



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 6th November 2020

Headteacher's Thoughts

I hope you all had a good half term and now, we are all ready to tackle the challenges of this term leading up to Christmas. Following my recent email regarding the announcement of the latest lockdown – I would like to thank you for the support in wearing face masks when on the school site – we really appreciate it.

Yesterday, we were very lucky with the weather, as each class had the opportunity to take part in a skipping workshop. It was great to look out of my office to see the children developing their skills. The instructor was very impressed and considered the standard to be above average, which was obviously helped that we gave everyone a skipping rope during the first term and the practise had paid off. I was treated to demonstrations during the lunch break.

School attendance has been very good during this term, which is fantastic as we have to report this to the Department for Education on a daily basis throughout this period of uncertainty. Please can I remind everyone that for appointments or other absences (not illness related) an absence form needs to be completed with proof of appointment attached. This is important as we have to ensure that we use the correct coding on the registers. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday is our first parents evening of the year as well as our very first virtual meeting. If you requested an appointment through the booking system, you should have received a confirmation email. Next, either today or on Monday, you will receive an email from your child's teacher with a meeting link for the parents evening (instructions will be at the end of the email). Once you join the meeting on Microsoft Teams you will enter the 'lobby', the class teacher will know you are waiting and will allow you in the meeting at your appointment time. Please note that we will need to be strict with the ten-minute slot to ensure that the evening runs smoothly.

At the end of last term, a computing code of conduct was sent home to be signed (thank you for the amazing response in sending them back in – if you still have yours at home, please return as soon as possible). Once these forms were received, we will be able to introduce the children to Microsoft Teams, to show the opportunities to use this platform to send, receive and mark their work such as homework or if the school had to close again due to the pandemic. Each child will receive their own log-in details (when the code of conduct is returned) and in class, we are currently demonstrating how to log on and to find the work prior to the children using the platform at home. More details will follow over the next few weeks. Watch this space.

Attached with this newsletter is FODS update, please do have a read to find out the activities they are arranging. Thank you to the parents that volunteered to join the committee.

Mr. Leigh

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

This year, Eagles and Robins are organising a skip-a-thon to raise money for Children in Need.

Your child can come to school in outdoor sports or PE kit (something yellow and/ or spotty is optional!). Please can your child wear sensible shoes to school but have trainers available to change into to do their skipping challenge.

We are asking for donations to Children in Need. Please donate on Parent Pay.

Thank you for your support!

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Co-operation

We will be thinking this term about the secret of good cooperation and how we can work together.

“Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts..” 1 Corinthians 12 12

Future Diary Dates.

Friday 6th November Summary Reports out for Years 1 - 6

Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th November –
Parents Evenings

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Monday 16th November – 6pm Full Governors Meeting

Wednesday 9th December – Flu Vaccinations

Achievements Assembly

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

Cygnets:	Darcy Mittell
Ducklings	Henrie Rose
Owls:	Florence White
Mandarins:	Chloe Pratley
Eagles:	Owen Jackson
Robins:	Grace Pratley
Kingfishers:	Harry Miles
Red Kites:	Charlie Clarkson

Book Band Ribbons

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

Year 1

Esme Borer, Ben Buckard, Grace Kiley, Nataniel Wojnowski, Rufus Law, Tess Jackson, Mia Castle, Kendall Gardner, Cami Mccay, Samuel Kendall, Elliot Dunsby, Leo Newman, Adam McLay, Zack Knibbs.