



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

We have had a busy time this week settling into new year groups and routines. The children look very smart in their uniform and I would take the opportunity at the beginning of term to remind everyone to make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. This makes it much easier to reunite the item with its owner. A reminder of the school uniform is shown below.

In the next few weeks, we will be looking at after school clubs. However I will mention a new after school club on Mondays that will be run for KS2 by Premier Sports (leaflets to follow next week). There will be a small charge for this club.

Mr Leigh

Punctuality Stars

Wow! A great start to the new term, no classes have had any late marks this week. Let's keep it going!

Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th September-Second hand uniform sale before and after school in the hall.

Tuesday 20th September-Class 4 trip to Oxford Natural History Museum.

Tuesday 20th September-Class 2 swimming begins (further info to follow).

Wednesday 21st September-Class 3 & 4 swimming begins (further info to follow).

Monday 10th October-Parents evening.

Tuesday 11th October-Parents evening.

A warm welcome to the following children who joined at the beginning of the new school year.

Class 1: Tomas Ashley, Elliott Boodell, Luke Chadney, Tabitha Gauden, Oliver Hull, Thomas Lester, Connor O'Sullivan, Mai Phillips, Elliot Lawrence, Tara Smith-Dawson, Arabella Stewart, Lilli Talbot, Amelie White and Toby Willis.

Class 3: Zillah Robinson.



School Uniform

A reminder at the beginning to the term of the school uniform requirements.

Girls:

- Grey skirts, pinafore dresses or smart grey school trousers, white blouses or white or red polo shirts, **grey school sweatshirts with school logo** or red cardigans, white socks, red or grey tights (not blue or black).
- In 2009 we introduced a **red cardigan with the school logo**-this is optional.
- Red and white checked dresses or grey school shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Sensible low-heeled black shoes or closed-toe summer sandals.
- Hair accessories should be minimal and discrete. Decorative hair braids with beads are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

Boys:

- Smart grey school trousers, white shirts or white or red polo shirts, **grey school sweatshirts with school logo**, or red or grey sweaters, grey socks.
- Grey school shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Black shoes.

P.E. Clothing for girls and boys:

- **White t-shirts with a red logo**, black or navy shorts, black plimsolls, trainers for outdoor games. Trainers are not worn for indoor P.E. lessons.

Trainers must also be worn by children playing ballgames at playtimes.

Jewellery

With the exception of discrete stud earrings, jewellery is not permitted for health and safety reasons. Watches should be appropriate for school wear.

Second hand uniform

Sarah Pickford has kindly been looking after our stocks of second hand uniform for a few years now and would like to train someone else up with a view to passing on the job. If you are interested please speak to Sarah.

She will be holding a sale on **Tuesday 13th September**. Uniform will be available to view in the hall at 8.50am and 3pm. Please come along and bag yourself a bargain.

Request from Miss Williams

As part of Class Two's History topic the role-play area has been converted into a hospital from the Crimean War. There are many items of the era however Miss Williams wondered if anyone would be able to make a pair of wooden crutches that the children could try out.

If you think you could help with this please speak to Miss Williams or leave a message with Mrs Flinders.

Amenities Fund

At the beginning of the new school year we ask each family in school if they would contribute £5 towards our Amenities Fund. The £5 per family is a voluntary contribution but it is one that we very much hope that you will decide to make. The Amenities Fund money is held in our 'special purposes' account separate from the main school budget. The money is used to buy all kinds of 'extras' for the children, the kind of 'extras' that we would have to think twice about if we had to fund them from the school budget. For example, we buy tissues for the classrooms, first aid kit items, squash, biscuits for visits, house points, classroom and sports day stickers, winning house treats, compost and plants for the school grounds, some cooking ingredients and we also feed the fish and re-stock the tank. If you are willing to make this voluntary contribution, please complete the slip below and return it to school with the £5 donation. Cheques should be made payable to Dorchester, St. Birinus School.

End of School Arrangements

We are updating our records as to what happens to your child at the end of the school day *e.g. you collect them, someone else collects etc.* Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible.

Medicines

If any child needs medication whilst in school a form will need to be completed . If required, please ask Mrs Flinders for a form .If your child has an inhaler in school please check that it is up to date. Thanks.

Football Club.

Mrs McEvoy is hoping to run this club again this year, however to make it possible we are looking for a volunteer to accompany the club whilst on the recreation ground as it is essential that we have at least 2 adults with the group. The volunteer will need to be CRB checked, which we can arrange from school. Please contact Mrs McEvoy if you are able to help.

Family Donation to Amenities Fund

Child's Name:

Class: 1 2 3 4

I enclose £5 as our family contribution to the school's Amenities Fund.

Signed:

Date

End of School Arrangements

Child's Name:

Class 1 2 3 4

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Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

