



Welcome to our spring newsletter. I had a lovely morning on Friday watching our brilliant Mother's Day assemblies. It was wonderful to see and hear all the children's great contributions.

Now that the nicer weather is upon us, it's great to see the children out and about, and the rewards of the hard work of our Gardening Club springing to life. Mr Holles also has worked hard on our willow structure and it looks magnificent. Thank you to all our staff and volunteers who have helped with this. It is hard to believe that it was only three weeks ago we spent a cold two days at Beaumanor with our Year 2 children. Although it was chilly, everyone had a fabulous time.

Mrs Karen Allen  
Executive Headteacher

### PLAYTRAIL & EQUIPMENT



We have reminded the children not to go on the play trail before or after school or play with any school equipment, but we do need your co-operation and support to ensure they remember this. Obviously no pre-schoolers should be on there either. Thank you.

### PTFA EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

This will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - details to follow. We are hoping that Father Andrew will judge the competition and give out the prizes before we go to St Catherine's in our Palm Cross Parade.

### WORLD BOOK DAY & PTFA 'BOOKS FOR BUGS'

There were some really good costumes for our World Book Day earlier this month. Thank you to those of you who ordered the virtual books and we have been given 25 books for the school library as a result.

### EASTER BONNETS



As usual this year we will be having our Easter Bonnet Parade in school on the last day of term (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April). All the children will need a bonnet, please. The children come to school in their bonnets and wear them for a whole school assembly and parade. Please do not feel you need to spend a fortune on this; a hand-made, home-made bonnet would be lovely! Year 1 will also be visiting Moat House to sing Easter songs to the residents.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

During Collective Worship this half-term we have been thinking about **Forgiveness**. Forgiveness is one of the most important of the Christian values, but it is a hard one for everyone, especially young children. We have shared stories that help children to understand this, such as the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15.11-32). Our school prayer about Friendship asks:

"Help us to forgive our friends when they upset us, and help our friends to forgive us when we upset them."



### PRE-SCHOOLERS "STAY & PLAY" SESSION

The next session for pre-schoolers will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 1.30 to 2.30 pm. Please come via our Wesley Walk entrance and feel free to pass on these details to any other parents with pre-schoolers who might be interested.

### PTFA SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers there will not be a summer fayre this year. Instead, however, we are excited to be having our first Scarecrow Festival! The information was sent out in book bags last week.



### SCHOOL SPORTS



We had two Year 2 teams represent us in the Hinckley & Bosworth tag rugby tournament last week competing against other local schools. Both teams did extremely well; our red team won all their matches to come first and our other team came fourth. Well done! Also, our gymnastics team which got through the qualifying rounds came third in our area. Brilliant job, everyone!

We are looking to buy a school sports kit for when we represent the school at competitions and are looking for sponsorship. The kit could obviously have the sponsor's logo on it. If anyone would be interested in helping us with this, please let us know. Thank you.

All the classes are still doing their games sessions with Mr Probert and continuing to develop their team-building skills.

### OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass supports children exposed to domestic abuse. We are an Operation Encompass school. For more information, go to:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

### BCAF

We will be joining other Burbage schools and playschools to take part in Burbage Community Arts Festival again this year. The theme is "all things bright and beautiful" and each class will be producing artwork to be displayed at Burbage Methodist church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.



### HOLIDAY CLUBS

There are still a few places on Mr Probert's Easter holiday club, but please get your form in as soon as possible if you are interested in booking on. The forms for the May half-term and the summer holiday clubs were emailed out a while ago, but they are now also in our letter bank section on the website.

### HINCKLEY LEISURE CENTRE

There will be sports and performing arts camps for 4 to 12 year olds at Hinckley Leisure Centre during the Easter holidays. If interested, please visit [camps.premier-education.com](http://camps.premier-education.com) for further details.

