



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 14th January 2022

Headteacher's Thoughts

As we reach the end of the first full week of the Spring Term, it has been great to see how the children have quickly settled back into the routine of school after the excitement of the Christmas break.

Later in the newsletter, you will find the FoDS news – I would encourage you to read this and consider whether you would be able to help to be a part of the committee and / or one of the officers required. FoDS has been a wonderful supporter of activities and events that happen in school; raising money to subsidise our pantomime visit, assisting in the funding of larger school projects to name but a few and it would be a shame to lose this going forward. If you want some further information, the contact details for FoDS is listed in the news item.

Just a quick reminder of the new guidance regarding testing which came into force on the 11th January. If you test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD) test you should self-isolate immediately and [register your result on GOV.UK](#) so that NHS Test and Trace can trace your contacts. LFD tests are to be used by people without COVID-19 symptoms.

Anyone who has one of the core symptoms of COVID-19 – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – should self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – **these rules have not changed**. Anyone else in the household who doesn't test positive, has been double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months does not have to self-isolate but are advised to take a Lateral Flow test each day for the entire isolation period of the person who has tested positive.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Perseverance

We will be thinking about its meaning to keep trying even when the going gets tough. The children will be encouraged to have self-belief in order to keep on going and to speak out for what they believe is right. They will also reflect upon God's persevering love.

*Jesus said: 'Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you'.
(Matthew 7:7).*

Future Diary Dates.

Thursday 20th January – Resources Governors Meeting

Monday 24th January – P & S and Full Governors Meetings

Thursday 17th February – Reception / Year 6 height and weight checks.

Friday 18th February – School closes for half term

Achievements Assembly

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

Cygnets:	Jack Aust
Ducklings	Ellis Appleton, Jake Mobey
Owls:	Dinis Pinto
Mandarins:	Florence White, Elliot Dunsby
Eagles:	Amalie Moore, Ryan Mitchell
Robins:	Elijah Newcombe, Isla Harris, Tilly Peachey
Kingfishers:	Eleanor Strainge, Issy Urquhart
Red Kites:	Ellie Franklin, Mikie Frisby

FoDS News

I wanted to let you all know an update, Sean Webster who is Treasurer of the committee and also Trustee has also resigned from the committee, which will take effect from the end of January. I want to thank Sean for all his help over the last 2 years, I genuinely couldn't have got through the administration side without him. This means that the position of Treasurer and Chair is available.

Here is the link to Monday's EGM @ 7pm.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73729043661?pwd=hdRNSdoxSNqgsxGrFIB48jtHjEqs7n.1>

Meeting ID: 737 2904 3661 Passcode: TcC8bL

Anyone can join in, please come forward if you feel you help continue the charity. If we have nominations, they will be put forward and people will be voted in.

However, sadly, it looks as though this is the end of the road for Friends of Ducklington School as we have had no received nominations.

Thank you to all parents /carers who have helped at events, spent money on events we have organised, offered advice, and most importantly to those over the years who have given up very precious time to be on the committee to make things happen.

If anyone wants to put a last-minute nomination in for either Chair or Treasurer, then please do email me chairfods@hotmail.com.

We do have a surplus of money and if the Charity has to close and we will be discussing how this money will be best spent with Mr Leigh and Miss Stephens. The suggestions will go to the current committee for vote at the end of January and we will let you know what the outcome is.

Around the School

In Ducklings we have been learning about the job of an artist. We looked at the artist Vincent van Gogh and talked about our observations of one of his paintings, which generated lots of inspiration and discussion. We then created our own piece of art mixing different coloured paints, creating different colours and talking about textures.

