



# Burley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

The mornings are brighter; the days longer and Spring is here...all we need now is some sunshine! We are already over half way through this academic year and there is less than 2 weeks left of term. Once again, time is flying by...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for all their hard work since my last Newsletter. As I'm sure you will notice in the children's books at Parents Evening, they have been trying incredibly hard to 'be the best they can be...'

### **Olympic Athlete's Visit**

We were delighted to welcome Olympic Silver Medal winning diver, Mr Peter Waterfield in to school yesterday afternoon. The children enjoyed the opportunity to take part in circuit training events; listen to Peter's inspirational story of his route to Olympic success and watch a demonstration of his gymnastic abilities. We were all extremely grateful to Peter for giving up his time to share his story with our children and show that dedication; hard work and commitment really do pay off. This was all extremely helpful in re-enforcing our theme that real life heroes are ordinary people that achieve extraordinary things.

### **Parent Evening Online Booking System**

As many of you will know, we have experienced difficulties with the online booking system for Parents Evening this Term which we believe have now been resolved. If you are still experiencing difficulties accessing this provision, please contact the school office. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### **World Book Day**

Thank you to everybody that entered in to the spirit of World Book Day last Thursday and came to school dressed as their favourite book character. I understand that the costumes were as imaginative and impressive as always and that all involved had an extremely enjoyable day. Many thanks also to the BPSA who kindly donated a £10 book token for the 'Best Dressed' in each year group. We are already looking forward to next year...!

### **Mother's Day Lunch**

It was great to see so many of you at our Mother's Day lunch and assembly on Monday. The beautiful words shared by the children summed up perfectly how special you all are. Yet more examples of real life heroes in action...!

### **Rock and Roll Bingo**

Many thanks to the BPSA for once again organising a fantastic social event. As well as all the fun had, and interesting balloon sculptures made, you raised **£700** for the school. Keep your eyes peeled for next term's extravaganza....!

### **Lent Lunches**

The school play leaders and I visited the village hall this Wednesday to experience the Lent Lunches first hand and thank everyone involved for their hard work and generosity in supporting the school through the funds raised. It was wonderful to see so many 'familiar faces' there and our thanks once again go to the organisers for supporting the school with half of this year's proceeds - to be spent on play equipment for our children.

A reminder that the lunches are continuing (12.00 to 1.30pm) until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March please continue to support them as much as you can.

### **Arrangements for Last Day of Term**

A reminder that Term ends on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. School will, of course, be open as usual until 3.15pm, however, children will be available for collection at 1.15pm if you would rather. In order for us to gauge the numbers of children likely to be in school that afternoon, please let a member of staff know if you intend to collect the children early.

### **Extreme Weather Procedure**

A reminder 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.

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

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</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>

Warmest Regards,

Dan Twyman  
Headteacher

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