS events too so please do have a good look at the diary (which is also on the calendar on the school website) so you know what is going on. After such a good start to the term I know we are going to have another fantastic term.

*Sarah Nisbett*

Sarah Nisbett, Headteacher

Value of the term -  
**Perserverance**

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"*

**Galatians 6:9**



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C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Shining Stars this week!

Year 4 for their brilliant Artwork  
this week!



### Applying to start infant and primary school for the first time

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

The deadline for receipt of primary and infant school applications is **15<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Week 3 commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>				
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
<b>Week 1 commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>				
Chicken and sweetcorn pizza Or Cheese and tomato pizza Garlic bread, green beans, carrots Ice cream with fruit wedge	Oven baked fillet of fish with creamed potatoes Or Sweet potato and Quorn curry with rice Sweetcorn, carrots Sticky toffee pudding with custard	Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding Or Roast Quorn fillet with Yorkshire pudding Roast or new potatoes, peas, glazed parsnips Strawberry jelly with peaches	Pasta Carbonara Or Vegetarian quiche with coleslaw Carrots, peas Fruity chocolate cracknel	Oven baked beef burger in a roll Or Vegetarian burger in a roll Chips or pasta, cucumber, corn on the cob Orange shortbread with orange wedge

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](http://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 on 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](mailto:cog@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk)

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

**Pre-school contact:**  
Emma Pratley email: [duckpreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:duckpreschool@hotmail.co.uk)

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

**Friends of Ducklington School:**  
[Chairfods@hotmail.com](mailto:Chairfods@hotmail.com) or via a message in the school office

## Diary Dates 2016-2017

12<sup>th</sup> Jan - Witney Partnership Swimming Gala  
17<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fire Safety Talks - Years 1 -6  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan - Zoolab workshops - Years 3 and 4  
(Cost £4.89)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Ignite Football Tournament (Year 6)  
Oxford City FC am (more details to follow)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Robins' assembly and cake sale - 9am  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 6 IMPS trip to Witney  
Community Hospital (approx. cost £3.40)  
9<sup>th</sup> Feb - End of Term 3  
19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Beginning of Term 4  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb - Year 2 Partnership rehearsal - The  
Blake School (cost approx. £2.60)  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Reading Enrichment  
Week  
7<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 trip to The Living Rainforest  
(cost £19.55 including Zoolab workshop)  
13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 Partnership Concert  
21<sup>st</sup> March - Years 1 and 2 trip to STEAM  
museum, Swindon (approx. cost £10.89)  
23<sup>rd</sup> March - Pioneer Assembly for Year 6  
parents  
*\*New/updated diary dates added in red*



## Year 5/6 Football Team news

Yesterday the Year 5/6 football team played against The Blake School in the semi-final. The score was 1-0 to us!  
It was a very close and nail biting match.  
Year 6



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

<b>Term 1</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> September - 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 (INSET 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 5 <sup>th</sup> September and 6 <sup>th</sup> October) 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>October Holiday</b>	
<b>Term 2</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> October - 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> December - 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018
<b>Term 3</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> January - 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (INSET 4 <sup>th</sup> January, 5 <sup>th</sup> January)
<b>February Holiday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> February - 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>Term 4</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> February - 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
<b>April Holiday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> March - 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Term 5</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April - 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Bank Holiday 7 <sup>th</sup> May)
<b>Mid-Summer Holiday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018
<b>Term 6</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> June - 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

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<b>October Holiday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> October - 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>Term 2</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> October - 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> December - 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Term 3</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> January - 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 (INSET 7 <sup>th</sup> January)
<b>February Holiday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> February - 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
<b>Term 4</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> February - 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>April Holiday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019 (Bank holiday 19 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> April)
<b>Term 5</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> April - 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Bank Holiday 6 <sup>th</sup> May)
<b>Mid-Summer Holiday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> May - 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019
<b>Term 6</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> June - 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 (INSET 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July)

## School sporting events

Dear parents and carers

We are aware that we have been relying heavily on parents and staff to transport children to and from sporting events over the year and that this can be difficult for some families. We have managed to secure support from Cokethorpe School who are happy to lease us their minibuses for most events. There will be a small charge for this which will be divided amongst the number of children participating in the event so will vary.

We hope that this is a more convenient and effective way of transporting the children. Please do let us know your thoughts!

Ms Nisbett, Headteacher



## Medical appointments

Please note that all non-urgent, routine medical and dentist appointments should be made out of school hours wherever possible. Whilst we appreciate that it is on occasion hard to get an appointment after school or in holidays any absence is detrimental to your child's education.

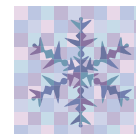
Thank you for your cooperation.



## Outdoor coats

As the weather is still very cold, 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 for outdoor lessons. Many thanks.



## Lost Property Box

The lost property box in the school reception is now overflowing with unclaimed items. If your child has lost an item of uniform etc please can you check the lost property box and reclaim it as soon as possible.

Unclaimed items will be recycled in due course.

Many thanks.



Events on around our school



# Saturday Kids Club



For kids aged 6 - 9 years

1 - 3.30pm

No parents! £7

Please book ahead.

**Sat 13th  
January  
Dungeons  
and Dragons**

- Learn how to become a knight and try out a knight's armour and equipment!
- Enjoy Medieval arts and crafts, plus games!



Book online at [www.sofa.org.uk/product/dungeonsanddragons/](http://www.sofa.org.uk/product/dungeonsanddragons/)  
01993 810211 [education@sofo.org.uk](mailto:education@sofo.org.uk)

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Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN  
(Enter through The Oxfordshire Museum)

