

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 18th February 2022

Headteacher's Thoughts

Well, this is a first for me, I have seen snow days, more recently lockdowns, but a 'Wind Day'!! I hope you have all managed to stay safe and did not have too many items of garden furniture move around your gardens.

We have reached the halfway point in the academic year as we hopefully continue for the first full year in school for two years. I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience during this term as we have managed pupil and staff absences and kept all classes learning. It has been much appreciated.

At this stage before the break, I do not have any further information about any change in government guidance around such things as isolation. However, if this does change during half term, then I will let you know before we return on Tuesday 1st March.

Have a good week and stay safe and well and we will return refreshed on Tuesday 1st March. I look forward to seeing you then.

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.

Friday 18th February – School closes for half term

Monday 28th February – INSET day

Tuesday 1st March – School re-opens

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Thursday 10th March – 6pm Governors, Resources Committee

Community News

Visit Witney or Carterton this half term and have some fun on iSk8's synthetic ice rink. The synthetic ice-skating rink sessions are suitable for all ages and abilities whether you are a superstar in training or a beginner just setting out. Come and show off your skating skills or simply have some fun with your friends.

The ice rink sessions will run on the following dates:

- Carterton: Sat 19 – Wed 23 February 2022
Location: Market Square, Alvescot Road, Carterton, OX18 3JL

- Witney: Sat 19 – Fri 25 February 2022

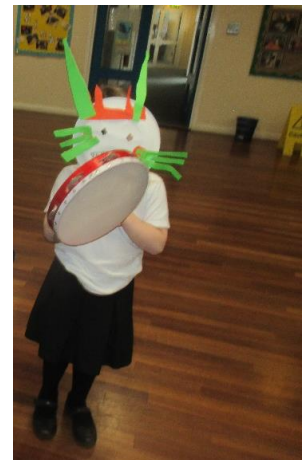
Location: Marriotts Walk, Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6GW

Book in advance to reserve your skating session here: www.westoxon.gov.uk/loyalfree

Around the School

Ducklings

We have been sharing the story, "Where the wild things are". The children created their own masks and thought about different ways of dancing and moving to the music.



Kingfishers (Year 5)

Year 5 have been very busy in our art lessons!

With our focus on climate change this term, we studied the Great Barrier Reef and the impact plastic pollution can have. The children printed the background, using different materials and colours inspired by the reef. They then printed a creature of their choice using a different method and chose words that they felt captured the animals voices.

We have also been studying biomes in our geography lessons and the children have begun representing the biome of their choice in a shoebox. They look great!

