



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

## Headteacher's Thoughts

Greetings from my home! Well, what a week it has been for us all with its up and downs and strange goings on. I have certainly missed everyone this week and look forward to being with you all again early next week. Thank you for the kind wishes I have received – it is much appreciated. I like to thank Miss Stephens and the staff for taking on the additional duties to ensure the smooth running of the school – I am so lucky to have such a great team!

After all our excitement about the pantomime, all performances were cancelled for most of the week due COVID related issues in the cast and crew. As indicated, we will refund the money as soon as possible, but as you can imagine this may take a while to process for the whole school community – please be patient. We are looking at an alternative for the children to enjoy in school instead.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year, we managed to raise £258.24, which is a wonderful contribution. Thank you to the Year 6 children that managed the sale of the slap bands and poppies during the break times.

We are now approaching the final two weeks of term as the excitement begins -look out for the information regarding FODS Ducklington Wish Tree.

Also, please remember, Christmas cards will need to be posted in the school post-box by **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – cards will not be accepted after this date.** This will ensure that the Year 6 children are able to deliver them on the last day of term (following the period of quarantine). Look out for the post-box in the playground on Monday and please make sure that all cards have the name of the recipient, but more importantly the class or year group. Thank you.

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.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Storytime visitors

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and jumper day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 1:30pm End of term.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – INSET day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Spring Term starts

## Achievements Assembly

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

<b>Cygnets:</b>	Rosie Dickinson
<b>Ducklings</b>	Gianluca De Gregorio, Renee Rogers
<b>Owls:</b>	Kiera Stuart
<b>Mandarins:</b>	Rufus Law, Zack Knibbs
<b>Eagles:</b>	Felix Harris, Mohammed-Ali Elouahabi
<b>Robins:</b>	Ella MacGregor-Smith, Max Fitzpatrick, Amelie Baldwin, Tilly Peachey
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Evie Buckingham
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Charlie Ward

## COVID

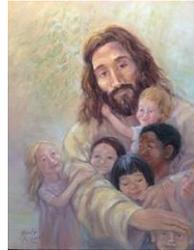
Please could I remind everyone that if your child develops any of the symptoms of COVID even if they are mild, we will need a PCR test to be completed, the advice is still that the Lateral Flow tests can be a good guide as well as monitoring test, however we will need a confirmation PCR if any symptoms develop, or the LFD is positive. Thank you for your support in this.

### '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.*