



THE FEDERATION OF BURLEY AND SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Burley Primary School

Newsletter No 3 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents

Top 1% of Hampshire Schools

I was delighted to discover on Friday of last week that our 2016 Key Stage 2 outcomes are within the top 1% of all Primary schools in Hampshire, indicating that we are likely to repeat the 2015/16 success of Key Stage 2 outcomes within the top 5% of schools Nationally – this will become clear once the Government release the National figures later in the academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children and staff on yet another fantastic achievement!

New Staff - Welcomes

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Abigail Croton, Mrs Joanne Stillwell and Mr Tim Harris who will be joining our team of Learning Support Assistants over the course of the next 2 weeks. I'm sure you will join the children and staff in making them all feel as welcome as possible.

BPSA AGM

The AGM is Wednesday 12 October in the school hall at 7pm. Please come along to hear about the fundraising last year, how the funds have been spent and plans for the coming year. Maria Speirs will be stepping down from the Chair's position. We are still looking for someone to replace Maria as Chair. If you are interested in hearing more about the role, please let the office know. The BPSA will continue to run with a group of parents sharing the running of our most popular events. On behalf of the parents, children and staff, I would like to thank Maria for all of her hard work and commitment to the BPSA.

Kestrels Teaching Position

The closing date for applications to become the substantive Teacher in Kestrels Class from January 2017 is today, with the interviews being held next Monday (17 October). We look forward to bringing you more news as soon as possible. I'm sure you will join me once again in thanking Mrs Tucker for everything she has done, and continues to do, for the children of Year 3/4 throughout the unavoidable period of Mr Young's absence from the school.

Phonics Evening

The Phonics Evening for Parents initially scheduled for Thursday 20th October will now take place on Thursday 17 November from 7pm-8pm for all Year R and Key Stage 1 parents. Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Harvest Assembly

Just to remind you the Harvest Assembly is at St John the Baptist Church, Burley On Thursday 13 October at 9.30am. Please could you provide your child with a donation to take along to the church.

School Lunch Charges

A reminder that school lunches for children in Years 3 to 6, are charged at £2.10. In order to prevent the unexpected build-up of outstanding balances linked to school meal payments, the online Scopay system now has a built in upper limit of £20.00. Where applicable, this will need to be cleared before additional school meals can be ordered. With regard to packed lunch or snacks, parents are reminded we are a nut free school.

Dance Club

We have been approached, through Sopley School, by a Dance teacher offering to run a 'Street Dance' club for children after school in Burley, on Wednesdays (3.15 – 4.20pm), starting after Christmas. She has worked with Sopley and Mudeford Infants for a number of years and has recently become available. The cost will be £4 per child - all Years from 1 to 6 catered for - payable termly. In order to be viable, the club needs **at least** 15 children with a maximum of 20. In order for the provider to gauge viability, please let the office know if your child(ren) would be interested in joining the club by Friday 4th November (first Friday back after half term) **at the latest**.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Activity
Wednesday 12 October	BPSA AGM
Thursday 13 October 9.30am	Harvest Assembly at Church
Wednesday 19 October 9.15-11.00am	Open Morning for Reception 2017
Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 October after school	Book Fair in the Hall
Thursday 20 October 4.30pm	Halloween Disco (no choir club today)
24-28 October	Half Term
Monday 31 October	Inset Day
Friday 4 November 7pm	Rock'n'Roll Bingo
Tuesday 8 November 3.30-5.30	Parent Evening bookable online via Scopay*
Wednesday 9 November 4.30-6.30	Parent Evening bookable online via Scopay*
Thursday 10 November 3.30-5.30	Parent Evening bookable online via Scopay*
Friday 11 November 10.30-11.15am	Remembrance Assembly at School
Thursday 17 November 7-8pm	KS1 & Year R Phonics Evening
Friday 18 November	Children in Need
Friday 25 November	Forest Day in School
Saturday 26 November	Whole School Grounds Day
Wednesday 30 November 2pm	School Open Afternoon
Friday 2 December after school	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 8 & Friday 9 December 10-11am	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 December 6-7pm	KS2 Concert
Wednesday 14 December 2pm	Listen 2 Me Kestrels Parents
Friday 16 December 9.30am	Church Service
Friday 16 December 1.30pm	School Day Ends
Tuesday 3 January 2017	First Day Spring Term – School reopens

**This online facility will be available from Friday 14 October 2016*

School Website

Our school website is currently being updated. We thank you for your patience.

Warmest regards

Dan Twyman

Executive Headteacher