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Burley Primary School

Newsletter No 2 - Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Week 5 of our Spring Term 1, where has the time gone? As we approach the end of this half term (two and a half weeks to go), there is a busy schedule of events and lots of exciting things going on, so please make sure that you are checking your emails, your children's book bags and the notice-board outside of the main reception area. At the end of this week, the children are being treated to a pantomime presentation of 'Beauty and the Beast', this has been paid for as a treat for the children, by the BPSA and once again we say a big thank you for all the 'extras' the BPSA are able to provide for our children.

Trips

There are lots of exciting trips being planned for the end of this half term and the beginning of the Spring 2 term; KS1 and Early Years are off to Marwell Zoo. Kestrels are going to the Theatre to see a production of 'The Twits', this is to support and enrich their current learning in Class where they are studying the work of Roald Dahl. In addition, Woodpeckers are off to Beaulieu where they are going to participate in a river study, this is to enhance their learning in Geography where they have been studying rivers of the world and in Great Britain, as well as focussing on river features and erosion and deposition. These are all great learning experiences for our children and are great for enriching the curriculum.

House Teams

Our House Captains and Vice Captains have now been voted for! All the children, from Year R to Year 6 had the opportunity to vote in our recent elections. The candidates all gave a 'winning' and 'convincing' presentation to their individual house teams and the votes were then counted and verified. Congratulations to all those who took part and our winning Captains and Vice Captains, Cameron, Katie, Alex, Matilda, Tilly, Joseph, Mia and Ruby.

All children now have a house point card and are busy collecting house points for learning, attitude to learning and behaviour, as well as illustrating our Burley values. There has been a general buzz around school and all the children have been working diligently towards gaining their first house point award.

Coats

With the cold (and very wet) weather now upon us, can we please ask that children are sent into school with adequate outdoor clothing – unbelievably some children are coming into school with only a school polo shirt on. Unless it is torrential rain, we always try to ensure that the children get their break time and lunch time play outside. It is important for them to get fresh air and to let off some steam so they are ready for learning. With this in mind, we would appreciate it if your child has a suitable coat to wear. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE Kits

Again, with the colder upon us, it would be great if your child brings in clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor PE, unless conditions are extreme, PE lessons are held outside either on the playground or on the green. There are an increasing number of children who are regularly forgetting to bring PE kit in. PE is a part of the National Curriculum and therefore children are expected to participate in weekly PE lessons, unless of course there is a health issue and a message, or note from home. We are lucky enough to have a professional PE coach twice a week and it is a shame if children are missing these sessions because of a lack of kit.

Reminder - 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 Lynne Solly 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.

Reminder - Snack Money

As you know, the children have the opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks to enjoy at playtime. Please can we ask that you send in your child's money in a named purse or wallet, rather than an envelope, as money is falling out of the envelopes and causing confusion.

Electronic Communication

Can we remind you that electronic communication is now up and running via email. Newsletters will continue to be put on the website too and hard copies of correspondence will be passed on to those parents who have requested them. Please let us know if you experience any difficulties regarding the electronic mail. Sometimes, emails can disappear into the Spam boxes, so please check to make sure that you have not missed any correspondence.

Sports News

Well done to Cameron, Mia, Harry, Charley, Tilly, Ruby, Joseph, Guy, Seb and Ollie who recently participated in a basketball competition at Noadswood School. Miss Parker reported that the children worked well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to those children for representing Burley Primary School so wonderfully.

Baby News

Just in case you hadn't heard the wonderful news, Mrs Tucker has recently given birth to a baby boy, Willoughby Ashley John born on Saturday 21st January, weighing in at 7lb 2oz. Congratulations to Mrs Tucker and her family – we all look forward to meeting the new addition!

Parking

Please can I remind you that parking immediately outside the school gates is reserved for staff only. Parents should use the car park next to the cricket pavilion. I appreciate that with the bad weather, it is a pain to go across the wet and muddy green but staff have been unable to park due to parents taking the spaces and it is dangerous for children to try to get into school when parents are using the road outside the gates as a drop-off point. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Community News

Diary Date: Pancake racing, in aid of Royal British Legion:

Event: Pancake-tossing races for boys and girls and egg-and-spoon races for boys and girls who are still too small to toss pancakes and run at the same time! There will be other games and lots of fun for everyone. There will be races for adults as well. Prizes for race winners and Sponsors' stands. Venue: Burley Park Field. Date and Time: Saturday, 25th February, at 12 noon until 2pm.

Obviously, as this half term comes to an end, there will be additional letters/information coming home, so please check your emails, the notice board and your child's book-bag. As always, thank you for your continued support and we hope you and the children enjoy their learning the rest of this half term.

Warmest Regards

Sarah Harvey
Head of School