



Summer Term Newsletter

20th June 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half-term week and are enjoying the good weather lately! As always this term has been very busy already with lots of activities as we near the end of our academic year.

Our Year 2 Maypolers were fantastic at St Catherine's May Fayre and Burbage Common Open Day. If you missed their performance, you can see them at our PTA Summer Fayre here on Sunday 1st July! Year 2 went on their trip to Rock-up in Birmingham as a well-earned treat after their hard work in the SATS last month. The climbing wall was a challenge for staff too! Year 1 had a great trip to Leicester synagogue in May as part of their work on Judaism and had a lovely time on Pirates' Day at Beaumanor this week. Our Reception children had a fabulous time at Twycross Zoo and this time the weather was perfect!



It was marvellous to see all the children looking so smart for the picnic on Friday 18th May to celebrate the royal wedding!

Sadly this term we shall be saying goodbye to Miss Perry who has been doing teacher training in class 1K. We wish her luck in her career as a teacher.

Karen Allen

Executive Headteacher

OFSTED INSPECTION

As you know, Ofsted inspected our school on Tuesday 5th June. A copy is on the home page of our website: http://www.burbageinfants.org/uploads/4/0/5/3/40535325/ofsted_report_2018.pdf We are very happy with the results. We would like to thank parents who took time to complete Parent View - as always we welcome your comments.

CLASS PHOTOS

We have now sent all your orders to Rebecca Dawe Photography. If you still have an order, please take it direct to the studio in the Britannia Buildings.

FOOTWEAR, WATER BOTTLES & SUN-SCREEN

As the sun keeps making an appearance (fingers crossed!) could we ask that children come to school in shoes, not sandals, so that they can play safely. Also, please send your child into school with a sunhat and water in a named bottle. Please apply sun-screen before school. Many thanks.

SPORTS DAY AND PICNIC

Our Sports Day and family picnic will take place, weather permitting, on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th June (with Tuesday 3rd July as a reserve date in case of rain, but no picnic). Traditionally parents have always been invited to come and have a picnic from 12 pm until 1 pm joined by their child, with Sports Day to follow. I am really looking forward to this event again this year, but would ask for your co-operation as in previous years with arrangements so that everyone can enjoy the day. Please look out for an email next Monday.

Please note there will be **no hot dinners on 26th June**. All the children will need to bring their own packed lunch to school that morning, whether or not you are coming later to the picnic. (Children can get very upset when they haven't got any lunch and usually forget what you have told them about coming for the picnic later!)

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



As you know, Mrs Allen is now Executive Headteacher over both Burbage Infants and Burbage Juniors in a permanent capacity. This is an exciting time for the Juniors. A new non-teaching deputy headteacher has been appointed to begin in September in addition to the Assistant Headteachers, Mrs Matthews and Ms Paterson.

We have worked hard to develop links between the schools. Year 2 children have all visited the Junior School this half-term to take part in our workshops linked to our "character muscles" resilience project.

Staff from both schools with roles in special needs and pupil wellbeing (eg. SENCO's and ELSA's) are working closely together to ensure smoother transition for these children.

We will also be working with the Junior School next term to look at our curriculum, to work towards developing the most exciting and engaging opportunities from age 4 to 11 for our children.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

During Collective Worship this half-term we will be thinking about **Service**. Our Words of Wisdom for the value service are:

'Serve one another in love.' (Galatians 5.13.)

We have been thinking about our own talents and how we can use them to serve others and brighten up their lives. We shared an acrostic poem to understand the meaning of 'service':

Service is....

- S**pending time on others
- E**njoying giving help
- R**esponsibility in action
- V**olunteering willingly
- I** second, you first
- C**ommitting to a task
- E**veryone offering their talents and gifts



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Burbage Library will be doing an assembly in school later this month to tell the children about this year's summer reading challenge. More details to follow.

FREE WATER SAFETY EVENT

Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service will be running a free event at Bosworth Water Park on Sunday 24th June for 'National Drowning Week'. It will be a family day out and if you would like more information, please see the posters up in our noticeboards or follow the link on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2143487009013093/>

END OF YEAR REPORTS

The report envelopes are due out on Thursday 28th June. You will also find out your child's class for the next academic year.

PARENTS' OPEN AFTERNOON

On Wednesday 4th July you will be able to come into your child's current class between 3.15 and 4.00 pm to look at his/her work and have a brief informal chat with the teacher. If you require a ten minute appointment to discuss in private your child's report, we shall be offering bookable slots from 4.30 pm onwards. If you wish to book the usual online booking system will be available on our school app from Friday 29th June.

PARENTS' DROP-IN AFTERNOON

Friday 6th July will be transfer day when the children have a day in their new class. Between 3.15 and 4.00 pm that afternoon you are very welcome to drop in to meet your child's new teacher for next year in years 1 and 2.

YEAR 2 END OF YEAR

There are a number of events involving Year 2 as we approach their transfer to the Juniors at the end of term. If you have still not returned your induction documents to the Junior School, please do so as soon as possible, either via our school office or direct to the Juniors.

