



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 3rd November 2023

Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome back, I hope you had a great half term. This week, we had our individual school photos, which is always a challenge for the children to keep clean in the build up to their photo.

The Y5/6 boys football team was in action on Tuesday against the Batt School, although the score line was 7-5 in their favour, the boys kept going and did not let this affect their performance. We look forward to their next games next week. Sadly the girl's match had to be cancelled due to illness.

Poppy Appeal (minimum donation in brackets)

As we remember the fallen at this Remembrance time, next week sees the annual sale of poppies (donation), slap bands (£1), wrist bands (50p), reflector (50p), zip pulls (50p), which will take place each playtime by the Year 6 children.

Christmas Shoeboxes It is that time of year again, you would have received the leaflet containing the relevant information about the filling of the shoebox to be able to donate to the charity. If you would like to use one of the shoeboxes from the charity, please speak to the office or myself and we can pass one to you. The deadline for the boxes this year is Friday 14th November. I hope you are able to support this charity.

Open Morning - our open morning to welcome prospective parents of children who will start school in September 2024 is fast approaching – if you know any parents that would like to attend, please can you share the poster at the end of this newsletter – thank you.

FODS Christmas Cards

A proof of your child's Christmas card designs will be coming home today, if you are wanting to order any of these cards, please note the final date of sales will be 12th November.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Respect

We will be learning about respect for people because you admire something about them, respect for other people's feelings, wishes and rights as well as respect for the environment. We will learn that we can't expect to be respected unless we show respect.

'So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them'.

Matthew 7:12

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 6th November – Y3 start swimming.

Monday 6th November – 3:30pm Y6 SATs information

Wednesday 15th November – School Open Day

Thursday 16th November – Footy Kids Taster sessions

Friday 17th November – Children in Need

Monday 20th November – 5pm Resources Meeting

Monday 27th November – Y5 Viking Day

Monday 27th November – P & S and Full Governors

Tuesday 28th November – Y3 Anglo-Saxon Day

Thursday 7th December Dance Club show for parents

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Joel Wright, Mobin Alan
Owls:	Evie Spolander, Jack Tollett
Mandarins:	Blake Fitzpatrick, Gianluca De Gregorio
Eagles:	Aron Kusnyerik, Isla Blackford
Robins:	Cerys Shepheard, Orla Chung
Kingfishers:	Amalie Moore, Ollie Spolander
Red Kites:	Sophie Paine, Esmae Hornsby



Reception Places for September 2024

Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If so, you need to apply for a reception place by 15 January 2024 even if your child is currently in a nursery within a school setting.

**Please come and visit our school on
Wednesday, 15th November**

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.

We are offering two drop-in times

9.30am - 11.30am

&

1.00pm - 2.30pm

Children welcome

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>