



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 19th November 2021

Headteacher's Thoughts

Most of Year 5 started this week with their Bikeability course on Monday, it was great to see them learning all the relevant skills for their Level One on the school playground. The instructors were very impressed with their willingness to take part as well as their concentration and behaviour – so well done to those children.

Also, this week we held our first set of open mornings for children that will start in Reception next academic year. Although, these were completed in a more restricted way than previous years – it was exciting to show parents around our wonderful school.

As I look around the school today, I can see a variety of colours as the children are wearing their own clothes to raise money for Children in Need – thank you for the donations either via ParentPay or at the gate, there is still time to donate via ParentPay if you have not managed yet. Look out for the total in next week's newsletter as I have seen that Year 4 are busy counting the money as I write this newsletter.

This week, you will have received a letter for our trip to the Pantomime at Chipping Norton (oh yes you did!). Years 1, 3 and 5 will be going on Wednesday 1st December and Years 2, 4, 6 and Reception will be going on Thursday 2nd December – if you did not receive this letter, please let us know.

It is hard to believe how quickly this half term is moving and that we will be soon thinking of that forthcoming festive period – next week I will be sending out a letter regarding Christmas activities including details of the Christmas lunch and jumper day. So please do look out for that.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Forgiveness

We will be thinking about how important it is to forgive people who upset us and how we need to say sorry if we do things to hurt others. We will be learning about how Jesus is a great inspiration to Christians to forgive others. We will also think about God's all-forgiving love.

*"Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us."
Luke 11:4*

Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 23rd / Thursday 25th November –
Open Morning (see flyer below)

Monday 29th November – Governors Meetings

Wednesday 1st December – Pantomime (Y1, 3 & 5)

Thursday 2nd December – Pantomime (Rec, Y2, 4 & 6)

Friday 10th December – Nursery Storytime visitors

Achievements Assembly

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

Cygnets:	Matilda Wootton
Ducklings	Jack Mason, Ellis Appleton
Owls:	Lucy Beards
Mandarins:	Orla Chung, Annie May Stuart
Eagles:	Teddy Wootton, Francis Carlisle
Robins:	Deya Mccay, Anna Torrance
Kingfishers:	Grace Pratley, Ellie Frisby
Red Kites:	Jamie Marques, Kahlan Owen

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

Here are some of the activities from Ducklings class this week.



Here we are segmenting and blending our phonics sounds to form different words.



We have been using our phonics knowledge to read books.





This week we have been making different flavoured ice-creams. We used money and a till to buy and sell them!



In this photo I have made my own laptop!



We have been exploring numbers to 10 by looking at the different shapes and sizes of the Numicon pieces.

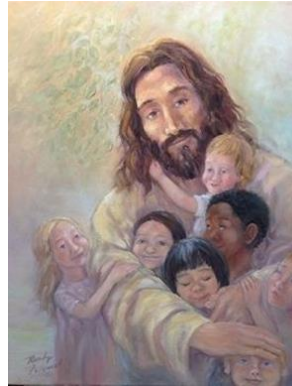


'MESSY DUCKS/CHURCH' IS BACK!

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021

3.20-5.00PM

IN ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, DUCKLINGTON.



COME AND JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
BUT CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

TEA, COFFEE, SQUASH AND CAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Just a reminder:

'Messy Ducks/Church' is:

- A form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't necessarily belong to church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables.
- It's fun.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND BEING CREATIVE TOGETHER.

WE WILL FOLLOW WHATEVER THE CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES ARE AT THE TIME OF THE SESSION.

PLEASE BRING A MASK TO WEAR AS YOU ARE MOVING AROUND THE CHURCH SO THAT WE CAN CONSIDER EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SANITISE YOUR HANDS BETWEEN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES.

THANK YOU.



Reception Places for September 2022

Was your child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? If so, you need to apply for a reception place by 15 January 2022 even if your child is currently in a nursery within a school setting.

**Please come and visit our school on
15th, 16th, 17th, 23rd or 25th November
9:30am - 11:30am**

Children welcome

Come and see the challenging and innovative learning experiences we offer at Ducklington CE Primary School.

Starting school is an exciting time and we believe in creating strong partnerships with parents to give your child the best education possible. With your help, we can ensure your child flourishes and reaches their full potential.

At Ducklington we recognise children as independent learners and place them at the heart of the learning process. We deliver the curriculum through a well-planned play-based approach, fully considering individual strengths, interests and developmental needs.

Please book your place on one of these dates by phoning the office on 01993 703651 or emailing office.3122@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk

For more information on how to apply for your child's place in a Primary School please visit:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/infant-and-primary-school>