



Burley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

With only 4 more weeks of term remaining, we have, as Elton John would put it, now officially '*Stepped in to Christmas!*'

Please continue to check the whiteboard at the front of the school or information in related letters for updates regarding the wide variety of Christmas experiences that will be packed in to the 20 remaining school days. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us – '*the admission's free*' after all!

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 9.30am and 11.00am on Friday 27th November. If you have a child starting school next September, or know somebody who has, please come and join us.

Parish Council Playtrail Proposal

After further discussion between the Parish Council, Burley Primary School and Hampshire County Council, it has been decided that the Community Playtrail proposal will not be taken any further. This decision was made after very careful consideration and it was felt that as the criteria of site security, liability, maintenance and future ownership could not be met the proposal no longer be pursued. Many thanks to everybody involved in the exploration of this project's potential viability.

Traffic on the Track

As it is in the best interests of our children's safety, I'm sure that you will all join me in extending our deepest thanks to the members of the local Police and Community Support team for lending their support to discourage the use of the track outside the school gate at pick up/drop off time.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal, we raised £56.72 for The Royal British Legion. This is an amazing amount and the Local Honorary Organiser has asked us to pass on their thanks.

Children in Need

Thank you to everybody that came in to school dressed in their pyjamas and onesies on Friday and joined in with all of the fun for Children in Need. The members of the 'Fundraising Committee' did a fantastic job, under the guidance of Mrs Hammersley, and as a result of everybody's efforts we raised a total of £289.86 for Children in Need. Well done everyone!

Bikeability

Another big 'well done' to the children in Woodpeckers that took part in Bikeability training last week. The programme (known commonly in the past as 'cycling proficiency') is very practical in nature and designed to teach children about safe road use whilst getting 'out and about' on their bikes. As always our children were well engaged and very successful – good work everybody.

Lower School After School Provision

We are continuing to liaise with our after school sports provider regarding the viability of multi-skills club for children in Year R, 1 and 2 to run after Christmas as discussed in previous Newsletters. The proposal at this time is for coaches to come in to school to offer an afternoon 'taster' session for the children before sending home information for interested parties to 'sign up' for the club. We hope to

have this in place within the next fortnight and will confirm, or otherwise, the viability of the provision before the end of this term.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us for Parents' Evening this week. It was a great opportunity as always to celebrate the hard work and great progress the children have made since September.

Headteacher's Tea

This half term's Headteachers' Tea will be on Friday 11th December at 9.30am. 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!

Dates for your diary....

Friday 27 th November	September 2016 Intake Open Morning
Friday 27 th November	MUFTI DAY <i>In return for jam jars (see BPSA Newsletter)</i>
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Fair 17:00 – 19:00
Tuesday 8 th December	Upper School Carol Concert 6.00pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Lower School Nativity 10:00 – 11:00am
Thursday 10 th December	Lower School Nativity 14:00 – 15:00
Tuesday 15 th December	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17 th December	Listen 2 Me Concert Yr 3 & 4 1.15-1.45pm
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Service in the Church 9:30am
Tuesday 5 th January	Spring Term Begins

BPSA Newsletter

The BPSA Christmas Newsletter comes home this evening with details of the Christmas Fair on 4th December and how you can help. As always, thank you for your support for this special event.

Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 15th December. The children will be able to choose between Turkey with sausage and gravy or Vegetarian roast with vegetarian sausage and gravy. Both meals will be served with roast potatoes, peas, carrots and parsnips with chocolate ice-cream for pudding. More details about how to order will follow nearer the time.

Kestrels Listen2Me Concert

Thursday 17th December from 1.15 – 1.45pm.

Easyfundraising

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 and enter our school's name. There are extra ways to raise funds next week for "Black Friday".

Warmest Regards,

Dan Twyman
Headteacher