



Burley Primary School

Newsletter Summer Term 1

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new summer term, I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

Year 6 SATs Week

As I'm sure you will be aware, up and down the Country children in Year 6 will shortly be taking their SATs Tests, week commencing Monday 8th May. I would like to say a BIG thank you to the children and staff for their hard work through the year and in the run up to test week. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best of luck!

Year 2 SATs Week

Week beginning Monday 15th May will be Year 2 SATs week. During the week, the children will be completing nationally standardised tests in Reading and Maths. Unlike in Year 6, these tests are internally marked and are used to inform Teacher Assessment. As soon as the Government provide the mark schemes and standardised measurement for outcomes, we will inform parents of your child's results.

Water Bottles, Hats and Sunscreen

As the sun begins to shine more consistently (hopefully!), please send your child in to school with a water bottle and hat (named or easily recognisable). Also, applying a high factor sunscreen before school is advisable in order to provide a protective barrier during play and lunchtimes.

New Look Lunch Times

I am sure that your children have been telling you about our exciting new look lunchtimes. They are enjoying learning many new games, which in turn are helping to improve their leadership, communication and perseverance skills, as well as having fun with their friends. The children are given the opportunity/choice to try a number of different games, including those requiring skill and determination, as well as good old-fashioned 'running around' games such as North, South, East, West, to ensure they are able to burn off some of their energy so they are ready for learning when they return to the classroom at 1pm. As well as this, they are enjoying old favourites, including building 'bug hotels'. It has been a pleasure to see them all enjoying the new equipment, which was kindly provided by the BPSA. Listening to the children's responses has been warming, one child said, "I find it exceptionally nice, I now have friends to play new games with." Others have responded by saying 'how sociable lunchtimes now are' and 'it's great to learn new skills'. In addition to the introduction of new equipment, the children are now sitting with their house teams in the hall, this is to promote a more pleasant lunchtime experience, socialising with younger and older members of the school community, as well as celebrating being part of their house team, gaining house points and the chance to sit on the 'golden table' on a Friday. Of course, with any new provision, we will continue to monitor and tweak these new arrangements to ensure maximum enjoyment and success for all our children. A big thank-you must be given to the members of staff who gave up their own time during the Easter holidays; they came in and renovated the pavilion (which looks amazing) and updated the planters around the playground. It's great to see everyone pulling together to make our children's lunchtimes so much more enjoyable.

A Note from the BPSA

You will note from previous newsletters that the date for this year's Summer Fayre will be Saturday 1st July. The BPSA will shortly be putting dates in the diary for mufti days and for collecting donations for the hampers and sweetie jars. Look out for more information on the BPSA notice-board.

Ticks

Staying safe and healthy

The New Forest National Park is a fabulous place to visit but there are a number of things worth bearing in mind to make sure you and your family stay safe and healthy.

Ticks

Ticks are found in the wooded and grassy areas of the New Forest. They feed on the blood of passing animals including humans and sometimes cause Lyme Disease or Alpha-Gal Allergy. Ticks are most abundant in the late spring and summer.

You can reduce the risk of infection by:

- keeping to footpaths and avoiding long grass when out walking
- wearing appropriate clothing in tick-infested areas (a long-sleeved shirt and trousers tucked into your socks)
- wearing light-coloured fabrics that may help you spot a tick on your clothes
- using insect repellent on exposed skin
- inspecting your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin, and waistband) – remove any ticks you find promptly
- checking your children's head and neck areas, including their scalp
- making sure ticks are not brought home on your clothes
- checking that pets do not bring ticks into your home in their fur.

For further information and guidance about ticks, preventing bites and what to do if you are bitten visit [NHS direct](#) or the [Public Health England](#) website.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Week beginning Monday 8 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Week beginning Monday 8 th May – Thursday 11 th May	Book Fayre in school – after school
Week beginning Monday 15 th May	Year 2 SATS
Tuesday 9 th May	Bags2School Collection
Wednesday 10 th May	Tag Rugby Year ¾ @ Brockenhurst – details to follow
Monday 15 th May	Tag Rugby 5/6 @ Brockenhurst – All Day
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th June	Start of Summer 2 Term
Wednesday 7 th June	New Parents to Year R Information Evening
Monday 12 th June	Phonics Screening
Tuesday 13 th June	Class Photos and whole school
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fayre
Monday 3 rd July – Friday 7 th July	Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 10 th July	Reports to Parents
Monday 10 th /Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6 transition days to Ringwood
Tuesday 11 th July	Whole School Transition Morning to new classes
Wednesday 12 th July	Whole School Open Afternoon
Friday 14 th July	Sports Day Plan A
Tuesday 18 th July & Wednesday 19 th July	Year 5/6 Performance – evening performances – times to be advised.
Wednesday 12 th July	Whole School Open Afternoon

Monday 17 th July	KS2 Performance - evening
Tuesday 18 th July	KS2 Performance - evening
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Plan B
Thursday 20 th July	Leaver's Assembly – 9.30am
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term
Monday 24 th July/Tuesday 25 th July	INSET days

Warmest Regards

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