### YEAR 2 NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS

Our Year 2 children will be completing their statutory end of Key Stage assessments throughout the month of May. Teachers have been preparing the children and will deliver the tests in as familiar way as possible within the normal classroom environment. *Please use caution if discussing them with your children to avoid unnecessary anxiety.*

Thank you for all of the positive comments we have received regarding the study guides given out last term. These are a great resource for revising all maths topics covered this year and developing reading comprehension skills. Please continue to support your child's learning at home.



### JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We have been working hard at the Juniors on a number of areas.

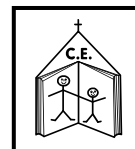
In particular, a very exciting project is our work to develop outdoor learning at the school. We are working with DeMontfort University on a project to enhance our outdoor area, develop staff skills in using the outdoors and for six members of staff to achieve Forest Schools qualifications.

Next week the whole school will take part in a performance of the songs from 'Oliver' at St Catherine's church. More information can be found on the Junior School website ([www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk](http://www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk)).

## Academic Year 2019-20

Autumn Term	
Schools Open	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
Mid-term Break	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Schools Close	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Spring Term	
Schools Open	Tuesday morning 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Mid-term Break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
Schools Close	Friday evening 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Summer Term	
Schools Open	Monday morning 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Mid-term Break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Schools Close	Friday evening 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

Teacher Days: Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> / Weds. 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020



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## DATES FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TERMS 2019

Date	Details
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Easter bingo - Burbage Junior School hall
Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-schoolers' "Stay & Play" session - 1.30 to 2.30 pm via Wesley Walk gate
Tues. 9 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA egg decorating competition (am) - information to follow
Tues. 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school Palm Cross Service at St Catherine's (pm) - pupils only (parent helpers needed from 1.15 pm)
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school Easter bonnet parade (during the morning)
"	Year 1 to Moat House to show residents their Easter bonnets
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term - school closes at 3.15 am
Mon. 29 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for summer term at 8.45 am
29 <sup>th</sup> April to 24 <sup>th</sup> May	National Assessments for Year 2
Tues. 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception classes to Twycross Zoo - packed lunch & drink needed, school uniform top with own trousers
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> May	BCAF art display at Burbage Methodist church
Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Burbage Common Open Day - Year 2 maypolers dancing
Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> to Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Christian Aid Week
Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Class RW ("Sparrows") - class assembly 9.10 am - parents welcome
Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Pre-schoolers' "Stay & Play" session - 1.30 to 2.30 pm via Wesley Walk gate
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> May	St Catherine's Church May Fayre - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm - Year 2 maypolers dancing
Thurs. 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class 1PK ("Doves") - class assembly 9.10 am - parents welcome
Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half-term holiday
Mon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School re-opens at 8.45 am
Weds. 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos during the morning
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 1K ("Jackdaws") - class assembly 9.10 am - parents welcome
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Pirates' Day trip to Beaumanor - packed lunch & drink, pirate outfit, no weapons
Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Leavers' disco - Infant School hall 6.15 to 7.45 pm - <i>no ticket needed!</i> <b>Disco going on while ....year 2 parents attend</b> <b>induction evening at Burbage Junior School from 6.30 to 7.30 pm</b>
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTFA Reception and Year 1 disco - Burbage Infants hall - 5.30 to 6.45 pm
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day and picnic with parents from 12 pm
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup> June	End of year reports will be sent home
Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports day if wet on 25 <sup>th</sup> June (no picnic)
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer day for children (during school day) - spend day in new class <b>3.15 to 4.00 pm</b> - parents welcome to meet new teachers (at Infant School only)
Tues. 9 <sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 pm Weds. 10 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 am	Year 2 leavers' performance - all Year 2 parents welcome (Online booking required - email to follow nearer the time)
Thurs. 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 leavers' service at St Catherine's Church (children only)
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for end of academic year at 3.15 pm
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup> August	School opens for new academic year at 8.45 am

**NB.** Our dates are not the same as for other Leicestershire schools on the County Council website.  
Please look at our school term dates on our website <http://www.burbageinfants.org/letter-bank.html>.  
Thank you.