The year 2 disco is on Thursday 28th June from 6.30 to 8.00 pm to enable you to go to the induction at the Junior School starting at 6.45 pm. There is no charge and no tickets are needed.

This year we have decided to do two performances of the Year 2 leavers' performance. These will be on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July at 2 pm. We shall be sending out an email shortly to enable you to reserve tickets via our school app. (3 tickets per child which may be split across the 2 performances.)

Year 2 will all be going to St Catherine's church on Thursday 12th July for a leavers' service. The whole school will be going. Unfortunately due to space restrictions this will just be for school pupils, but we shall need parent helpers, please. Please let the office know if you are able to help from 1.15 to 3.00 pm.

HINCKLEY ISLAND HOTEL

The hotel have asked us to let you know that they are currently running a Christmas offer for early bookings. To get the offer please quote: SCHOOLXMAS. If this is of any interest, there is a flyer via the following link:

<file:///C:/Users/USER/Downloads/Xmas%20Flyer.pdf%202018.pdf>

"SAL'S SHOES" CHARITY

At the end of term we are taking part again this year in the Sal's Shoes charity initiative which collects old footwear to send to Africa to be used by children there. School shoes which are unlikely to be used again because feet grow over the summer or are a little scuffed and will be replaced in time for the new school year, won't just sit in the shoe cupboard getting in the way, but will have a second life. If you wish to take part, please bring any old shoes (banded in pairs) to the Infant School outside the main reception on Thursday 12th July. If you are happy to tape a £1 donation to the bottom of one of the shoes, that will greatly help with transport costs.



PTA SUMMER FAYRE

This will be here on Sunday 1st July from 11 am to 3 pm. Our PTA members have been working tirelessly as ever to put together an amazing event. We hope you will come along to support it and have a great day.

ROUTE TO RESILIENCE



The leaflets were sent out before half-term and maybe you had a chance to look at the activities to build the children's "character muscles". As mentioned in the leaflet, there will be activities at the Summer Fayre in conjunction with this project for parents and children. We are taking part in this project with the Junior School.

GENERAL PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS

Further to our emails about the new GDPR legislation, the consent forms have all been sent out now. We have had all the Reception ones back, but for Year 1 and Year 2 if you have not returned yours yet, would you please let us have it back later this week so we can update your preferences on our system. Please ask the school office if you need another copy.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

We have second-hand uniform sale in the main reception area until Friday this week, 22nd June. Most items are only 50p and we also have some second-hand Junior School uniform for sale. Please feel free to come and have a browse.



READATHON UPDATE

We raised a total of £1075.80 from the children's Readathon sponsorship. Mrs Galvin has managed to purchase nearly 1,000 books for the school with this money! These include red sticker books, reading books, topic books for all three year groups and information books for the library. Thank you very much.



And finally, a few safety notices ...

PLAY TRAIL

May we remind everyone, please, that our play trail is not to be used by any children before or after school. It is only for use when supervised by school staff. Thank you for your help with this.

NO SCOOTING ON SITE



There was an accident on site the other day; would you please remind your children not to ride their scooters inside the school grounds. Thank you.

METHODIST CAR PARK

We have been informed by the church that due to the marked increase in the number of people cutting through the car park, its pedestrian gate on Wesley Walk will be closed in future. If you are parking there, the church council has asked us to remind you only to do so if there is a space available and please ensure your children are supervised at all times. Thank you.

OUR CAR PARK

Unfortunately we still have quite a few people walking through our car park gate, instead of using the pedestrian gate on Pughes' Path. We too have been concerned for a long time that this might result in an accident. May we, therefore, remind you to use the pedestrian access and ask you please to pass this information on to any grandparents, etc, who visit the school on your behalf. Thank you.



DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2018

Date	Details
Tues. 26 th June	Sports day and picnic with parents from 12 pm
Thurs. 28 th June	End of year reports to be sent home
Thurs. 28 th June	Year 2 disco (no charge) 6.30 - 8.00 pm at Infants and: Induction evening for Year 2 parents at Burbage Junior School
Sun. 1 st July	PTA Summer Fayre at Burbage Infants
Mon. 2 nd July	Year 2 violin concert - 10.15 am
Tues. 3 rd July	Sports day (if wet on 26 th June) - but no picnic
Weds. 4 th July	Open afternoon /parents evening
Fri. 6 th July	Transfer day for children (during school day) 3.15 to 4.00 pm - parents welcome to meet new teachers
Tues. 10 th July & Weds. 11 th July	Year 2 leavers' performances at 2 pm - all Year 2 parents welcome <i>(email re. booking tickets to follow)</i>
Thurs. 12 th July	"Sal's Shoes" - bring old school shoes, etc, for charity
Thurs. 12 th July	Year 2 leavers' service at St Catherine's <i>(pupils only)</i>
Fri. 13 th July	School closes at 3.15 pm
Thurs. 30 th August	School re-opens at 8.45 am

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

