



Happy New Year to everyone. We have had a busy start to the term and I cannot believe it is nearly half-term. Our Year 1 children had a lovely visit to the theatre to see 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' and we have taken part in some exciting sports competitions, including New Age Kurling!

Mrs Karen Allen

### **PARENT CURRICULUM MORNINGS**

As explained in an email last week, we are trialling a different approach to our traditional curriculum evenings. Following feedback from staff and parents - and the suggestion that it would be beneficial for parents to observe how the teachers and teaching assistants support the children in the classroom - we are going to hold curriculum mornings. These will be from 9.00 to 10.15 am (please see list of dates on the back page of this newsletter). They will begin with a teacher-led presentation in the school hall, followed by the opportunity to work alongside your child in his/her classroom. The focus this term is writing. You should all have received an email at the end of last week about booking your place (one per child) via ParentMail. Booking will close at 3.15 pm the day before each curriculum morning, so please book on soon.

### **SCHOOL SPORTS**



We have had a good start to our KS1 competitions with 8 children in year 2 winning the Hinckley & Bosworth football tournament. Also, our gymnastics teams both did really well and came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their qualifying competition, with the winning team going forward to compete in the next round in February. All the classes have continued with their games sessions with Mr Probert and are currently enjoying hockey and football as well as developing team-building skills.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

EYFS and Year 1 class assemblies will be taking place during the spring and summer terms. The Year 2 leavers' performance will take place towards the end of the summer term. Please see the list of dates.

### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

During Collective Worship this half-term we will be thinking about **Courage**. It can take great courage to do something new or challenging. Sometimes, just small steps are needed, but they can take us to new or exciting places!

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1.9)

### **SNOW REMINDER**

Hopefully, the worst of the weather has passed by now, but 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](http://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 Call Parents.

If it does snow, 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 so long as they have a change of wellies or snowboots.



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

The next session for pre-schoolers will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 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.



### **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. Please do not feel you need to spend a fortune on this; a hand-made, home-made bonnet would be lovely!

### **SCHOOLS OUT**

Schools Out are looking for a Play Worker to join their team at the Infant School. The hours are: 7.45 am to 9.00 am, 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm (term times only). If you are interested and require further details please phone Sue on 07932 538529.

### **FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**

Places on Mr Probert's half-term holiday clubs are going fast! Please book soon to avoid disappointment.



### **JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

Our work at the Junior School continues to be very exciting. We had a very positive Ofsted monitoring visit in December. The report for this can be found on the school website at [www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk](http://www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk) along with all our latest news.

### **TESCO UNIFORM**

From 12<sup>th</sup> February Tesco School Uniform Embroidery Service will be closing. However, the supplier Tesco has been using, My Clothing, will be taking over the business. We are assured there will be a seamless transition, prices will remain the same and the website will look just as it did under Tesco. The website from 12<sup>th</sup> February onwards will be: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com). There will be a link from our website from 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### **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/>

### **PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS**

We value the partnerships built between us and our parents. We are always delighted to share the children's learning with you during special performances and are looking forward to seeing you in school for our curriculum mornings and parents evening over the coming weeks. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please speak directly to the class teacher, Mrs Barwell or Mrs Allen.

Conversations about other children and members of staff - including those on group chats/social media - are not appropriate and can be most detrimental and distressing for all concerned. This is a growing problem for all schools, so much so that Leicestershire headteachers have recently attended workshops about actions schools and governors can take to address such incidents. We get great support from the vast majority of our parents and we really hope we can avoid the need to use these.

### **FINALLY ...**

We are still on the lookout for any of the following items which you may be throwing out:

- Toy tools/toolkit
- Mini trampoline
- Carrier bags
- A4 paper - for drawing on in Golden Time, etc

Thank you very much.

## DATES FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TERMS 2019

Date	Details
Tues. 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 to 10.15 am - EYFS curriculum morning for parents/carers
Weds. 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 1 curriculum morning for parents/carers
Thurs. 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 2 curriculum morning for parents/carers
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> February	School nurse drop-in 8.30 to 9.30 am (ring office for 10 minute appointment)
Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 1 curriculum morning for parents/carers
“	Year 2 parents information meeting re. Beaumanor residential trip 6 pm to 7 pm school hall
Weds. 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 2 curriculum morning for parents/carers
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 to 10.15 am - EYFS curriculum morning for parents/carers
Weds. 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Pre-schoolers' "Stay & Play" session - 1.30 to 2.30 pm via Wesley Walk gate
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes at 3.15 pm for half-term
Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens at 8.45 am
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Beaumanor residential trip
Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS pancake races at St Catherine's Church at 10.00 am - parents invited and helpers needed to walk there and back
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Class RPD ("Wrens") - class assembly 9.10 am - parents welcome
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre-schoolers' "Stay & Play" session - 1.30 to 2.30 pm via Wesley Walk gate
Thurs. 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Class RE ("Robins") - class assembly 9.10 am - parents welcome
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday services in school - all welcome: 9.15 am - EYFS 10.00 am - Year 1 11.00 am - Year 2
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	Whole school Palm Cross Service at St Catherine's - pupils only (parent helpers needed)
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
Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Burbage Common Open Day
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
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

Dates continued/...

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
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day and picnic with parents from 12 pm
Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports day if wet on 25 <sup>th</sup> June (no picnic)
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 ( <i>Online booking required - email to follow nearer the time</i> )
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

### **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*

**Please look at our school term dates on our website in the as they are not the same as for other Leicestershire schools on the County Council website. Thank you.**