



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 21st October 2011

Headteacher's Thoughts

Last year we were invited by the Bishop of Dorchester to take part in the Oxfordshire Gospels Project, this involved schools around the Diocese copying out the Gospels by hand with an illustrated border. We were responsible for Luke Chapter 17. With the hard work of Elle Wilkinson and Rosie Brook (last years Y6), who spent many hours like the monks of years gone by, we were able to send our section off.

To celebrate the completion of the Gospels, Niall, Morgan and Ailis and I went to the Celebration Day at Christ Church Cathedral last Friday. The children took part in three workshops linked to the Bible and the day ended with a service to hand over the beautifully bound gospels to the Cathedral. We were also given a colour photocopy of the Gospel of Luke to keep. Please come in and take a look at this wonderful copy.

Enjoy the holiday next week and remember we start back at school on

Tuesday 1st November.

Mr Leigh

Punctuality Stars

Sadly, all classes this week have had late marks. Class 4 have only had one late mark.

Please keep working at the punctuality next term.

Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st November – First day of Term 2

Thursday 17th November – Individual photographs

Friday 18th November – PTA Bingo

Achievements Book

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement book last week.

Class 1: Luke Chadney, Tabitha Gauden.

Class 2: Olivia Amott, Freya Nicholl.

Class 3: Georgie Bristow, Jack Wells.

Class 4: Courtney Wells, Tom Atkinson Seed.



Hallowe'en Café – Monday 31st October.

For a few years now we have opened the Abbey on Hallowe'en for anyone to drop into the Hallowe'en café. The Café will be open this year on Monday 31st October from 6.15pm to 7.45pm

Hallowe'en can be a difficult time for communities and our hope is that by opening the Abbey and encouraging people to share together some of that may be alleviated. There are refreshments for all, traditional games and activities for children on the theme of light and the saints (adults can join in or help!) and the opportunity for a quiet led reflection at the end. Do come and join us!

Reverend Sue

Young Voices – School Choir

If your child is taking part in the Young Voices event next March and you have not yet requested tickets, you should have received an application form this week. We will be sending off our ticket request on Friday 4th November so please make sure your application is sent into school before then.

Year 6 Choices

For Year 6 and their parents, please remember to complete your secondary school form either online or in paper form and send before the deadline of 31st October 2011. This needs to be completed to ensure your choices are taken into account.

Parking

Since the new white lines have appeared on the corner of Queen Street and Manor Farm Road people have started to park on both sides of Manor Farm Road and local residents have had problems gaining access in and out. Please be considerate when parking at the beginning and end of the school day.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported this week in school. I would appreciate it if you could check everyone in your family over half-term and if necessary treat the whole family.

With your co-operation, we will be able to contain the spread of head lice in the school.

Reminder Section

Swimming

As the end of Term 1 has arrived, please could you send in payment for swimming as soon as possible. Term 1: £9.25- Terms 1 and 2: £18.50. Many Thanks.

Cycling Proficiency

Rachel Marriott and Tracey Williams need one more helper to help them run a cycling proficiency course next term. Are you available and willing to help between 12pm and 1.30pm on Friday lunchtimes? If so please contact Rachel or Tracey or speak to the office.

Tempest School Photographs – Thursday 17th November

Please make a note in your diaries that Tempest school photographs will be taken on Thursday 17th November, in the morning. To simplify matters and help avoid any confusion, all of the children are photographed individually and in a group with their siblings in school. Parents will then be sent out proof sheets to select photographs from and these orders need to be returned to school with the payment. There is no obligation to buy all or any of the photographs. Parents wishing to have an additional family photograph taken with pre-school children, will need to bring the younger siblings into school at 8:45am.

For the past few years we have had the help of Mrs Marriott, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Williams who have made the process a seamless operation however, as their children are now in Year 5 and 6 we are looking for some new recruits to take on the challenge. If you are interested please speak to Rachel, Nicky or Tracey for more info.