

# Burbage C of E Infant School

## NOVEMBER 2019



There is a lot to tell you about since our last newsletter. Thank you to everyone who contributed for our Harvest Festivals. We collected many items for local food banks. Year 2 have been learning the Ukelele and have already entertained us at two brilliant concerts this term. Year 1 have been learning about animals and are being visited by a wide range of pets and animals including dogs, a cat, a hen, hedgehogs, a pigmy hedgehog and even a pony! We all attended our annual Remembrance Service last Friday at Pughe's Paddock. Classes made poppy wreaths to lay at the commemorative lamp post there and these will be displayed for the next couple of weeks. The children were fantastic and many of the local dignitaries commented particularly on how thoughtful our children were for the one minute silence. Well done, everyone!

**Karen Allen**  
**Executive Headteacher**

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week is the national initiative of Anti-Bullying Week. The children have been introduced to bullying through story and discussion during collective worship to heighten their awareness of what bullying is and what they should do if they witness it. They will be completing activities this week in their classrooms. As always, if you have any concerns about behaviour in school, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. For further information, please go to the Leicestershire Beyond Bullying website: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/>

### CHILDREN IN NEED



This Friday will be Children In Need day and we would like to invite the children to come to school in their own clothes for a donation of £1 to the charity.

We would also like to encourage the children as part of their outfit to wear **odd socks**; this is an anti-bullying initiative which aims to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



### FLU VACCINATIONS

The NHS will be in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, as per our email to you last week. It seems a while away, but they do need to know who will/will not be having the immunisation so they can plan accordingly. They have asked for replies by the end of this week, so please follow the link in our email to give consent if you wish your child to have the immunisation.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

During Collective Worship this half-term we will be thinking about **Trust**. Christians put their trust in Jesus, knowing he won't ever let them down. We will be looking at stories from the Bible and reflecting on what trust involves. We have shared an acrostic poem as a way of describing trust;

**T**rust is ....

- T**aking someone at their word
- R**elying on someone to support you
- U**nbreakable Promises
- S**howing that you can be trustworthy
- T**reasuring good friends



### PE OUTDOORS

In the coming weeks we will be practising for our Nativity performances and the hall will be out of use for some PE sessions. These will be outside whenever possible, so please 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 list attached. Notifications will be sent out in a couple of weeks' time to invite you to go onto ParentMail to book tickets. 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.

### PTFA

Christmas is always a really busy time for our wonderful PTFA and this year is no exception with the Year 1 and Year 2 disco on Friday, the Secret Room and the Christmas Fair (please list see the attached list of dates). They are also doing a Virtual Book Fair - 'Books For Bugs' - and a leaflet was sent home in book bags last Friday. The school receives a free book for every five you buy. You can order up until midnight on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.



### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

We will be having a sale of second-hand uniform in the main reception area next week, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. All items are in good condition and clean, and most cost only 50p! Please feel free to come and have a browse.



### ST CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair at St Catherine's will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 10 am to 2 pm and our Year 1 & 2 choir will be singing in the morning.



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

The next session for pre-schoolers will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

### **BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION**

The children have been reminded today that the competition closes this Friday. The School Council will judge their favourites before passing on to Mrs Allen for the final decision. The winner will be announced via email next week.

### **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](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 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.

### **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.

### **DOORS & GATES**

We politely remind all parents and carers that school doors and gates will be closed at 8.55 am which is when school officially starts and the register is taken. If you are running late, you will need to come through the school office for your child to be signed in. Please use the pedestrian gate off Wesley Walk at all times and not walk through the car park. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL NURSE**

Due to the restructuring of the service, the school nurse no longer does drop-in appointments here. However, the school nurses' 'Healthy Together Team' can be contacted on 0116 215 3248 and you and your child can get advice about:

- Anxiety
- Anger or behaviour concerns
- Bed-wetting
- Dietary advice, etc

### **MR PROBERT'S HOLIDAY CLUB**

Mr Probert's holiday club on 23<sup>rd</sup> December is filling up quickly, so if you would like to book on, please send your form and payment to the school office as soon as possible.



### **JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

Our biggest bit of news from the Juniors is that on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October we finally received our long-awaited Ofsted Inspection. We are delighted to tell you that all our hard work was recognised and we achieved a "Good" grade for every area. In particular, this is more of an achievement as we were inspected on a brand-new system, which is much more rigorous than previous versions, only in place since the beginning of September, so we were one of the very first in the country to have done it.

We are particularly proud of the opening paragraph, which we think epitomises our lovely school:

"Pupils are proud of their friendly, caring school. They respect their teachers and appreciate that they make learning fun. Pupils know that staff care about them. This makes them feel safe. They trust teachers to help them when they need it."

If anyone would like to visit the Juniors, please call the office on 01455 630970 for a tour with Mrs Allen or Mrs Peckover, the Deputy.

List of Dates for this term and spring term 2020 follow /...

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

### Autumn Term 2019

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| w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.                          | Anti-bullying Week  |
| Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.                        | Year 2 to visit Burbage War Memorial - during the morning<br><b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>   |
| Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.                         | Non-uniform day for £1 donation to Children in Need appeal  |
| Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.                         | PTFA Year 1 & Year 2 disco  |
| Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.                         | St Catherine's Church Christmas Fair - 10 am to 2.00 pm   |
| Weds. 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.                        | Whole school to Warwick Arts Theatre to see Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' (packed lunch & drink needed)  |
| Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.                         | Year 2 trip to Coventry Cathedral (packed lunch & drink needed)<br><b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>   |
| Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Weds. 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec. | PTFA "Secret Room" event in school  |
| Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                        | Class 2CD ukulele performance 2.15 pm - parents/carers welcome  |
| Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                          | PTFA Christmas Fair at Burbage Junior School  |
| w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                           | <p>Christmas performances:</p> <p>Rec: Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00 pm &amp; Weds. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30 am - at school</p> <p>Yr 1: Weds. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00 pm &amp; Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30 am - <b>at church</b></p> <p>Yr 2: Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00 pm &amp; Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30 am - at school</p> <p><b>NB. Only 3 tickets available per child. Tickets will be bookable via ParentMail. Please note, <u>no children or babies are admitted to the performances.</u></b></p> |
| Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                         | Children's assessment summaries will be sent home   |
| Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                        | Christmas dinner  |
| Weds. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                        | Christmas service 9.15 am St Catherine's for Year 1 & 2 children - parents/carers welcome. <b>Parent helpers needed - please speak to the school office</b>   |
| Thurs. 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                       | Children's Christmas party in school - non-uniform day  |
| Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.                         | School closes for end of term at 3.15 pm  |

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### Spring Term 2020

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| Tues. 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020      | School re-opens at 8.45 am (spring term)                                      |
| w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan. <b>TBC</b> | Year 1 visit to Leicester synagogue   |
| 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 |

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| 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   |
| 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.<br><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> )                              |
| 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<br><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<br><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 - 9 am<br><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<br><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<br><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)  |
| "  | 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.