



It's been a busy term so far and we have many activities to update you on.

Last week, Year 1 visited the Birmingham Sealife Centre and Year 2 are looking forward to going to Coventry Cathedral this week.

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Moore who has moved on to a position at County Hall. She had worked in the office for the last six years. We are sure you will join us in thanking her and wishing her good luck.

This leaves us short-staffed in the office. It would be much appreciated if you would help us by letting the office staff know before 12 noon of any changes to your child's collection details. The message slips then go to the class via the register. Thank you.

Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



On Friday 9th November we joined the Junior School and representatives from Sketchley Hill Primary and the community in at Pughe's Paddock. It was a lovely and very fitting service. The children's wreaths are still on display in the Paddock.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We took part recently in the national initiative of Anti-Bullying Week. The children completed activities in class to heighten their awareness of what bullying is and what they should do if they witness it. As always, if you have any concerns about behaviour in school, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you to everyone who donated for non-uniform day. We raised £207 for Children in Need.



FLU VACCINATIONS

Our annual flu vaccinations will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 27th November, for all three year groups.

PRE-SCHOOLERS "STAY & PLAY" SESSION

The next session for pre-schoolers will be on Friday 30th November 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.

BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION



Thank you to all the children who entered our competition. We are pleased to announce that the winner was Darcy-Rose. The runners up were Ellie, Sebastian and Lexi.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



During Collective Worship this half-term we will be thinking about **Compassion**. Compassion means more than just feeling sorry for someone; it means putting yourself in that person's place and trying to feel what they are going through, and as a result, taking action. We will be looking at stories from the Bible where Jesus acted upon these feelings, for example, by healing people who came to him, and how he cried along with Mary and Martha when their brother died (John 11, 1-14). As part of this work, we will be supporting St Catherine's Church with their Shoebox Appeal, collecting presents for children in poorer parts of the world.

Compassion links very closely to our school value of Care, and also to our Golden Rule, "Be kind and gentle."

We encourage children to understand and empathise with their friends at school, as well as children who are not as lucky as they are.

E-SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING

Hopefully you will all have seen our email about the e-safety information evening tonight at the Juniors from 6 to 7.15 pm. This is an evening for both Infant and Junior School parents.

PE OUTDOORS



While we are practising for our nativity performances, the hall will be out of use for PE which will instead be outside whenever possible. Please, therefore, make sure that your child has some tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie or jumper in his/her PE bag.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

The dates of the year groups' Christmas productions are in the table below. Notifications were sent out last week to invite you to go onto our ParentMail account to book tickets. (Go into the app, choose 'Payments' and then 'Shop'.) Please note that:

- A maximum of 3 tickets *per child* are available, but these may be split between the 2 performances
- No pre-school children or babies are allowed at these performances.

ST CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



The Christmas Fair at St Catherine's was well-attended on Saturday and well done to all our choir children who sang beautifully! We have some of the lovely Christmas tiles - made by the children - that weren't sold at the Fair. If you would like one, please send in £2 in a named envelope to Mrs Khadka.



'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/>



GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

- May we remind you that there should be no smoking or vaping while on school premises, (waiting at the gate, etc).
- Please switch off car engines while waiting for or dropping off children.

SNOW REMINDER



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.



SWIMMING CLASSES

Hinckley Island Hotel is now running swimming classes called "Octonauts". Please ring 07450 700754 for more information.

'LA JOLIE RONDE' FRENCH CLASSES

Jo Davis who does the French classes after school for some of our year 1 and 2 pupils has asked us to pass on the following message:

La Jolie Ronde has triumphed at the prestigious children's education awards "What's On 4 Kids Awards 2018" to win 'BEST NATIONAL LICENSED ACTIVITY FOR 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS' for the fifth year in succession. Winning this award for the 5th year in a row makes me feel very proud to be a La Jolie Ronde Licensee. 2018 was an exceptional year with voting very fierce across all the categories, so I'd like to thank everyone who voted. We have once again demonstrated how popular our language classes are with parents and carers and the children we teach. I'm extremely grateful to Burbage Infants and Burbage Juniors Schools for giving me the opportunity to run these classes, and would like to express a huge thank you to Karen Allen and Claire Barwell for their continued support.



