



We have almost come to the end of a year I am sure none of us ever anticipated. I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for all their support and hard work, both during the school closure before the summer, and for supporting us with all the changes we have needed to put in place to open safely – and to stay open – this term. I am sure that the fact we have got almost to the end of term without having to close a bubble has involved a large dose of good luck. That said, I know that all the hard work and determination of everyone in sticking to all of our procedures will have contributed to this. I am also incredibly proud of all of our children, who have adapted so well to these unprecedented times.

A huge thank you and a very happy Christmas to you all!

Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher



'CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION' VIDEOS

The children are busy rehearsing for their year group celebration videos. Thank you for completing the consent on ParentMail. We look forward to sharing these with you towards the end of term. More details to follow!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

With regret we are not allowing the children to bring in cards for their friends this year as this would obviously involve transition from one household through school to another household. This is in line with our Covid-19 precautions.

We are also still not allowing children to give out birthday sweets.

The children are making their usual Christmas crafts, including a festive hat to wear at the Christmas dinner, and they will be bringing their crafts home with them on the last day of term after a 48 hour quarantine.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

On the week of 16th to 20th November we supported this national initiative. (Reception classes spread this work over the autumn term.) The aim was to explain to the children about bullying through story, discussion and activities to heighten their awareness of what bullying is and what they should do if they witness or experience it. As always, if you have any concerns about behaviour in school, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. For further information, please go to the Leicestershire Beyond Bullying website: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/>



'WIZARD OF OZ' PRODUCTION

As we are unable to go on our usual theatre trip this Christmas, we are pleased to announce that M & M Theatrical Productions will be coming to Burbage Infants to perform a Christmas cinematic pantomime on the theme of 'Wizard of Oz' on Monday 7th December. We will be watching it in our year groups, but the class bubbles will all be distanced from each other. Our PTFA have very kindly offered to pay the full cost so there will be no charge to parents/carers. We are very grateful to them.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are participating in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. We are not asking for any donations. As Year 1 and 2 have been asked to keep their Christmas jumpers in school prior to this, those children will be able to change into their jumper when they arrive at school on that day.

Reception children are asked to come to school in their Christmas jumper (with school uniform lower half, please).

Please do not buy a jumper especially – any festive or brightly coloured top would be fine.

PTFA 'SECRET ROOM'



Thank you to parents who have supported this event. Unfortunately this is now closed. The children will be bringing home their selected gift(s) on either Friday 11th or Monday 14th December.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children will be having a Christmas party in their class bubbles on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December. The children are welcome to wear party clothes suitable for school all day. (Coat and sensible shoes need to be worn, thank you.)

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are pleased to be able to offer our traditional Christmas dinner to all the children on consecutive days this year. The menu is on page 3. Children who already have the hot school dinner will automatically be included. **Parents of children who bring a packed lunch need to let us know if you would like one booking - please email the school office by Monday, 7th December. (cbrown@burbageinfants.org).**



- Monday 14th December – Reception & Year 2
- Tuesday 15th December – Year 1



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our collection on Friday 13th November. Together we raised £282.70!

SECURITY/FIRE ALARMS

On Friday some of you may have heard a school alarm at morning drop-off. This was a security alarm activated in error and not a fire alarm. However, if any alarm does sound whilst you are on site with your child, please ensure your child remains close to you and move onto the tyre or playtrail area. This will then leave the field itself clear for the classes to evacuate as we have been practising in our fire drills.

PE KITS

We are continuing to encourage Year 1 and Year 2 children to come into school on their PE days wearing their PE kit. All we require is for school trousers/skirts to be replaced with leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers instead of shoes.



The children's usual school t-shirts and cardigans/fleeces are fine to be worn too on PE days. Please do not feel you need to buy anything specially for school PE. We ask that the children do not wear football/rugby, etc, kits to keep as close to the plain school uniform as possible for all the children.

YEAR 2 PHONIC SCREEN

The Year 2 children all completed their phonic screen last week. (This is usually done in the summer term of Year 1.) These results will be sent home with assessment summaries next week.



BOOKWORMS

Mrs Graham, our English Co-ordinator, is keen to restart our Bookworms group in the spring term. This is where parents, carers or grandparents volunteer to support the children with their reading. If you are interested and want to find out more, please ask the school office. You would be required to do a DBS security check and you would be working 1:1 outside of the classroom and wearing a mask.

Training will be done on Monday 11th January 9.15 to 10.00 am (socially distanced in the school hall).

PARKING



We understand that finding a parking space near school at drop-off and pick-up times can be difficult. However, we have had complaints from the residents of the Horsepool about people parking in their cul-de-sac and leaving cars blocking driveways, on the pavement, etc. Could we please ask you to be considerate with your parking. Thank you.



PRIVACY NOTICE

We are required by law to inform you regularly of our school's Privacy Notice. A copy is available on our website in the Policies section (www.burbageinfants.org) or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office. Thank you.

CLASS DOJO

We have been using Class Dojo as our means of communication and the setting of homework for the majority of this term. We have also been using the Points system for Years 1 and 2. We would now be interested to receive your feedback on how this has been working for you. The feedback will help us review our practice as we move into the spring term. If you would like to give us your feedback, please email the school office by the end of this term (office@burbageinfants.org).

DOORS & GATES



A few reminders:

- Please stick to the drop-off and pick-up times for your child's bubble
- Follow the one-way system, exiting at Wesley Walk
- Do not come in the Wesley Walk gate
- Move swiftly through the playground
- Keep your child/children close to you to support our bubble structure in school
- Keep all children off the playtrail and tyres.

Thank you for your support with this.



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/>



SNOW!

It is approaching the time of year when we may get snow. If we do need to close, we will let you know in the following ways:

- A message on the home page of the website by 7.30 in the morning telling you whether or not the school is open. www.burbageinfants.org, or get the message straight to your phone by following us on twitter @Burbageinfants.
- Via Radio Leicester (104.9 FM) to include details in their broadcasts and on their website.
- We will text any parents registered with us on ParentMail.

The school will only close where conditions are very severe and the decision is always taken along with the Junior School. If it does snow, and the school stays open, it's great for the children to be able to enjoy the snow while it is still fresh and before it turns to ice. We are happy to take them onto the field as long as they bring their wellies or snow boots and have appropriate outdoor clothing.

TERM DATES

School closes on Friday 18th December at 3.15 pm and re-opens on Tuesday 5th January at 8.45 am.

Merry Christmas

FESTIVE LUNCH

Traditional Roast Turkey
Chipolata & Bacon Roll,
Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Roast Gravy

or Festive Vegetarian Loaf

Oven Roasted Potatoes &
Fresh Creamed Potatoes

Carrot Batons,
Minted Peas or
Brussel Sprouts

Auntie Dot's Christmas
Pudding & Custard
or Christmas Cookie

