



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome back to the Spring Term, I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and ready for the next term.

Looking at the diary, there are some exciting events coming up in during this term especially those to raise money for our OxTrail appeal – the talent show coming soon (auditions next week) and the Odd Sock Day next Friday. Details of both events have been shared in separate letters, please let us know if you did not receive these.

It wouldn't be the first newsletter of the new year without a mention of health advice given by UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), this has been issued to help reduce the spread of the common germs at this stage of the year. I have included the BBC news link which clearly shows the advice. Click [here](#). Also, I would ask that as the weather has become colder, that your child remembers their coats and for most their hats and gloves – there can be an icy blast across the playground!

Please could I remind everyone that all lunchboxes should be **nut-free** to ensure that we have a safe environment for **all** children at school. Thank you in advance.

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.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Y3 re-start swimming

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Auditions for the talent Show

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Odd Sock Day (organised by Year 2 – letter sent 10<sup>th</sup> Jan)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 visit to Sulgrave Manor

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 Lego Morning – Corinthian Partnership at Cokethorpe

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 IMPS training

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Talent Show

## Achievements Assembly

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

<b>Ducklings</b>	Albie King, Poppy Urriza Rodriguez
<b>Owls:</b>	Belle Attwater, Ernie Lloyd
<b>Mandarins:</b>	Renee Rogers, Freddie Fowler
<b>Eagles:</b>	Ellis Moore
<b>Robins:</b>	Nancy Gibbons, Cerys Shepheard, Kendall Gardner
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Chloe Pratley, Corin Wright
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Elijah Newcombe, Prue Walker, Tilly-May Peachey

## Around the school

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, year 5 had a Viking day. When we came in, we chose our own Viking names and wrote it using runes the had a look at everyone's costumes. Here are some examples of the names we chose and their meanings: Gorm, he who worships God; Vif, wolf; Astrid, beautiful. After that, we went outside to perform our Haka because we were looking extra intimidating!

By Chloe and Jacob



During our Viking day we made Viking bread. First, we added the dry ingredients to a bowl, then we added water. Next, we put flour on the table and kneaded the mixture until it formed a dough. Finally, Mrs Prior baked all of our bread rolls in the oven. We were able to try our bread with butter and honey after lunch – most of us thought it was delicious!

By Xanthe





One of our Viking day activities was to design and make shields. We had a look at Viking shield designs for inspiration then spent time drawing our design onto our shield. When we were happy with our designs, we added colour using paint. It was very messy, but everyone's shields looked great!  
By Sam and Mason





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