PTFA



We are currently constructing a web page on our school website for the PTFA. If you would like up-to-date details of events, please go to their facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/groveroadschoolsptfa/>

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a busy time this term at the Juniors as well. We have a brand new website which we hope will be more attractive and easier to navigate. Visit www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk or just search Burbage Juniors.

Three years ago the school achieved a "Beyond Bullying Award" for hard work in promoting positive relationships and being proactive about addressing bullying issues. It is now time to renew this and we are delighted to have been advised that we are eligible to work towards the higher 'Gold Award'. A number of Year 2 parents attended our parents' coffee morning last week and have taken part in school tours. We have some additional dates for tours; please call the school office on (01455) 630970 to book a place.

Finally, in the past some parents have worried about collecting from both the Infants and Juniors at the same time. Please be assured that now there is always a member of staff (often myself or the Deputy, Mrs Peckover) on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day, and we stay until all the children have been collected. If parents are concerned about not getting to the Juniors from the Infants in time, we are happy for you to tell your children to wait with us at the Juniors. We have a great deal to be proud of at the Junior School and we look forward to sharing our news with you in the coming months.

FINALLY, ...

If anyone has any of the following items going begging, we would be very grateful to receive them, please:

- toy tools/toolkits
- a trampette (mini trampoline)
- carrier bags (for sending soiled clothes home)

Thank you.

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2018

Date	Details
Tues. 27 th Nov.	NHS flu immunisations - whole school
Fri. 30 th Nov.	Year 2 trip to Coventry Cathedral - packed lunch & drink needed
11-14 th Dec.	<p>Christmas performances in school hall:</p> <p>Reception: Tues. 11th @ 2.00 pm & Weds. 12th @ 9.30 am Year 1: Weds. 12th @ 2.00 pm & Thurs. 13th @ 9.30 am Year 2: Thurs. 13th @ 2.00 pm & Fri. 14th @ 9.30 am</p> <p>NB. Only 3 tickets available <u>per child</u>. Tickets to be booked via ParentMail app. (Go into 'Payments' then choose 'Shop' at the bottom of your screen.) Please also note, <u>no children are admitted to the Christmas performances.</u></p>
Mon. 17 th Dec.	Christmas dinner (details to follow for children who usually have sandwiches)
Tues. 18 th Dec.	Reception trip to Coventry Belgrade Theatre - 'Santa's Sparkly Surprise' - packed lunch & drink needed
Weds. 19 th Dec.	Children's Christmas party (during school day)
Thurs. 20 th Dec.	Year 2 trip to The Curve Theatre, Leicester - 'The Cat In The Hat' - packed lunch & drink needed
Fri. 21 st Dec.	Whole school service at St Catherine's Church - 10 am - <i>parents welcome</i> School closes for end of term at 3.15 pm
Tues. 8 th Jan. 2019	School re-opens at 8.45 am (spring term)

Academic Year 2019-20

Autumn Term	
Schools Open	Thursday 29 th August 2019
Mid-term Break	Monday 14 th October to Friday 18 th October 2019
Schools Close	Friday 20 th December 2019

Spring Term	
Schools Open	Tuesday morning 7 th January 2020
Mid-term Break	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2020
Schools Close	Friday evening 3 rd April 2020

Summer Term	
Schools Open	Monday morning 20 th April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2020
Mid-term Break	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2020
Schools Close	Friday evening 10 th July 2020

Teacher Days: Tues. 27th / Weds. 28th August 2019
 Mon. 6th January 2020
 Mon 13th / Tues. 14th July 2020 (disaggregated)

Our school term dates are 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.