



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Headteacher's Thoughts

It has been an exciting week for me as I have been able to have some smaller collective worship with two year groups at a time. It has given me the opportunity to spend some time with the children that the restrictions seem to make a challenge. However, the first highlight was the virtual celebration assembly with the classes waving through the power of the internet to me and each other. Each class have designed their own 'Star of the Week' certificate and the first ones were given out this morning (names below). The children had the 'walk of fame' from their classrooms to receive their certificate individually. It was amazing to hear the round of applause resounding around the school; I especially enjoyed each class saying goodbye at the end of the assembly. I can't wait for the next one. The second highlight was presenting the star of the week certificate in Cygnets - I am having too much fun!

You will have heard from the children that as a school we are working on the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers – there are some amazing displays going up around the school – please click on the following link to have a look <https://ducklington.oxon.sch.uk/here-we-are/>

End of the day Firstly I would like to say thank you to everyone for the way the end of the day arrangements have gone, what has been really handy is that you are standing in the same spot each day which makes the collection process very easy. As the process have become very slick, we are going to change the times slightly – so from this Monday

- **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 2:55pm**
- **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will finish at 3:05pm**

These changes will reduce some of the waiting time particularly as the weather seems to be changing.

Extra Layers As mentioned above the weather is getting colder, I would recommend that the children have additional layers in school as under the current guidance we are keeping the rooms well ventilated and maybe an additional jumper/fleece would be useful for inside rather than their outside coat. The schools' guidance tells us - *Once the school is in operation, it is important to ensure good ventilation and maximising this wherever possible, for example, opening windows and propping open doors (Guidance for full opening: schools Updated 17 September 2020)*

INSET day: Don't forget there is an INSET day next Friday, so this day is just for staff.

### Flu vaccination

Please note that Flu Vaccinations are on the 9<sup>th</sup> December for Reception to Year 6 children – you will have received details of the consent form this week.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for  
this half term is:

## Love

“Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not  
boast, it is not proud. It does  
not dishonour others, it is  
not self-seeking, it is not  
easily angered, it keeps no  
record of wrongs.”  
1 Corinthians 13:4-5:

### Future Diary Dates.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – INSET day – school closed**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Bikeability Year 6

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term  
Holiday**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations

### Achievements Assembly

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

<b>Cygnets:</b>	Toby Hemming
<b>Ducklings</b>	Ellis Moore
<b>Owls:</b>	Adam McLay
<b>Mandarins:</b>	Gillon James
<b>Eagles:</b>	Esmae Hornsby
<b>Robins:</b>	Evie Buckingham
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Laci Fitzpatrick
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Fynn Howlett

### Transition to Year 7 2021:

Wood Green School Virtual Open Evening Thursday 1st October and throughout October  
Wood Green School will be running a Virtual Open Evening throughout October, including  
live virtual talks from 6pm on Thursday 1st October.

For full information visit their website [www.wgswitney.org.uk](http://www.wgswitney.org.uk)