DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 8th November 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome back from the half term break – I hope you had a great week. Before half term, we held our first Parents evening of the year – it was great to see the wonderful turnout and I hope you found them useful and informative.

Thank you for the amazing number of shoeboxes that have been returned to support the Christmas Shoebox appeal. We more than doubled our contribution from last year, which is a great response. Carrying on with the theme of charity, the children have been supporting the work of the Royal British Legion with their buying of poppies, slap bands and several other items. Thank you for all the support regarding these two charities – it is a positive aspect of our school family as we support others in need.

The FODs Christmas Grotto and Fair makes a return this year after a successful start last year – please check out the poster below for further details and follow this important link (google docs form) to book your £8 child tickets. Also, please check out the other FODs poster regarding membership of the FODs committee as well as looking for a new chair. The committee play a great role in supporting the work of the school through their fundraising and it would be a shame for this to cease.

Open Morning - our open morning to welcome prospective parents of children who will start school in September 2025 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.

I finish with a couple of reminders; firstly, can I remind everyone that around the school and its grounds (including at the gates) are non-smoking and this includes vapes. Secondly, we have been asked by the Parish Council to ask anyone parking down Standlake Road to be considerate of the local residents. Thank for your support in both these matters.

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 12th November – U9 & U11 Cross Country
Tuesday 19th November – Open Day for prospective parents
Monday 25th November – Full Governors Meeting
Tuesday 26th November – Y5 visit to HoS Museum
Monday 1st / Tuesday 2nd December – Printing Workshop with Kingham Lodge
Tuesday 17th December – 9:30am Year 1 & 2 Nativity in church
Tuesday 17th December – 5pm – KS2 Carol Service in church

Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly over the last few weeks.

Ducklings	Kai Molloy, Alessia Rahmany, Leon Kenneally
Owls:	Iggy Beards, Holly Parker
Mandarins	Sebastian Kinch, Jack Aust
Eagles:	Darcy Mittell, Olivia Keen-Green
Robins:	Jake Clements, Owen Reed, Ellis Moore
Kingfishers:	**Whole Class for Viking Day**
Red Kites:	Moh Elouahabi, Bill Appleton

Around the School

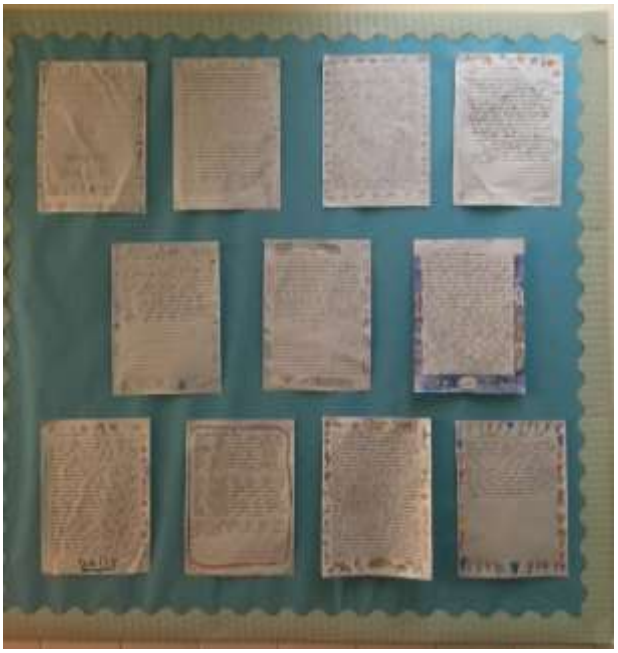
Year 1

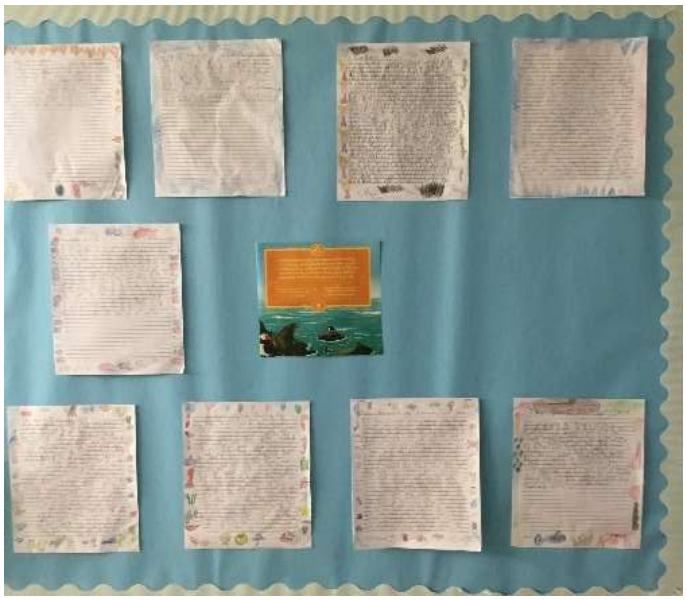
This week in year 1, we have been learning about being systematic when working on our number bonds to 10. We worked with a partner to take one of their cubes and to give them one of ours! This showed them that we stayed at 10 but gained a different colour to make a new number bond! Next, we practised writing our number bonds out systematically!

