



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 23rd October 2020

Headteacher's Thoughts

Well, we are nearly there at the end of the first eight weeks of the school year and I am really proud of the whole school community for coming together and working well to keep ourselves safe and well. I appreciate that the usual routines have taken time to embed but the changes have helped the smooth running of the school and hopefully avoided the potential bottle necks around the gates at the beginning and end of the day. We have all tried to get used to the temperatures within school and we will continue to ensure that the children and staff are kept comfortable with a little heat and some warm juice on standby during the really cold days. There has also been some experimenting with the timings of lunches to avoid the waiting in the hall for the playgrounds to be free, but this I feel is still a work in progress. Despite the challenges, I have really enjoyed my first half term at Ducklington, having fun with our virtual celebration assembly as well as getting to know as many names as I can.

Over the term, we have appointed our School Council members and our Sports Crew – we are working out the best ways for these groups to meet safely. The list of the children who have been elected for these important roles are mentioned later in this newsletter. Well done to them.

As you will see from the diary, school photos are taking place on Tuesday 3rd November. Unfortunately, siblings will not be able to be photographed together this year due to the current pandemic and us not being able to mix bubbles within school. However, the company are offering to create a sibling photograph from the individual ones. If you would like to this to happen for your family please contact them directly with your image numbers.

The annual Church Christmas Card competition returns this year – I know it is early to mention Christmas, however the cards need to be prepared to ensure delivery on time. This year, the judges are looking for a picture of Christmas that involves a star – it can be either in paint, crayon, pencil or pen. If your child would like to take part, we will have a box near each classroom for them to put their entry. These need to be returned by Wednesday 5th November. Good luck!

Hopefully, you will have seen that the booking system for the parents' evenings is now open for you to select your appointment time. Once this is completed, we will be organising the links to invite you to the virtual meeting.

Just a reminder that if you have a concern or worry, please do let us know as soon as possible to help us to discuss it with you. Our shared goal is to work together to continue to improve your child's time at school. Thank you.

Don't forget to have a look at the website at the class pages over the next week to see some of the work and displays that the children have been working on.

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Message from Eagles and Robins

Years 3 and 4 will be organising a sporty challenge for this year's Children in Need (13th November) - more details to follow after half term. On the day, we will be asking children to come to school in PE kits (something spotty or yellow is optional) for a donation to Children in Need.

I hope you have a relaxing half term and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November from 8:30am

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.

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 3rd November – School Photos

Thursday 5th November – Skipping Workshops

Friday 6th November – Summary Reports out.

Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th November –

Parents Evenings

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 9th December – Flu Vaccinations

Achievements Assembly

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

Cygnets:	Jake Mobey
Ducklings	Lucy Beards
Owls:	Nancy Gibbons
Mandarins:	Petru Florea
Eagles:	Soufiane Aidi
Robins:	Daniel Evans
Kingfishers:	William Truman
Red Kites:	Jack Adams

Book Band Ribbons

Well done to the children who have gained their next ribbon this week.

Year 2

Alexea Timms
Rosie Tollett
Petru Florea

School Council

Owls	Ben Buckard, Mia Castle
Mandarins	Emily Hazel, Thomas Lishman
Eagles	Owen Jackson, Aaliyah Razzaki
Robins	Lily Watts, Liam Smith
Kingfishers	Ethan Knight, Calum Woodley
Red Kites	Esme Sage, Imogen Cook

Sports Crew

Eagles	Tilly Peachy, Grayson Summers
Robins	Max Law, Imogen Williams
Kingfishers	Jenson Evans, Joshua Spolander
Red Kites	Violet Phillips, CJ Woodward