



Burley Primary School

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Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015 – 16 academic year. It has been great to have already caught up with so many of you over the past few days; even though I am very envious of some of the places people visited during the summer holiday!

I am also delighted to be able to welcome so many new families in to our school community. The children across the school have settled in wonderfully to their new classes and we are all looking forward to another highly successful year.

New Staff

Another very warm welcome to Mrs Sargeaunt; Mrs Tucker and Mrs Gutteridge who are new to our staff team this year. Mrs Sargeaunt and Mrs Tucker will be supporting the children's learning in a variety of ways across most year groups. I'm sure you will join us in making them feel welcome and established as part of our community as quickly as possible.

Mrs Kitchener

On a more sombre note, I'm sorry to have to report that today will be Mrs Kitchener's last day working at Burley Primary School. After 11 years, she has decided to reassess her work-life balance and will be taking up a place as Admin Assistant at Brockenhurst College. I'm sure you will join myself and the rest of the staff team in thanking Mrs Kitchener for her wonderful service to the school and wish her the very best of luck for the future.

We will be holding a tea party to say an extended thank you to Mrs Kitchener on **Thursday 8th October at 2.30pm**; all welcome to attend. Also, if you would like to contribute towards Mrs Kitchener's leaving present, there will be a collection in the office from Monday.

Until a new Admin Officer can be appointed, Mrs Speirs, Mrs Tucker and Mrs Hagger will be running the office. We will, of course, endeavour to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum but appreciate your patience in light of our limited capacity.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role of Admin Officer at Burley Primary, and the application process, please visit the Hampshire Education jobs page at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/educationjobssearch.htm?intvactype=2&intschtype=1&role=1&searchtype=5&superposttitleid=9#2> or please feel speak to me for more information.

Building Work

As I'm sure many of you have already noticed, we have had extensive building work in school over the summer holidays. Kestrels class; the entrance hall and staff room have all been completely redecorated. Robins class has benefitted from a new cloakroom and storage area. Wagtails and Woodpeckers have new interactive whiteboards. A multifunctional meeting/precision teaching room has been created near the office; the cupboard at the back of the hall has been converted in to a preparation area for resources and the photocopier has been removed from the library.

Due to the amount of work undertaken, we are currently in the process of re-organising and adding to the newly created spaces. Thank you for your patience while this is happening.

Parent Helpers

As by now you will all be very aware, throughout the year we desperately need parental help in a variety of ways to aid our provision for the children. Whether it be helping in class; on trips; putting up displays or organising resources your help is invaluable to us.

If you would be happy to be approached on an 'ad hoc' basis throughout the year as the need may arise, please can you add your name to the list on the clip board in the entrance hall. Once signed up, don't feel embarrassed if the answer to any request is 'no' as we certainly won't be embarrassed to ask in the first place! ☺

After School Clubs

As outlined at the end of last year, we have had to alter our club provision for this academic year. As such the following clubs will be offered:

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Before School | Fencing | Karate | | | |
| After School | Teacher Clubs <i>(All year groups to be catered for)</i> | Yr R – 2 Multiskills <i>(Outside Provider)</i> | Cooking Club | | Key Stage 2 Football <i>(Outside Provider)</i> |

Specific details (including costing; start dates etc) regarding Karate, Multi-Skills, Key Stage 2 Football and Cookery will follow.

Teachers clubs (which will remain free of charge) this term are:

Lower School (R – 2): Craft

Upper School (3 – 6): Computing

All clubs will start during the week beginning Monday 21st September. You can sign your child up for the Teachers Clubs at the office from Monday 7th September. Please note that Lower School craft is limited to 15 children on a 'first come; first served' basis.

Important Reminder: The school's aim is to provide as many extra-curricular clubs as possible. A barrier to this is that in order for a club to be viable to run the company providing it needs to have a minimum number of children taking part each week. Due to the size of our year groups and the school's relatively remote location (i.e. incurred transportation costs to the provider) there is a limit to those willing to work with us. I will be in frequent and on going negotiations with providers in order to continue to maximise the provision. If, in the meantime, you or someone you knows has a particular skill set that may make a good club for the children either before or after school please do not hesitate to contact me.

Headline Dates

Below is an overview of dates for this term. Dates for BPSA events will follow shortly.

Monday 7th September – Woodpecker Theatre in school

Monday 14th October – 3.15pm. Woodpeckers Parent Information Session.

Tuesday 15th September. 3.15pm. Robins Parent Information Session.

Thursday 17th September - 3.15pm. Kestrels Parent Information Session.

Thursday 1st October. 3.15pm. Wagtails Parent Information Session.

Week beginning 21st September – Teachers' Clubs start
Thursday 8th October – 2.30pm. Mrs Kitchener's 'Goodbye'
16th, 17th, 19th November - Parents' Evenings. Please note: Appointments will be bookable online at www.scopay.com/burley
Wednesday 11th November – 11.00am start. Remembrance Assembly. Parents welcome
Tuesday 8th December – 6.00pm. Key Stage 2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 9th December – 10.00am. The Nest's Nativity to Parents
Thursday 10th December – 2.00pm. The Nest's Nativity to Parents
Tuesday 15th December – Children's Christmas Dinner

Community Events

Macmillan Coffee Morning Invitation on Friday 25th September from 08.30hrs to 14.00 hrs. Please come for coffee & yummy cakes & help raise money for a fantastic cause.
At: "Weed Cottage" 2 Randalls Lane, Burley Street, Burley BH24 4HJ (behind Burley Street garage)
From Caroline Ellis - Alasdair's Mum (Year 1)
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Warmest regards,

Dan Twyman
Headteacher

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