

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 8th October 2021

Headteacher's Thoughts

On Tuesday, we had our virtual Harvest Festival focussing on 'Reaping the harvest of our deeds' through acting, readings and prayers. The younger children joined me in the hall this year with some beautiful singing – it was so special to be able to have singing back in our assembly after the restrictions last year. Year 3 to Year 6 joined us virtually with their readers coming live from their classrooms. Well done to everyone for their participation. A special thank you to everyone that donated food for the Witney Food Bank, once again I am grateful for the amazing generosity and support for this wonderful cause – they were thrilled when I delivered it to them this week.

As I am sure you are all aware, the Queen will be celebrating her platinum jubilee in June and we have been given an additional Bank Holiday to mark the occasion. For most people this will occur on Friday 3rd June but as we are already on holiday then, schools are allowed to choose an alternative date. Here at Ducklington, our additional holiday will be on **Monday 6th June 2022**

We are looking to have variety of toys for the children to play with during their lunchtime and we would like to make a request for donations of baby dolls and pushchairs to support this. If you have had a tidy up recently and have some these items – please drop it in to the front entrance of the school – thank you.

Carrying on the theme of toys, it would seem that some children are bringing in trading cards and small toys into school, which is beginning to cause some issues and fall outs. Please can we make sure that these are not brought into school from Monday – thank you.

Thinking of our nursery children and younger, Oxfordshire has created a website with [50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Oxfordshire](#) do take a look and see what activities you could be doing – have fun!

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Respect

We will be learning about respect for people because you admire something about them respect for other people's feelings, wishes and rights as well as respect for the environment. We will learn that we can't expect to be respected unless we show respect.

'So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them'
Matthew 7:12

Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 19th / Wednesday 20th October –
Ducklings and Owls Virtual Parents Evenings

Thursday 21st October – 3:05pm – End of Term 1

Friday 22nd October – INSET day

Monday 1st November – Start of Term 2

Thursday 4th November – School photos

Tuesday 9th / Wednesday 10th November –
Year 2 – Year 6 Virtual Parents Evenings

Achievements Assembly

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

Cygnets:	Rosemary Stuart
Ducklings	Grace Borer, Benjamin Pells
Owls:	Henrie Rose.
Mandarins:	Nancy Gibbons, Samuel Hale
Eagles:	Edward Wootton, Oliver Dickinson
Robins:	Whole class for their outside area development
Kingfishers:	Luke Adams, Imogen Williams
Red Kites:	Megan Broome, William Truman

COVID reporting

Although, this year schools are not responsible for track and tracing of classes etc. – it would be useful to know if children have been close contacts of a COVID case and details of their subsequent PCR test for our records

Around the School

This week the Nursery have been learning how to keep their bodies healthy. The children enjoyed sorting food items into healthy and unhealthy for a packed lunch. They used their imagination to explore what drawings they could make starting with a black dot.



Some children practised their cutting skills by creating vegetable collages. We explored the importance of brushing our teeth and used gross motor skills to brush some giant teeth. The children learnt about the difference of long and short during a carpet time and took turns to each count blocks on a length of tape and discussed whose was longer or shorter.





Year 6 Art





The School Lunch Company is recruiting a **cleaner** for Ducklington Primary School.

Monday – Friday. Hours 12.5-week, afternoon cleans.

Some holiday cleans will be required Enthusiasm essential, training will be provided.

Subject to an enhanced DBS.

For more details, please contact: Les Redhead: 07825344437 or
les@theschoollunchcompany.co.uk

Taken from Government advice to parents

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell your child's school the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They will not have to self-isolate unless they have a positive PCR test result.

Will my child be vaccinated?

Children at primary school are not being offered the vaccine. Only young people aged 16 to 17 have currently been offered the vaccine, as well as children aged 12 to 15 with specific underlying health conditions or who live with others at increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 are now also eligible for the vaccine. All school staff have now been offered the vaccine.

For further information and guidance:

- To find out more about what to expect when pupils return to school in September, visit: www.gov.uk/backtoschool
- How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

- How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)
- How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>