



# Burley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As always it is difficult to believe that we have already reached the half-way point of this half-term. The children are continuing to work extremely hard and, despite the volume of rain/prevalence of 'coughs and colds' in recent weeks, are continuing to meet every challenge and opportunity with a smile. A continued source of inspiration to us all...!!

### Update on Mr Young

Mr Young is continuing to recover following his operation at the beginning of this term. Although progressing well, the process is taking longer than first hoped. As such, it is unlikely that Mr Young will be back in school until the week before half term (beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February) at the earliest. I am delighted to be able to report, however, that Mrs Potts will continue to teach Kestrel's until then. We all wish Mr Young a speedy recovery.

### E-Safety Presentation for Parents - TOMORROW

A reminder that 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.

### New Clubs for Next Half Term

I am very pleased to be able to confirm that we will be offering a Key Stage 2 Choir Club on Tuesdays from 3.15 – 4.15pm, starting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The club will be run by a qualified music teacher and will cost £1 per session. In addition to this, we would also like to start a multi-skills club for our younger age groups after school on a Wednesday (to begin Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February). In order to make this club as sustainable as possible, we will be doing the following: 1) Inviting the provider to run sessions in school time on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February so that the children experience what the club would involve and (2) Opening the club up to children in Years R, 1, 2 and 3. More information about both clubs, including sign up forms, will be sent home on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

There are still places available in the Key Stage 2 Football club and Fencing (Year 2 upwards). Please ask in the office for more information.

### World Book Day

World Book Day this year will be on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. As usual, to help everybody get in to the spirit of the day, we are encouraging children to **come in to school dressed as their favourite book character**.

### 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.

### Headteacher's Tea

Next half term's Headteachers' Tea will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 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!

### Lost Property

The lost property box in the office is still overflowing. 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.

Weather permitting, the box will be outside the school office over the next few days for ease of access.

### Dates for your diary....

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	E-Safety Talk for Parents 6.00 – 7.00pm
Week Beginning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>First Day Back</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Year Reports Home
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day <i>Dress Up as Favourite Character</i>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Olympic Athlete visiting School
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	BPSA Film Night <i>After school – 5.00pm</i>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Headteacher's Tea <i>After 'Drop-Off' Time</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>

### 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