



Burley Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our first half term; where have the last 7 weeks gone?! The children have all settled well and have already enjoyed many new and exciting learning opportunities. It has also a pleasure to see how well our new Year R children have settled in to their new routines. Next half term, of course, will be extremely busy as we head towards the end of the year; please keep an eye out on the notice board and check your emails and texts to ensure you are up-to-date with everything happening during our Autumn 2 term.

Forest Day

The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed our recent forest day; it was a joy to see all the children working as a team to build the most robust den they could; learn to chop wood and light fires safely; and to create unique pieces of art using what they could find in our beautiful surroundings. A big thank must be extended to all staff and volunteers, who helped to make it such a success on the day.

Message from Mrs Adams – our Interim Executive Headteacher

What a PRIVILEGE it was for me to join the children in their exploration of the magic of the forest! Forest day only served to consolidate for me what it is that makes the wonderful and unique education that is delivered at Burley School. What the children learnt about resilience and team work was amazing, whilst also taking part in complex tasks such as fire lighting. It was just incredible to see such young children introduced so safely into the art of using a machete and working together to create elaborate dens. Bear Grylls would have been proud! I must thank the staff for all the hard work that went into planning the day and also extend a huge vote of thanks to the many wonderful parent volunteers without whom these days would simply not be possible. And a final thank you to the weather. What a wonderful day to be a forest Explorer!

Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money can be paid via Scopay. Money owing for dinners should not exceed £20.00. If this amount is outstanding, then parents will have to provide their children with a packed lunch, until the outstanding balance is paid.

School Uniform

We would just like to give you a gentle reminder about school uniform as some children have been coming in wearing items which do not conform to our uniform guidelines. Please refer to the section on our school website; this provides information for boys' and girls' uniform, as well as PE kits. This also gives information about where uniform can be purchased from. Of course, please feel free to check out some bits and pieces we have had donated from parents. These items are located in the disabled toilet in Reception.

Message and News from BPSA

As many of you know the BPSA (Burley Primary School Association) is a charitable organisation that aims to raise much needed funds for our little school. Currently we have a Chair - Liz Lester-Brooks, a treasurer – Katie Williams and a secretary Nicolette Hiscock. The association is then made up of willing volunteers who work tirelessly to put on all those extra things that make your child's school journey so special: Treat Friday, The Halloween Disco, The Christmas Fair, The Quiz Night, The Summer Fair, to name but a few. These events are always successful because the parents of this school are a fantastic bunch who doesn't mind getting stuck it!

This week there will be the Halloween Disco (Thursday 5pm-6.30pm) and tickets (£3.50 for the disco, hotdog, cake and drink) will be on sale this week. The children always love this event but please no masks, as we do find this scares some!

After half term there will be the BPSA Annual General Meeting (16th November at Burley in the school hall, from 6pm). This is the ideal opportunity to come along and meet the committee and get an idea of what we do and how you can be involved. Or even just to have a glass of wine and meet some mums and dads!

It is also that time of year again when the pupils at Burley are busy taking part in the Christmas Card Project. Art Projects for Schools take the designs that your children have done and turns these images into cards, wrapping paper and even gift tags. Not only does this project inspire and fuel the imaginations of the children, it is also a fundraising activity for the school. Every item bought, provides the school with much needed funds.

What this means is that, this week, your child will produce a Christmas card in school. These are then sent back to the provider for scanning. Artworks will then be returned to the school by the beginning of November and given out to parents. You will then be able to access the shop www.apfsorders.co.uk by inputting the unique code and your child's surname (this can be found on the back of the artwork). The deadline for orders is the 8th November. All ordering must be done on line and not through the school office as in the past. This new system was set up last year and there were many teething problems, which, I am assured, have all now been resolved (fingers crossed!) If you are feeling artistic yourself, or if granny / grandpa or younger siblings also want to have a go, follow the simple guide below and be sure to return the artwork into school by Thursday 19th October. Only work that is in school by this date will be sent through to APFS so it is important to have it done by then. If artwork is not sent into APFS for scanning, you will not be able to order it.

Guidelines for producing your own cards:

- 1...Artworks can be created on white or coloured paper or card and must be A4 in size
2. Artworks may be portrait or landscape
3. Bold colours work well as does collage
4. Please do not use pearlescent paint or metallic or light reflective material such as foil or highlighter pens
5. No glitter
6. No black backgrounds
7. All pastel work needs to be fixed before sending
8. Due to copyright, pictures from books etc cannot be reproduced, unless children are copying in their own style.

If you are unsure about any of this please do not hesitate to find Mrs Arnold (Matilda and Stan's mum) or email carinaaliano@hotmail.com

Little Dears Quiz Night

There will be a quiz night at Burley Primary School on Friday 10th November commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Nursery at Deer Hall or Shappen Stores; tickets are £10 which includes a Chilli supper. All are very welcome.

General Messages from Lynsey in the School Office

Keep checking your emails, texts and children's book-bags as Lynsey will often send out reminder messages.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 30 th October	INSET day
Tuesday 31 st October	First day back after half term
Tuesday 31 st & Wednesday 1 st November	Parents Evenings 3.30pm – 7pm
Wednesday 1 st November	Open Morning for new Year R – September 2018 intake
Sunday 12 th November	Village Memorial Services – all welcome to attend
Tuesday 14 th November	Flu Clinic – Years R - 4
Friday 17 th November	Woodpeckers Ancient Egypt Day – with parents invitation from 2.30pm – letter sent home
Thursday 23 rd November	Woodpeckers Trip to Tutankhamen Exhibition – letter sent home
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre 5pm – 7pm School Hall
Thursday 14 th and Friday 15 th December	Nativity – EY and KS1 – details to follow
Thursday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Carol Concert from 6pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 20 th December	Whole School Church Service – details

	to follow
Thursday 21 st December	Finish at 1.15pm Children can be collected after registration
Thursday 4 th January 2018	Spring 1 Term begins

Wow! What a busy term we have ahead; of course there will be other things happening over the next half term, so please keep an eye out for these. I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you and the children a very happy and relaxing half term.

Kind Regards

Sarah Harvey
Head of School