



Newsletter No 5

May 2017

SUMMER TERM ALREADY!

Welcome to our first summer term newsletter. We have had a very busy start to term both in and out of school with our Year 2 residential to Beaumanor Hall being enjoyed by all. In spite of some cold weather, and even some snow, we had a great time. Pictures and videos of some of our activities can be seen on our Twitter feed - @BurbageInfants.

We had a great event at the end of term, when the Premier League Trophy visited school. This was really exciting! Thank you to our parent, Charlotte Panteney of Smidge Photography, for taking photographs of all classes on the day. The children and staff had a fabulous morning.



Last term a team of our Year 2 Gymnastics Club took part in an area and county gymnastics competition. We came first in the Hinckley and Bosworth heats and then went onto the county finals in Oakham, where we came sixth. An amazing "well done" to Abigail, Bonnie, Disty and Ruby!

PARENT GOVERNORS

Since our last newsletter, we have held nominations for two new parent governors. We had two nominations, so the process did not need to go on to an election. The successful nominations were Helen Hardman and William Macdonald, who will both be joining us as governors from this term.

WALK TO SCHOOL AND PARKING

We were delighted last term to receive the National Modeshift Stars Bronze Award, for our work towards promoting sustainable travel to school. Many children took part in our Walk to School Week and Year 1 took part in Bikeability.



We are currently reviewing our School Travel Plan, to promote safe and healthy travel to school. The finished plan will be placed in the policies section of our website over the next few weeks. Travel and particularly parking, around the school is often a hot topic with parents and residents.

This is a good time to remind, once again, that our school car park is only to be used by staff, and authorised vehicles. Please let us know if you have an exceptional need to park in the car park, including if you have a Blue Badge. Otherwise, please park elsewhere and walk to the school. This includes drop off and pick up for school clubs and School's Out. We have also been informed by our local Police Community Support Officer that he and his colleagues now have the jurisdiction to ticket any cars parked on pavements who do not leave room for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass, incurring a £30 fine. In the past we have been told by parents that cars have obstructed pavements around the school, so I know that this will be good news to many of you.



LOST PROPERTY

We have accrued a huge quantity of lost property, which is very seldom named. Because we have very limited storage space, most of this has to be put in the Salvation Army recycling bin. Please remember to name all clothes, even if just written in biro. Out of 23 cardigans lost, only three were named and could be returned to their owner!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

During Collective Worship this half-term we will be thinking about **Friendship**. Friendship is an important value in our society and friends are key people in every child's life. In the Bible, Jesus was often criticised for being friends with the people no one else wanted as a friend. Friendship always has its ups and downs, and we will be exploring how to be a good friend, looking at themes such as sticking together, encouraging one another, supporting one another, making time for each other, and learning to listen.

Friendship is also one of our five school Christian values, along with truth, perseverance, care and respect. We have prayers for each of our values, and the one for friendship is:

Dear Jesus



Help us to cherish our friends.
You made friends with all sorts of people:
Lonely people, unpopular people, even people
who had done bad things.
You taught us that love is the most important
thing of all.
Help us to forgive our friends when they upset
us, and help our friends to forgive us when we
upset them.
Help us to cherish our friends.

Amen

Father Andrew, from St Catherine's will also be leading a number of our Collective Worship sessions, as well as members of other churches in Burbage.

We also look forward to welcoming you into school for our 1K and 1NM class assemblies, as well as the Year 2 leavers' assembly at the end of term. Please see the list of dates at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, we were inspected in March for our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). We were delighted to achieve a 'good' grade overall, but an 'outstanding' grade for collective worship. The full report can be seen in the Letters section of our website – www.burbageinfants.org or click on the Leicester Diocese icon on our home page.



UNIFORM SCHEME – SWIFTS

One of our uniform suppliers, Swifts, are offering a savings scheme for parents. See their website for more information: www.swiftsuniforms.co.uk.

TOYS IN SCHOOL

We have had some difficulties lately with children bringing toys into school, particularly the latest craze of fidget spinners. Please make sure children leave toys at home, as it causes great upset when they get lost or broken and when there are many identical items, it is impossible to be sure who they belong to. Thank you.

DRESS UP AND DANCE FOR

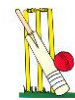


MACMILLAN

On Friday 16th June, we are taking part in "Dress Up And Dance" to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. For £1 children can come to school in their own clothes or dance clothes and we will take part in a whole school dance in the playground.

KEEP THE BEAT MILE

Local charity Keepthebeat is organising the Keepthebeat Mile 2017, a one mile run around Bosworth Water Park to help raise money for children with poorly hearts. To take part on Sunday 14th May, or find out more, visit: bit.ly/ktbmile2017.



ALL STARS CRICKET

Burbage Cricket Club is taking part in the England Cricket Board's Little Stars Cricket programme. This 8 week programme will run on Thursdays from 6 – 7 pm. For more information email Chris Atkins at chris.atkins@greatbear.co.uk.

LEGO FOR HINCKLEY LIBRARY

Hinckley library are asking for donations of Lego for some of their activities. If anyone has any unwanted Lego, this will be gratefully received at the library.



LIST OF DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2017

Date	Details
w/c 8 th May & w/b 15 th May	Year 2 SATS assessments
Wednesday 17 th May	Reception trip to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 25 th May	Class photographs (morning only)
Saturday 20 th May	Year 2 Maypolers dancing at St Catherine's Church May Fayre
Monday 5 th /Tuesday 6 th /Wednesday 7 th June	Induction evening for new Reception parents
Friday 16 th June	Non-uniform 'Dress Up and Dance' day for Macmillan's (<i>see newsletter</i>)
"	Reception & Year 1 PTA disco - school hall (<i>letter to follow</i>)
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 1 Pirates' Day trip to Beaumanor Hall (<i>letter to follow</i>)
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports Day & Picnic with parents from 12 pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Class 1K assembly - 9.10 am
Wednesday 28 th June	End of year reports to be sent home
Sunday 2 nd July	PTA Summer Fayre - 11 am to 3 pm at Infants
Monday 3 rd July	Reception & Year 1 parents' drop-in to see new classroom & meet child's new teacher
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports Day - <i>if wet on 27th June (no picnic)</i>
Wednesday 5 th July	Class 1NM assembly - 9.10 am
Wednesday 5 th July	Parents' evening
Thursday 6 th July	Year 2 leavers' disco - time TBC (no ticket needed)
Friday 7 th July	Transfer day (TBC)
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 2 leavers' concert to parents - 2 pm school hall
Thursday 13 th July	Leavers' service at St Catherine's
Friday 14 th July	School closes 3.15 pm
Tuesday 29 th August	School re-opens 8.45 am for autumn term

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.