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NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1 – AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the autumn term 2018! Where did those six weeks go? We hope you all had a glorious summer, enjoying family time in the sunshine.

The teachers have been very busy during the holidays preparing classrooms for the children's return: arranging the learning environment; putting up attractive and stimulating displays; as well as moving the school around – all ready for a positive start to the year. Please do pop your heads in to meet the teachers and familiarise yourselves with your child(ren)'s new learning environments.

After our INSET training days as a Federation, it was wonderful to open the doors of our school and welcome all the children back. We would especially like to welcome our new Reception children, who will be joining us this week, as well as numerous new children in other year groups. It has been a delight to see all the children returning to school with enthusiasm and settling into their new classes.

We would like to officially welcome Mrs Lisa Hodgson, our new Year 1/2 teacher and Mr Dominic Townsend, our new Year 5/6 teacher.

This academic year promises to be full of excitement! As always, we look forward to working with you and your children to ensure they grow and develop, enjoying their time as part of our very special Burley family.

Helen Morris and Sarah Harvey

Wagtail's and Robin's Morning Routing

To help the children to become more independent Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Shutler would like you to drop and settle your children really quickly on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning and would like to invite you in to your child's classroom on a Wednesday morning. This will be from 8.45-9.10am and will be an opportunity to see your child's work and share in your child's learning. Please do ensure that if you stay, that you are there to see your child's learning and work and do not use it as an opportunity to catch up with other parents. I look forward to seeing lots of you on Wednesday mornings.

Mrs Shutler.

Wagtail's and Robin's PE

The children in years 1, 2 and Reception will now be having their PE sessions with a sports coach on a Tuesday morning. The session will take place at the start of the school day, so we would like you to send your child into school wearing their PE Kit and PE shoes. They will need to bring their school uniform into school in their PE bag so they can change after PE. Your child's class teacher will send PE kits' home with the children at the end of the day on Monday.

SAFEGUARDING BURLEY CHILDREN - COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

At Burley, keeping children safe is our highest priority. Consequently, we ask for your understanding and co-operation as we tighten our procedures for releasing children during and at the end of the school day.

If you wish your child(ren) to be collected by anyone other than their parent, we ask that you complete a permission slip (as attached at the end of the newsletter). We will e-mail you a copy of this to have at home, but copies will also be available at the school office and in your child's classroom. If we have not received a permission slip detailing who will be collecting your child(ren), they will not be released until we have contacted you by telephone.

Should your child(ren) regularly be collected by someone other than their parent, you can provide this information as a 'one-off' permission slip rather than completing one each day. However, we ask that you inform us as soon as any collection arrangements change.

We thank you in anticipation of your support in safeguarding Burley children.

Class News - Woodpeckers' Start to the Year

It's an exciting time for Year 5 and 6 at Burley – not least because there is so much change! We have a brand new teacher in Mr Townsend, as well as a fun-packed curriculum for the year. This term we are learning all about the Greeks as our topic, which we will be exploring during our everyday lessons, as well as with an exciting visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre Company in the coming weeks. We are all very excited to sink our teeth into our new topic, as well as our new units in other subjects, including maths and French as well as PE, which we will have every Monday and Tuesday!

The pupils of Woodpecker Class

EYFS and KS1 Outdoor

Mrs Shutler and Mrs Hodgson have worked hard over the summer to create an exciting and stimulating outdoor learning environment in the newly expanded Key Stage One and EYFS outdoor area. Please remember that this is a learning environment and NOT a playground, so please make sure that any of your children do not use it to play at the beginning and end of the day. I thank you for your cooperation with this.

From the Office

To save you time waiting at the office during busy periods, you can leave all reply slips, messages, etc in the post box at the entrance. This is checked every morning and afternoon.

Reminder

A reminder to any parents with children due to start school in the 2019/2020 academic year – you can apply for school places in Hampshire from 1 November 2018

Forest Schools

The children in Reception and Year 1 will be doing forest schools once a week with Mrs Shutler, so will therefore need to have a pair of wellington boots and suitable all weather coat in school at all times. In addition to this, the Year 2 children may have the opportunity to join them during Forest School sessions, so please make sure they have a pair of wellington boots in school too.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 14th September – Hobgoblin Theatre Trip

Thursday 20th September – EYFS Information Morning for new starters 2018

Thursday 27th September – EYFS Open Morning for September 2019 intake

Friday 28th September – Drama 4 All group visiting school

Friday 5th October – Harvest Festival

Monday 8th October - EYFS Open Morning for September 2019 intake

Tuesday 16th and 18th October – Parents Evening

Thursday 15th October – KS1 SATS Information 2pm – 3pm

Thursday 15th October – KS2 SATS Information 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October – Half term break

Thursday 15th November - EYFS Open Morning for September 2019 intake

Monday 26th November to Friday 30th November – Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip to ‘Mill on the Brue’

MY CHILD(REN)’S COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Child(ren)’s Name(s): _____

Class(es): _____

Date of Alternative Collection Arrangements: _____

I give my permission for _____ to collect my child(ren) on the above date.

Name: _____ Signature: _____