



# Burley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been great to see how quickly everyone has settled back in to life at BPS since the Christmas holiday; new year, familiar routines. I hope that you are still 'on track' with your New Year's resolutions, or have at least forgiven yourself where broken. I'm sure I'll hear all about it in the dining hall over the next few weeks...

A reminder for those of you with children starting school in September, that the deadline for applications is this Friday (15<sup>th</sup> January). Information about applying is available on our website or from the school office.

### Teaching in Kestrels Class

Unfortunately, Mr Young had to have an operation at the end of last week in order to correct an ongoing problem. The procedure had been planned for a number of weeks and was a complete success. I am very glad to report that Mr Young is recovering well. However, he will be unable to return to work until the week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January at the earliest. As a result, Mrs Potts (who many of you will do doubt know as a parent of the school/resident of the village) will be teaching the children during this time and are delighted that she is available to do so.

We will endeavour to keep all routines running as close to normal as possible throughout the period of Mr Young's absence and wish him a speedy recovery. Many thanks for your understanding during this time.

### Extreme Weather Procedure

If the national press are to be believed (a big 'if' I know!), there is likelihood that we will have snow before the end of term. As such, I would like to remind you of our procedures in the event of extreme weather:

- 1) I will contact Chris White (Caretaker) first thing in the morning to find out about the situation locally to the school.
- 2) All staff will be contacted to check the position locally to them.
- 3) A decision will be made based on the following factors...i) Is the school site accessible and safe; (ii) can enough members of staff get to the school site in order to safely operate; (iii) is the weather likely to deteriorate as the day progresses. Please note that the early morning 'picture' within Burley is not the only contributing factor towards the final decision.
- 4) In the event of a decision that it is unsafe to open the school, the banner on the home page of the **school website** will be updated and **local radio** will be informed. Where possible, a decision will be made **before 8am**.

We appreciate that any decision to close the school will cause inconvenience to a large number of our families and as such will not be taken lightly. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding around what is a potentially a difficult situation.

### Clubs for the Spring Term

Many thanks to those of you that returned club 'sign up' slips and payment last week. I am pleased to be able to confirm the following clubs will definitely be running this term:

Day	Before School	After School
Monday	Fencing 8:00am – 8:45am	KS2 ICT Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday	Karate 7.45am – 8.45am	KS1 Art Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday		Cookery Club 3.15pm – 5.30pm
Thursday		
Friday		Key Stage 2 Football 3.15pm – 4.15pm

All clubs will start during week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please note that Cookery Club will finish at **5.30pm**.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** There will be **No Key Stage 1 Art Club** on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. Unfortunately, due to staff attending off site training, there will be no Key Stage 1 Art Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Therefore, this club will start on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. I will keep everybody posted throughout the term as any/all other club options currently being explored become available.

#### **E-Safety Presentation for Parents**

We will be running an e-safety session on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** from **6:00 – 7:00pm**. The session will be lead by an expert on the use of IT in school/by school age children and is designed to raise awareness of ways to keep your children safe online. This event is designed to supplement our work around this topic with the children in school. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

#### **Headteacher's Tea**

This half term's Headteachers' Tea will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 'drop off' time. If you haven't been to one before, they are an informal opportunity to catch up on the events in the school over a cup of tea or coffee. All very welcome!

#### **Missing Gillet**

As you will know, a leopard print gillet belonging to one of the children in Kestrel's class went missing from school during the Children in Need 'Mufti' day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. I am delighted to report that it has been found and returned to its owner.

#### **Lost Property**

Continuing on the lost clothes theme...the lost property box in the office is beginning to fill up. Please can you take the time over the next week or so to do the following:

- i) Check through lost property for any missing items
- ii) Name all belongings that come in to school. Surname only is often the most effective way as it means that we can ensure the belongings go back to the correct family and it is re-usable for younger siblings. All items within the lost property box are unnamed.

#### **Dates for your diary....**

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	BPSA Film Night - ???? <i>After school – 5.15pm</i>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Headteacher's Tea <i>After 'drop off'</i>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	E-Safety Talk for Parents 6.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Year Reports Home
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	BPSA Film Night - ???? <i>After school – 5.15pm</i>
Week beginning Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening Mon/Tue: 3.30 – 5.30pm Thurs: 4.30 – 6.30pm <i>Appointments now bookable through Tucasi nearer the time</i>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Assembly (School Hall) <i>After 'drop off'</i>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Spring Term Ends</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Summer Term Begins</b>

#### **Christianity Explored**

Further to the 'flyer' sent out before Christmas, Ali; Libby; Young and Maria Nystrum will be starting their *Christianity Explored* sessions in the school house from '**drop-off time**' on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January** (this week).

#### **Burley Player's 'Panto'**

This year's village 'panto' will be a performance of *Dick Whittington*, to be held between Saturdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. Please phone 01425 403501; visit [www.burleyplayers.com](http://www.burleyplayers.com) or email [burley.players@gmail.com](mailto:burley.players@gmail.com) for more information or tickets (priced between £7.00 and £8.00).

Warmest Regards,

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Headteacher