



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Headteacher's Thoughts

Last Friday, Year 2 had their own little adventure as water was coming in through the ceiling and up from the floor following all of the rain and the large amount of water on the roof. It was certainly all hands to the pump and a thank you to the staff for leaping into action to help remove furniture and equipment to safety. This has meant that Year 2 have now set up camp in the hall for the next few weeks, which has its own challenges particularly around lunchtime. Well done to them for adapting so well to their new environment.

There was a collective 'phew' around the school, on Tuesday, as Years 1, 3 and 5 finally made it to the pantomime (oh no, they didn't). It was great to see the children enjoying the production and joining in with the actions added to the excitement of our double decker bus.

Thank you to Matt Appleton, who tirelessly moved seven large bags of woodchip from the main gate to the reception climbing frame – a huge task especially in the wonderful weather. The children, I know will be thrilled to be able to play there again.

Finally, Miss Stephens has asked me to pass on her thanks for all the cards, presents and well wishes she received at the end of term – it was much appreciated. Mr. Leigh

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

## Courage

We can think about the importance of **standing up for what is right** against the odds, **sticking by one's convictions** and **not being swayed as well as strength of will**. We can also think about how we can encourage each other to do so too.

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9*

### Future Diary Dates.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – FODS Disco (details below)  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Reception/Y6 Height and weight checks  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3:15pm – Y6 Pioneer Meeting (further details to follow)  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term Holiday  
 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Pioneer Residential  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings

## Achievements Assembly

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

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| <b>Cygnets:</b>     | Freya Hemming                         |
| <b>Ducklings</b>    | Tilly Wootton, Benjamin Wilton-Powell |
| <b>Owls:</b>        | Jamie Goodchild, Gianluca De Gregorio |
| <b>Mandarins:</b>   | Harry Aust, Melissa Xhakollari        |
| <b>Eagles:</b>      | Cami Mccay, Ben Buckard               |
| <b>Robins:</b>      | Thomas Lishman, Isaac Pavia           |
| <b>Kingfishers:</b> | Eleanor MacGregor-Smith               |
| <b>Red Kites:</b>   | Evie Buckingham, Daniel Lishman       |

## Start and end of the day – parking / gates

Can we remind everyone about parking around the school at the beginning and end of the day particularly on Aston Road and opposite the village car park – please be mindful of our neighbours. Also, can we make sure that the pedestrian gates are not blocked to enable our children to come through the gates safely and not have to walk into the road first. Thank you.

## Around the School

Ducklings have been enjoying exploring the activities inside and outside of the classroom this week. They have been using their imaginations to create their own games, followed their own ideas, and enjoyed socialising together.





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# SCHOOL DISCO

**FRIDAY 27 January**

**4pm - 4.45pm**  
**Reception & Nursery**  
*(Only children going to school in September 2023. A parent/carer must stay with nursery children)*

**5pm - 6pm**  
**Years 1, 2 & 3**

**6.15pm - 7.15pm**  
**Years 4, 5 & 6**

**TICKETS - £5**  
*Includes:*

- two snacks
- carton of juice and
- 2 glo sticks

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