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance and have thought about poppies to show that we do not forget people hurt in the wars. We made a wreath of our Pointillism poppies!

Year 3

Before half term, we planned and wrote our own stories inspired by the book The Secret of Black Rock.





This term, we will be learning to write an explanation text and we've watched a short film called Mr Hublot to get us thinking about robot dogs!

Thursday afternoons are busy with PE followed by violins.

In Maths, we are learning to do column addition.

<u>Year 5 - below</u>

On Thursday, year 5 had a Viking day. We did various activities throughout the day. Our first activity was making bread. First, we mixed the dry ingredients then we added warm water until we couldn't mix it any more. We put it on the table and kneaded the dough. We got to make a roll in whatever shape we wanted and we all chose different and fun shapes.

By Florence and Mia

Most people liked the bread but some were less impressed. We used honey and butter because it is traditional for the Vikings and the honey took out some of the saltiness of the bread. The Vikings used to eat the bread with stew and the bread would fill them up because of how dense it is.
By Ben and Indigo.

Different people acted out Viking Sagas. Sagas were a type of story written and told by the Vikings. We acted out two different sagas: 'Sif's Golden Hair' and 'Freya's Wonderful Necklace'. The characters in the sagas were the Norse gods Loki, Odin, Freya, Sif and Thor.
By Leo and Esme

The shields were fun to make because we got to draw Norse creatures and paint them. Lots of people chose to paint Fenrir and Jormungandr and many more. You could also do a design of a flag if you wanted to or draw knot patterns. Overall, all Viking Day was very fun!

By Grace and Cami

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OPEN DAY

19th November 2024

Drop in to visit between

- 9.30am- 11.30am
- 1.00 pm- 2.30pm

(no booking required)

2025 ADMISSIONS OPEN NOW!

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Nursery provision available

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We provide a supportive and enriching environment where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Ducklington Primary School
CHRISTMAS GROTTO & FAIR
Join FODS for festive fun and fundraising for our school!
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 4-6PM
Tickets £8 per child
(under 2s are free unless they would like a gift from Santa)
Please book tickets and complete the form on ParentPay with your child's details & chosen grotto time by 20th November
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES:
Santa's Grotto and gift - Christmas Crafting
Decorate a Gingerbread Biscuit
Write & Post a Letter to Santa - Christmas Games & more!
FURTHER FESTIVITIES:
Book Fair - Hot Chocolate Canes for sale

FODS
NEEDS YOU!
Fods needs a new Chair and new committee members!
Grab a few friends and join Fods to have your say on events and how to donate back to the school!
Your time - Your suggestions
Your skills - Your ideas
Your Enthusiasm - Your help
WE NEED YOU
please email Claire if you are interested,
chairfods@hotmail.com
Sadly without a new chair Fods will have to close

Vicky's After School & Holiday Club Ltd
MERRY Christmas
Christmas Holidays 2024/2025
Join us at Vicky's Holiday Club!
Located at Aston & Cote Primary School - from 8.30 am – 5.00 pm
Monday 23rd December 2024
Monday 30th December 2024
Tuesday 31st December 2024
Thursday 2nd January 2025
Friday 3rd January 2025
Vicky's Holiday Club is open to all children aged 4-11
and will include fun activities, including arts and crafts,
sport, indoor and outdoor play, baking, games and much more. Bring your own packed lunch (a light tea will be provided) £40.00 per day
To book contact Vicky Hickman
Call 07887711454 or
Email: holiday@vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk
All staff are CRB checked and first aid trained!
www.vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk

From Witney Food Bank.

My name's Jade, I work at Witney & West Oxfordshire Foodbank. Firstly, I would just like to thank those of you who donated to us for Harvest Festival. We really appreciate the continued support and so far, this month, all the donations have helped us feed 477 adults and children!

It's that time of year again where we are sending out our Reverse Advent Calendars to everyone! 🎅 If you're not sure what that is, then let me tell you! A reverse advent calendar works in the same way that a Christmas Advent calendar does, but instead of getting a chocolate or present each day, you put an item into a box that we can use in one of our food parcels, and then at the end of the 25 days, you donate the box to the Foodbank!

To get your donations to the families in need in time for Christmas, we need to receive them in good time, which is why we do the advent calendar in November instead. Winter is the hardest time for people and families facing poverty, as they often have to choose between staying warm and buying food. Last year, from October 1st to February 28th, we fed 2460 people. That's 1421 adults and 1039 children.

Please, help us to help those in need this Christmas season, and spread the spirit of giving!

All the best, Jade