



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

.A Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a relaxing Christmas and that we are now ready to face this coming term. This term, we also warmly welcome Miss Cox to Class 1 and wish her an enjoyable time here at school.

As you will have seen from the information sent out yesterday, along with a questionnaire, we were informed that the school will be inspected by Ofsted next Monday and Tuesday. As part of the process, it is my responsibility to inform you of this fact and encourage you to return the questionnaires by Monday 9th January at 1pm. Please make sure they are in a sealed envelope, so we can pass on to the inspector. We are a family of very committed, dedicated and hard-working staff and children and I'm sure Ofsted will recognise this.

Mr Leigh

Punctuality Stars

See how many classes become punctuality stars next week.



Future Diary Dates.

9 th & 10 th January -	Ofsted Inspection
11 th January -	PTA meeting in school at 7pm.
10 th February -	End of Term 3
20 th February -	Start of Term 4
7 th March -	Choir Trip - Young Voices at the O2
28 th March -	Easter Fair
30 th March -	Easter Service in Abbey at 1:15pm
30 th March -	School closes at 2pm

"I should like to say a big "Thank you" to all the parents, children, governors and staff for all the kind wishes, cards and very generous presents I received on my retirement. It was lovely seeing so many of you at my leaving Assembly.

Although I will miss teaching, I am very much looking forward to researching into my family history now and in spending more time on my garden and I have been enjoying shopping for my forthcoming trip!

I should like to give Miss Cox my very best wishes for her future at Dorchester St Birinus School"

Sue Kitson



Thames Tapestry.

As you will remember last term, we completed our section of the Thames Tapestry. This is now on display at the Ashmolean Museum until 11th January. It is being shown along with about 80 others. If you get chance this Saturday, go and have a look at this splendid array of work. Full details are on the Ashmolean Website (which has a picture of our tapestry on the display page).

<http://www.ashmolean.org/exhibitions/current/?timing=current&id=65&exhibitionYear=2012>

Drama Club

Just a reminder that after school Drama Club starts next Wednesday 11th January and Thursday 12th January. Wednesdays will be for Key Stage 2 children and Thursdays for Key Stage 1.

The club will run for an hour from 3.30 – 4.30. Many children will be used to having a snack when they get home so if they can bring one to school with them then come straight to the school hall with it after class, they can have a bit of time to eat and then change into PE clothes to make movement easier. Children will not be allowed to eat while actually involved in a drama lesson.

If your child is interested but you haven't signed up yet, the sessions will be £3.50 per week (£3.00 for siblings) and this term will consist of 10 weeks. Please would you fill in the tear off slip below and send it in to school with payment for the full 10 weeks. Places are limited so do check with the office that there is still space left.

NB: If your child is in KS2 and doing cookery club for 3 of those weeks there could still be the opportunity to take part in and only pay for the other 7 sessions as long as there is enough space in the class.

Drama Club

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the KS1/KS2 (delete as appropriate) Drama Club.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

Date _____