DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 5th September 2025

Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome to the Autumn term, I hope you all had a great summer holiday and had the opportunity to rest and relax. It was great to see everyone settling into their new classrooms particularly welcoming our new children in the Nursery and Reception classes.

In our assembly, we re-looked at our school rules, which are '**Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'**. Across the classes, we shared the fantastic ways that we can show that we are following these rules and what they could mean to us. We will be continuing to use these words to help frame our discussions with the children throughout the year and this will help us all to get on with each other and support our learning. Next week, we will be looking at the school's new vision statement – which I will then share with you in the next newsletter. Do look out for that.

Some additional thoughts following the first few days:

- Please remember the gate times of 8:30am – 8:40am and opening the gate at 3pm for Nursery and 3:10pm for the rest of the school.
- Year 1 – Year 6 children should come in through the gate on their own in the morning
- Please make sure that all uniform and property is labelled with your child's name as we do not have a lost property box.
- Please at the end of the day, allow the staff to make sure that children are with the correct adult and let the office know if there is a change to the pickup arrangements as soon as possible.

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 15th / Tuesday 16th September – Oxford Opera visit to school for workshops
Monday 15th September – Year 3 start swimming
Monday 15th September – SWIFT course starts
17th/18th & 24/25th September – Y6 Bikeability (2 groups) (information to follow)
Friday 26th September- Y5 Bikeability (information to follow)
Friday 26th September – FODS welcome coffee time for Reception parents
Thursday 2nd October – Y6 Junior Citizen

Message from Ms Butt

Ms Butt would like to thank everyone for their best wishes and your kind gifts.

SEN News

Welcome back to the new term. I will be continuing to work as SENCo on a Monday so please do contact me if you would like to meet and discuss your child. The larger open meetings that I have held have not been well attended so personal 15min appointments at times on a Monday may be a better way of working.

Sendco@ducklingtonschool.oxon.sch.uk

SWIFT – this will run for 4 weeks from Sep 15th for families where Communication and Interaction needs have been diagnosed or there are worries and concerns. Shelly Godfrey from the SENSS team will run the sessions with me. We need 6 parents as a minimum to make this viable. If you would like to come to the sessions 1.30- 3pm on a Monday afternoon, please email me or let the office know.

Courses and support groups | Oxfordshire County Council

If you have any medical concerns that you would like advice about please contact. The website is worth a look as there are many contacts and resources
Children & Young People (0-19) | Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/cyp-0-19/

Very best wishes
Ruth Leach

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Master Builders Club is bringing brick building play to

Ducklington Primary

DAY:
Tuesday
15:15 – 16:15

DATES:
Autumn Term
9th September –
16th December

COST:
£126

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