



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11th November 2022

Headteacher's Thoughts

This week, classes have been reflecting on the time of Remembrance as we remember those who fell during the World and subsequent wars – through art activities and the written word. In our collective worship, we have thought about the importance of continuing to remember these events as well as classes holding their two minutes silence at 11am this morning. Thank you to everyone that contributed to our Poppy Appeal this year.

On the newsletter, I have included some useful resources to support our work with E-Safety in school. As the use of technology and connectivity grows, our work around E-Safety is very valuable to highlight the potential dangers of the internet and apps etc. Over the coming months, I plan to include more useful resources to support your children and families – I hope you will find them useful.

Reminder for next week - Open Morning - our open morning to welcome prospective parents of children who will start school in September 2023 is fast approaching – if you know any parents that would like to attend, please can you share our poster.

Children in Need – look out for the information from Year 3 and 4 below to find out about their plans for this event.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Co-operation

We will be thinking this term about the secret of good cooperation and how we can work together.

“Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.”

1 Corinthians 12:12

Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 15th November – School Open Day (see Poster below)

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

Friday 18th & 25th November – Bikeability

Tuesday 22nd November – Y4 Cinema Trip

Thursday 24th November – Y5 STEM Workshop

Monday 5th December – 5pm & 6pm Governors meetings

Tuesday 6th December - Nativities and KS2 Carol Service (details to follow)

Achievements Assembly

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

Cygnets:	Kai Fisher
Ducklings	Poppy Neville, Sophie Xhakollari
Owls:	Freddie Fowler
Mandarins:	Ellis Moore
Eagles:	Grace Kiley, Noah Greenall
Robins:	Chloe Pratley
Kingfishers:	Poppy Brooks
Red Kites:	Daniel Evans

SPOTacular Children in Need - Friday 18th November

Eagles and Robins are trying to raise as much money as we can for Children in Need. We will be having a non-uniform day (wearing something yellow and/ or spotty is optional!).

It will be a SPOTacular day of fun and fundraising in school with some spot inspired and sporty activities.

There are 2 ways to make donations this year:

1. On Parent Pay- <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9029>
- Or
2. In cash – we will be collecting any cash donations at the gates on the Friday.

We would be grateful if you are able to make a donation in cash because it will allow the children to count the money which is great for their Maths!

Thank you for your support!

Helpful websites

[E-safety Guides for Schools | National Online Safety](#)

What parents need to know about.....(series)

This website produces useful guides aimed at parents keeping their children safe online. The 'What Parents need to know about...' series is available free of charge through registering with the website first.

It is **Road Safety Week** next week, to support this please follow the attached [link](#) for handy resources to use with your children at home.

Brake Zebras is for children and their grown ups to learn about road safety together. Brake Zebras provides [films and games](#), [activities](#) and [stories](#) to help your children find out more about road safety. Brake Zebras will help children learn what they need for safe and healthy journeys



Reception Places for September 2023

Was your child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019? If so, you need to apply for a reception place by 15 January 2023 even if your child is currently in a nursery within a school setting.

**Please come and visit our school on
Tuesday 15th November**

Drop-in sessions: 9:30am - 11:30am or 1.00pm - 2.30pm

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.

For further details or to arrange a visit on another day - please phone the office on 01993 703651 or email 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>

Reception News



We had fun hanging up words together on our Autumn Tree display.

We have been learning about Remembrance Day. We then participated in a variety of activities involving cutting, drawing, painting, printing and collaging. Here are some of our fabulous creations!



This week **Nursery** have been learning about recycling and Remembrance Day. The children explored what recycling is and used recycled plastic bottles to create poppies, which we have hung up in Nursery. They also created a poppy wreath, so we took a short walk to lay it on the Ducklington War Memorial and listened to a poppy poem. In small groups, the children listened to a lovely animal based story called 'If you plant a seed' to introduce conflict and resolution. After, they worked together to sequence pictures from the book in order. At our phonics carpet time, the children concentrated and listened to different beats on a drum and took turns to copy the beats on their own drums.



Christmas Crafts – 9 December 2022.
3.30-5.30pm in St Bartholomew's Church

You are invited to join us in church to enjoy making some decorations for Christmas. Our session will have the theme of 'Angels'. It will include a range of craft activities for everyone to enjoy, music, singing, stories and prayers and, most importantly of course, a tea of sandwiches and cakes!

Please bring your children along and stay with them during the session. Tea and coffee will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Very best wishes from everyone at St Bartholomew's



Ducklington Warm Space

*Every THURSDAY over the winter months in the
Village Hall*

11am - 3pm

(Starting on 10th November)

**All welcome to join us for hot
drinks, soup, and rolls**

**Keep warm for a few hours and
enjoy fun, friendship, and food**

Spread the word!

*Volunteers welcome to help. Please contact Gill Long on
07596509895*