



Burley Primary School

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Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017 – 18 academic year. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, even though the weather wasn't the best it could have been; it has been great to chat to the children about all the exciting activities they enjoyed during the holidays. I am also delighted to be able to welcome so many new families in to our school community. The children across the school have settled in wonderfully to their new classes and we are all looking forward to another highly successful year. It has already been an extremely busy first two weeks back; Roald Dahl Day – it was delightful to see so many children dressed up as Roald Dahl characters and to see them so enthused about their Roald Dahl Day themed learning. On Friday 14th September, the Ancient Egyptians are headed for Burley – the Hobgoblin Theatre Company are visiting to kick-start the new topic focus in Woodpeckers; Kestrels class will also enjoy the production and workshop too. Many thanks to the BPSA for kindly funding this for the children. Next week Woodpeckers are participating in Bikeability, which is a national cycling scheme. The main aim of the course being that the children will be able to make a short journey in a safe manner and be more aware of road safety issues.

New Staff

I must extend another very warm welcome to Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Pothas and Mrs Bushnell who are new to our staff team this year. Mrs O'Connor will be working in Wagtails alongside Mrs Shutler and Mrs Wilson; Mrs Bushnell will be supporting the children in Robins Class alongside Miss Parker and Mrs Pothas will be supporting our children in Woodpeckers. I am sure you will join us in making them feel welcome and established as part of our community as quickly as possible.

Parent Helpers

You will all be very aware; throughout the year we desperately need parental help in a variety of ways to aid our provision for the children. Whether it be helping in class; on trips; putting up displays or organising resources your help is invaluable to us. Please feel free to chat to your class teachers or myself regarding any help you may be able to offer.

After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Karate			
After School	Drama Club YR 1 – 6 3.15 – 4.20 KS2 Football Club YR 3 – 6 3.15 – 4.15		Science Club YR 1 – 6 3.15 – 4.15	Choir Club YR 3 – 6 3.15 – 4.15	

Football Club for KS2 has already begun; unfortunately multi-skills for KS1 on a Tuesday after school has had to be cancelled due to the lack of interest. Drama Club starts on Monday 18th September and has proven to be very popular with the children. Science Club letters have gone out and hopefully if we get a positive response, this club will begin on Wednesday 27th September. Choir Club begins on Thursday 21st September.

Important Reminder: The school's aim is to provide as many extra-curricular clubs as possible. A barrier to this is that in order for a club to be viable to run, the company providing it needs to have a minimum number of children taking part each week. Due to the size of our year groups and the school's relatively remote location (i.e. incurred transportation costs to the provider) there is a limit to those willing to work with us. I will be in frequent and on-going negotiations with providers in order to continue to maximise the provision. If, in the meantime, you or someone you knows has a particular skill set that may make a good club for the children either before or after school please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parking/Picking Up

Please be reminded that the car park at the front of the school is for **school staff members only**. Parents should use the car park across the field to park up and walk their children across. The lane is not designed as a pick up or drop off point and we had a very near miss this morning with a child almost being hit because a parent was whizzing down the lane. These measures are put in place to ensure that children can stay safe on the way in and out of school and to make sure that staff members have a car parking space so they are in school in time to teach the children.

Harvest Festival

We will be accepting any dry or tinned goods to put in the harvest boxes for the Harvest Assembly on Friday 29th September. These can be left with the School Office.

Headline Dates for this half term

Friday 15th September – Family Quiz (BPSA) 6pm – 8pm

Monday 18th September – 21st September – Bikeability Woodpeckers Class

Wednesday 20th September – new Year R intake for 2018-2019 Meet the Teacher Session

Tuesday 26th September/Wednesday 27th September/Thursday 28th September – Book Fayre after school in the hall

Friday 29th September – Harvest Festival Celebration at St. John the Baptist Church beginning at 9.30am

Monday 2nd October – Forest Day

Wednesday 11th October – Tempest Photographers in School

Thursday 19th October – Halloween Disco (BPSA) 5pm – 6.30pm

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – Inset Day

Tuesday 31st October – first day back Autumn Term 2

I would once again like to welcome everyone back to school and wish you all a successful and happy Autumn Term 1.

Warm regards

Sarah Harvey
Head of School