



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Headteacher's Thoughts

During our collective worship on Monday, we thought about the Proclamation of the new King, looking at the various parts of the ceremony and St James' Palace. It has certainly been an interesting week of mixed emotions and learning about the accession of a Monarch. Just to confirm that the school will be closed on Monday, as it is a bank holiday for the Queen's State Funeral.

The children have settled well in school, particularly adjusting to the new way of coming into school. A reminder that the gate will close at 8:40am from next week. The classes are beginning to look at their new class topics (curriculum webs to follow shortly) as well as the Year 6 children building up to their Bikeability course in the next few weeks. The term is certainly up and running.

I have included this year's term dates below for your information to aid with booking of holidays to avoid valuable school time, as always, we monitor our attendance regularly working closely with the county attendance team. Please make sure you complete the **official absence form** when your child will be absent -which can be found [here](#) to help the office process the information. Thank you.

## Additional Reminders

- As indicated in our uniform policy - We politely request that all long hair (boys or girls) should be tied back for Health and safety reasons. 'Alice' bands should be black, or navy and any hair ties used plain to avoid distraction to other children.
- Don't forget to label all school uniform so that we can make sure that it is returned to the correct owner rather than relying on the children's sniff test.
- Social media, Whatsapp etc. are a wonderful tools for communication – however, I would remind everyone not to include details or comments about other children in any messages as several comments last year caused great distress and worry to families. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr. Leigh

**Our Christian Value for this  
half term is:**

**Love**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

1 Corinthians 13:4-5:

## Future Diary Dates.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 6pm Full Governors

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> September – Bikeability Y6 –  
further details to follow.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 9:15am – Harvest Festival in  
St Bartholomew's

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent /  
Teacher Consultations

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 3:05pm – End of Term 1

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Start of Term 2

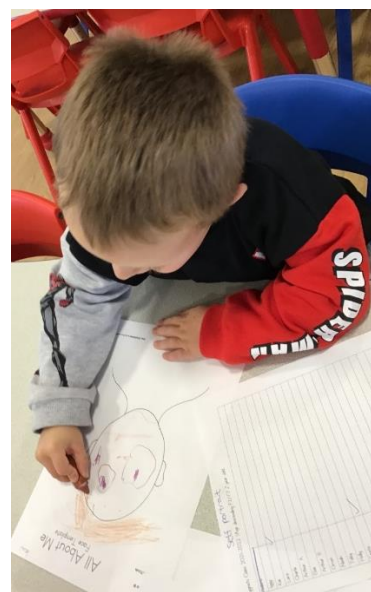
## Achievements Assembly

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

<b>Cygnets:</b>	Holly Parker
<b>Ducklings</b>	The whole class for settling well in school
<b>Owls:</b>	Jake Mobey
<b>Mandarins:</b>	Dinis Pinto
<b>Eagles:</b>	Cerys Shepheard, Leo Newman
<b>Robins:</b>	Corin Wright, Thomas Lishman
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Rosie Oxspring
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Konrad Wojnowski, Lily Watts

## Around the School

All of the Nursery children have settled in wonderfully well over the last 2 weeks. They have enjoyed getting to know each other and staff as well as exploring both indoors and outdoors with interest. This week the children have made tactile names and drawn self portraits. They were also introduced to our stick insect class pets and how we look after them.



# Ducklington CE Primary School

## School Terms and Holiday Dates 2022-2023

<b>Autumn term</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 (INSETs 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 5 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Bank Holiday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Queen's State Funeral</i> )
<b>Half term Holiday</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>Autumn term</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 1.30pm finish (INSETs 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> December)
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Spring term</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 (INSET 4 <sup>th</sup> January )
<b>Half term Holiday</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Spring term</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Summer term</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 ( <i>Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> May</i> )
<b>Half term Holiday</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
<b>Summer term</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023, 1.30pm finish



# Join the Fods Lottery Club to be in with a chance to win £25 a month!

In joining the Fods Lottery Club you will be supporting the school by contributing towards providing experiences and resources for the children, plus you have a brilliant chance to win a monthly cash prize.

**You could be a member of our Fods Lottery Club for only £10! Join early and you can choose your favourite number!**

£10 buys you 1 lottery number to enter 10 monthly draws from October 2022 to June 2023.

**First draw on the 3rd October 2022.** Prizes will be drawn on the first Monday of the month, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize- £25, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- £15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- £10.

Get your ticket from a Fods rep during September, we will be in the playground before and after school on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Pay by card, cash or cheque.

Contact us if you have any questions – [chairfods@hotmail.com](mailto:chairfods@hotmail.com)

### Purpose

The purpose of the Fods Lottery Club is to raise funds for Ducklington Primary School. The money will be paid into the Friends of Ducklington School bank account. When the draw is made, a percentage of the profit is given as prizes, and the remainder goes to the Friends of Ducklington School. All the money raised by the Friends of Ducklington lottery goes towards providing experiences and resources for the children in Ducklington school.

### Rules

1. For a cost of £10 per academic year (£1 per draw) you will be randomly allocated one number.
2. A draw will be made every month from October 2022 till July 2023 with a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £25, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £15, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £10.
3. The Fods Lottery Club is a private lottery and is open to all parents, carers, staff and friends of Ducklington primary school.
4. Anyone age 16 or over can join.
5. Payments should be made by cash/cheque or with a contactless payment device to one of the authorised members of FODS.
6. Members may have more than one number.
7. The draw shall be made on the first Monday of the month (this could be later due to school holidays).
8. The prize winner will be contacted on the email address or contact number provided on application within one week of the draw.
9. The winning numbers for each month will be posted in the school Newsletter and on Fods Facebook page.
10. The Fods Lottery club will be run by the Friends of Ducklington School.
11. In case of any dispute the decision of the Friends of Ducklington School is final.
12. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be place into Friends of Ducklington funds after six months.
13. Fods Lottery Club operates under Small Society Lottery Registration Number W/22/00996/GASSP.

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Include £10 per number required

Name	
Link to School/Parent/Carer of	
Email Address/Contact number	
Number of Lottery numbers required	
I am paying by (delete as appropriate)	cash/card/cheque

Complete this form and put it in an envelope.

# Ducklington Apple Pressing Day

We are having a community apple pressing day on the green by the duck pond, on Sunday 2nd October.

Bring your apples along and take home some delicious natural apple juice.

We will be using a steam driven Victorian apple mill to pulp the apples before pressing then by hand in the traditional manner.

Bring some clean containers and take away this wonderful natural product to drink or turn into cider.

A chance to meet up with friends and join in with the traditional way of using all those spare apples that would otherwise go to waste.



**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**11.00 - 4.00PM**

**THE VILLAGE GREEN,  
DUCKLINGTON**

**(NEXT TO THE DUCK POND)**

Contact Jim on 07971 985301 or email [Jimshackell1@gmail.com](mailto:Jimshackell1@gmail.com) for more information.