



Happy New Year to you all and welcome everyone to our first newsletter of the spring term. Christmas now seems like a long time ago, but I hope everyone enjoyed our Nativity Plays and Services before we broke up. I certainly did, and it was lovely to see the children so proud about all their hard work. This term is quite short, but we have a lot of exciting and interesting events in store for everyone.

Mrs Karen Allen

### **PARENT CURRICULUM MORNINGS**

We are looking forward to seeing you at our parent curriculum mornings later this month. These will be from 9.00 to 10.15 am (please see list of dates at the bottom 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. Booking your place (one per child) will be available today via ParentMail so please book on promptly.

### **MAY DAY - CHANGE TO BANK HOLIDAY**

This year the national Bank Holiday in May is on **FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**, not Monday 4<sup>th</sup> as in many diaries and calendars which were printed before the alteration. Apparently the date has been moved for this year to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day (Victory over Europe). School will, therefore, be open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

EYFS and Year 1 class assemblies will be taking place during the spring and summer terms and are on the list of dates. The Year 2 leavers' performance will take place in the last week of this academic year.

### **BEAUMANOR HALL YEAR 2 RESIDENTIAL**

Year 2 are looking forward to their residential trip to Beaumanor in March. This is an educational trip covering work on the Victorians and habitats which are Year 2 curriculum topics. The class teachers are talking to the children about their trip and we invite you to our information evening for parents/carers on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 6 to 7 pm.

### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

During Collective Worship this half-term we will be thinking about **Perseverance**. We have linked this to our discussions on New Year's resolutions and the challenges we face as children and adults. We have shared with the children the following acrostic:

**P**ressing on  
**E**ager to continue  
**R**unning the race  
**S**ticking with things  
**E**ncouraging each other to keep going  
**V**aluing the support of others  
**E**yes fixed on the target  
**R**eaching a goal over time  
**A**iming to complete a task  
**N**ot giving up  
**C**ommitment to keep going  
**E**nding up where you want to be.

### **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.

### **NEW MOBILE NUMBER?**

If you had a new phone at Christmas, would you please update the school office with your new number. Many thanks.

## READATHON

In conjunction with the Junior School our English Co-ordinator, Mrs Graham, is organising a 'Readathon' this term. This is to highlight the importance of reading and a love of books together with raising some funds for new books for both schools. Please look out for details over the coming weeks.

## BOOK FAYRE

The Scholastic book fayre will be visiting us from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. This is a great opportunity to view and purchase books and stationery. Junior School books will also be available if you wish to bring siblings along. More details to follow nearer the time.

## BOOKWORMS

If you would like to become a 'Bookworms' volunteer, where parents, carers or grandparents volunteer to support children with their reading, we would love to have you! Please let the school office know if you are interested.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL BIRTHDAY COMPETITION

Thank you to all of the children who entered the School Council's birthday card competition. We had a fantastic selection of designs to choose from. Congratulations to Izabella in Reception who won it! Her design has now been made into birthday cards for this year!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please make a note of upcoming dates relevant to your child. You will notice that some events require parent helpers and cannot go ahead without the full ratio of adults to children, so if you are able to help with any of them, please let the school office know. We always very much appreciate the time you give us. 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](http://www.burbageinfants.org)) or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office. Thank you.



## POPPY APPEAL

This year's Poppy Appeal in school raised an amazing £390.29! Thank you to everyone who donated.



## PRE-SCHOOLERS "STAY & PLAY" SESSION

The next session for pre-schoolers will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30 to 2.30 pm. Please come via our Wesley Walk entrance and feel free to pass on the details to any other parents with pre-schoolers who might be interested. Please note, however, that the session is for children due to start in autumn 2020.

We do currently have a few spaces available in Reception and Year 1. Please share this information with anyone who may be considering a place for this current academic year. The school office has dates for our scheduled parent tours for prospective new parents.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It seems a long time ago since our Ofsted Inspection at the Juniors in October. We are delighted with the report and our grade - "Good" in everything! But we have lots we still want to do, and everyone is working as hard as ever.

We have had loads of trips recently. In December Yr 6 enjoyed meeting mummies at New Walk Museum as part of their work on Egyptians and Yr 4 visited Bosworth Battlefield for their Tudor work. A group of our Junior Sports Ambassadors went to a great event to be awarded our School Sports Gold Award. We had a great talk by Paralympian swimmer, Claire Cashmore and even had a chance to wear her gold medal!

