



# Burley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As always, it is difficult to believe that we have reached the end of another half term. I have been incredibly impressed with how well every child has settled in to their new classes since September and am very proud of the progress they have made in such a short period of time. My thanks go to everybody involved in this process.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable, and well-earned break next week and look forward to hearing about all the fun had when school opens again on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

### **New Year R (starting September 2016) Open Morning**

We will be holding this year's open morning for parents of children starting school in September 2016 between 9.30 and 1.00am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. If you have a child starting school next September, or know somebody who has, please come and join us.

### **Parish Council Playtrail Proposal**

We have been involved in informal discussions recently with representatives of the Parish Council regarding the possibility of building a playtrail on a section of the school's grounds. The proposal is for the playtrail to be for the sole use of Burley Primary School children during the school day and open for the community to use outside of these hours. It would involve no financial input from the school.

As I am sure you would expect, the Governors and I are always interested in exploring innovative ideas that add to the provision for our children, particularly if they involve something which otherwise would be challenging for us to afford. However, as I'm also sure you can appreciate, there are a number of strict criteria (involving such things as site security, liability, maintenance and future ownership) that need to be clarified before a project such as this could move forward to anything other than informal discussions.

I understand that, due to the necessity for the Parish Council to reference these discussions within the minutes of their meetings, a number of rumours have begun to circulate regarding the project. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to make explicit, that at this stage the school is listening to ideas and assessing whether or not such a project is, in the first instance, theoretically possible. No definitive decision as to whether or not this proposal will move forward from the idea stage has been made at this time on either side. If this should change at any time in the future, a full consultation will of course be held by both the Parish Council with those that they represent and by the school with all members of our community – including children and parents.

### **Key Stage 1 After School Club**

Many thanks to those parents that returned the recent questionnaire sent out in association with ACE Sports. We received 10 replies, 9 of which indicated an interest in an after school club for this age range with 8 out of 9 of these replies indicating Wednesday as a preferred choice. There was no overall trend in terms of preference for a provision for multi-skills or a specific sport. I will feed this information back to Charlie, the club provider, and release more information as soon as possible after half term with a view to try to launch a related club from January.

### **School Sport**

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Football Team and Cross Country runners who represented the school during this half term. I am very proud to report that we came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the football tournament and the children achieved impressive personal best times during the Cross Country competition. Next half term we will be taking part in inter-school football tournaments for Year 3/4 and 5/6.

### **Parents' Evening Appointments**

A reminder that, following the resolution of an initial glitch in the system, parents evening slots (16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November) can now be booked through the parents pay website (link from main school website under 'parents' section). If you have any difficulties with the system, please do not hesitate to ask at the office.

### Grounds Morning

A reminder that we will be holding a 'Grounds Morning' on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November** (first Saturday after half term) from **10.00am to 2.00pm**. The focus of the morning will be to clear the grounds of unwanted debris; carry out some routine external maintenance and generally tidy before the onset of winter. Please come along for any/all of the morning as many hands really do make light(er) work....!

### Remembrance Sunday

Following the success of last year's commemorations, the school has once again been asked to take an active part in the village Remembrance programme from 10:45am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The plan is for any children in attendance on the day to be given the opportunity to lay a cross on behalf of the British Legion at the memorial to commemorate the fallen soldiers of Burley. If you are able to be part of the service, please bring children to the war memorial in school uniform from 10.30am. All parents will need to remain at the memorial to supervise their children during the service.

### BPSA Race Night

Due to feedback from Parents regarding their hectic diaries in the run up to Christmas, the previously advertised BPSA 'Race Night' will be postponed until the new year – date to be confirmed.

In the run up to Christmas, please remember '**Easy Fundraising**' for all your online purchases. If you have not already registered please visit [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) and enter our school's name.

### Dates for your diary....

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Half Term</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	GROUNDS MORNING
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at Village War Memorial – <b>as many children in school uniform as possible please</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly 10:45am Start
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> ( <b>this is a changed date</b> ) <i>Appointments now bookable through Tucasi</i>	Parents' Evening Mon/Tue: 3.30 – 5.30pm Wed: 4.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	BPSA Film Night 15:15 – 17:00
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	September 2016 Intake Open Morning
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 17:00 – 19:00
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower School Nativity 10:00 – 11:00am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower School Nativity 14:00 – 15:00
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Dinner
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service in the Church 9:30am
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Spring Term Begins</b>

### Community Events

Warmest Regards,

Dan Twyman  
Headteacher

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