The Infants and the Juniors are working hard at the moment to review our joint curriculum, and this is giving us all a great opportunity to work together and share ideas about how to make sure Burbage schools have the best, most exciting learning opportunities possible. Many Yr 2 parents have taken us up on our invitation for a visit to the Junior School, to see us in action and find out more about what we are doing. If you would like to visit, please call the Junior School office on 01455 630970.

List of Dates for this term and the summer term 2020 follow ...

## Burbage C of E Infant School *Loving; Living; Learning*

Spring Term 2020	
Weds. 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 1 curriculum morning for parents/carers *
Thurs. 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 2 curriculum morning for parents/carers *
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	Class 1PK assembly for parents/carers - 9.10 am in school hall
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	Year 2 Colour Party - non-uniform (Year 2 only)
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	PTFA movie night - Years 1 & 2
Mon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	9.00 to 10.15 am - EYFS curriculum morning for parents/carers *
Tues. 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 1 curriculum morning for parents/carers *
Tues. 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Year 2 parents information meeting re. Beaumanor trip - 6 to 7 pm school hall
Weds. 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.00 to 10.15 am - Year 2 curriculum morning for parents/carers *
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.00 to 10.15 am - EYFS curriculum morning for parents/carers *
Weds. 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Class RPD assembly for parents/carers - 9.10 am in school hall
w/b Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Parents evening - Booking on ParentMail (email to follow nearer the time)
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	Half-term week
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Reception classes visit St Catherine's Church for pancake races 10 am - parents/carers welcome. <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	PTFA Year 1 & Year 2 disco
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Weds. 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Beaumanor residential trip (1/2 year group at a time - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - dress up as character from a <b>book</b> and; bring favourite book to school
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1E assembly for parents/carers - 9.10 am in school hall
Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class RW assembly for parents/carers - 9.10 am in school hall
Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Science Day <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the class teacher</b>
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1K visit to St Catherine's Church - curriculum visit - 9 am <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Thurs. 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1E visit to St Catherine's Church - curriculum visit - 9am <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Class RE assembly for parents/carers - 9.10 am in school hall
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1PK visit to St Catherine's Church - curriculum visit - 9 am <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> March <b>TBC</b>	PTFA Easter bingo
Weds. 1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTFA Easter egg competition
Weds. 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Whole school Palm Cross Service at St Catherine's - pupils only - 1.30 pm <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Thurs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children's assessment summaries will be sent home
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Whole school Easter bonnet parade (during the morning) <b>All children will need a bonnet from home, please.</b>
"	Year 1 to Moat House to show residents their Easter bonnets
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup> to Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday - end of spring term

\* Curriculum mornings - unfortunately we can only accommodate one parent/carer per child to one session only.

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Summer Term 2020	
Mon. 20th April	School opens for summer term at 8.45 am
4th to 22nd May	National Assessments for Year 2
Tues. 5th May	Reception to Twycross Zoo
Fri. 8th - Sun. 10th May	PTFA Scarecrow Festival
Tues. 12th May	Year 1 Pirate Day trip to Beaumanor Hall <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Sun. 17th May	Burbage Common Open Day (Year 2 Maypolers performing)
Fri. 15th May	Class 1K assembly for parents/carers - 9.10 am in school hall
Fri. 22nd May	Year 1 pirate craft day <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the class teacher</b>
Mon. 25th to Fri. 29th May	Half-term holiday
June (date TBC)	Year 2 trip to 'Rock Up' in Birmingham
Fri. 5th June	PTFA movie night - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
w/b 8th June	Year 1 phonics screening
Fri. 19th June	PTFA Reception & Year 1 disco
Tues. 23rd June	Picnic for families (12 pm) followed by Sports Day 1 pm to 3 pm <b>(no school dinners available)</b>
Fri. 26th June	School reports will be sent home
Tues. 30th June	Sports day (if wet on 23rd) - no picnic (school dinners as usual)
Thurs. 18th June	Year 2 leavers' disco - no tickets or payment required
Mon. 29th June	Open evening 3.15 to 4.00 pm (to see your child's work in the current class)
Weds. 1st July	Year 1 trip to Rutland Water <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Fri. 3rd July	Transfer day - all children to next year's class for the day 3.15 to 4.00 pm - chance for parents to visit the new class teacher
Tues. 7th July	Year 2 leavers' performance - 2 pm <i>(book places via ParentMail - details via email nearer the time)</i>
Weds. 8th July	Year 2 leavers' performance - 9.30 am <i>(book places via ParentMail - details via email nearer the time)</i>
Thurs. 9th July	Year 2 leavers' service at St Catherine's Church - parents/carers welcome <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>
Fri. 10th July	School closes for end of academic year
Weds. 26th August	School re-opens at 8.45 am