

Burbage Junior School

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The Burbage Way: striving to be the best version of ourselves

Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy few weeks again at the Juniors.

We have a brand new website which we hope will be more attractive and easier to navigate. Visit www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk or just search Burbage Juniors.

Three years ago the school achieved a "Beyond Bullying Award" for hard work in promoting positive relationships and being proactive about addressing bullying issues. It is now time to renew this and we are delighted to have been advised that we are eligible to work towards the higher 'Gold Award'.

Finally, in the past some parents have worried about collecting from both the Infants and Juniors at the same time. Please be assured that now there is always a member of staff (often myself or Mrs Peckover) on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day, and we stay until all the children have been collected. If parents are concerned about not getting to the Juniors from the Infants in time, we are happy for you to tell your children to wait with us at the Juniors.

We have a great deal to be proud of at the Junior School and we look forward to seeing you for our Christmas' events over the coming weeks.

Mrs Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher



Inclement weather

It's that time of year when we need to dig out our scarves and gloves! Although snow has not yet been mentioned in any forecast, we just wanted to confirm procedures as follows:

If the school cannot be opened for the day, announcements will be made on BBC Radio Leicester (104.9). If we are opening as usual there will be no radio announcement. We will also endeavour to send messages via ParentMail.

The school will only close where conditions are very severe and the decision is always taken along with the Infant School.

If it does snow, and the school stays open, it's great for the children to be able to enjoy it while it is still fresh, providing they have their wellies or snow boots and appropriate outdoor clothing.



Anti-Bullying Week 2018

At school, we have all been busy colouring in odd socks and exploring issues related to bullying for Anti-bullying week. We already have the local authority award for anti-bullying and we are now working towards the gold award!

Our aim is to constantly educate pupils on all aspects of friendship and inclusivity. We collect pupils' and parents' views through regular surveys - recently conducting a whole school questionnaire for pupils on issues relating to friendship and bullying, as well as consulting pupils and parents on a positive playground charter. This will be drafted for publication and will include the winning poster of our anti-bullying competition. We have set procedures in place for dealing with any concerns and monitor the situation closely - always taking action (please see our Anti-bullying policy for more information).

Please talk to any member of the school community if you are concerned about bullying.

Our pupils are trained to spot it and stop it using the phrase, 'Several Times On Purpose, Start Telling Other People' to help them remember what to do. Thank you to our Year 6 buddies who support pupils on the playground and are role models for the rest of the school.

We have recently held a parents information evening on internet safety with an international consultant on online safety. Her advice was invaluable and we will post all the links and useful tips onto the school website.

Musical.ly - now called Tick Tock - is a popular site that is causing us some concern. It does have a 12+ age restriction on it (see further information at the end of the newsletter). As a parent of teenagers myself, I am aware of the challenges of staying informed and have found this site particularly useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe>

Catherine Herd, Computing and Internet Safety Co-ordinator and school lead on behaviour issues.

NSPCC

This month we have been busy raising money for the NSPCC and have received the following letter to thank us for our support:

Dear staff, pupils and parents at Burbage Junior school,

I just wanted to say THANK YOU so much for all your support with our NSPCC speak out stay safe programme this term. Your school raised a total of £1437.87 to help other children - well done! Thank you for their hard work and efforts to help the NSPCC.

Wishing you a wonderful term ahead.

Warmest regards,

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Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who attended our coffee morning on 20th November.

Mr Little gave an update on our progress towards the Gold Anti-Bullying Award and this was followed by lots of interesting discussions.

Look out for our next coffee morning in the Spring Term.

Parking

We have received a number of complaints of inconsiderate parking this month and would ask for your continued support to ensure that the roads around the school are safe for all our pupils.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box will be out from Monday 10th December so that children can post their cards to each other. To help our delivery monitors, please ensure that cards are clearly named (both first and last names) with the class or year group if known.

Poppies

Thank you to everyone who supported our poppy appeal. The two money tins were certainly heavy and we hope we will have raised a good amount for the brilliant work of the Royal British Legion. More news when we have it.

French Club

Fantastic News! La Jolie Ronde has triumphed at the prestigious children's education awards "What's On 4 Kids Awards 2018" to win BEST NATIONAL LICENSED ACTIVITY FOR 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS for the fifth year in succession.

Winning this award for the 5th year in a row makes me feel very proud to be a La Jolie Ronde Licensee. 2018 was an exceptional year with voting very fierce across all the categories, so I'd like to thank everyone who voted. We have once again demonstrated how popular our language classes are with parents and carers and the children we teach.

The younger the children are when they learn a new language, the quicker they will acquire these new skills. Children are like sponges and pick up the authentic French accent and pronunciation with ease. My classes, using the tried and tested La Jolie Ronde methodology, revolve around making the sessions enjoyable by learning through interactive songs, games, stories, rhymes and role-plays without any pressure. The children I teach are simply having fun with their friends and learning a new language at the same time without even realising it.

I'm extremely grateful to Burbage Infants and Burbage Juniors Schools for giving me the opportunity to run these classes, and would like to express a huge THANK YOU to Karen Allen and Claire Barwell for their continued support.

Jo Davis, La Jolie Ronde Licensee
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Burbage Junior School Christingle Service

This will take place on **Sunday 16th December** at St Catherine's Church, starting at 5:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome and funds raised will go to The Children's Society.



We have a name!

Following our introduction in the last newsletter, we are excited to reveal that our guinea pigs are called Blueberry and Cherry, as suggested by Keira in 5A.

We are pleased to report that Blueberry and Cherry behaved beautifully during the big reveal and are enjoying some extra goodies courtesy of the funds raised!



World War 1 Commemorations

We would like to thank Anne Crabtree and Sylvia Whitworth (Burbage Heritage Group) for their support in arranging a series of events to commemorate the hundred years since World War 1, which included a talk on the village during that time, as well as providing a display which the children have loved looking at.

On Friday November 2nd, six members of our school council joined Burbage Historical Society to remember the last four casualties of the First World War. Information was given about the four soldiers, a candle was lit for each, and a bugler played the last post in a very moving ceremony.

On Friday 9th November we held our annual service of Remembrance at Pughe's Paddock.



Grove Road School's PTA

Our PTA are working incredibly hard in preparation for all of the forthcoming Christmas events.

The Secret Room will be open on 6th and 7th of December for children to do their Christmas shopping and the Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Friday 7th December between 5 - 8pm.

If you are able to give any time to help, please pass your name on to the school office.



Remember to like our Facebook page: Grove Road Schools PTA



STILL LOOKING FOR HELP!

Do you know anyone that could spare a couple of hours a week? If so, Mrs Peckover would love to hear from you!

We are still looking for volunteers (subject to DBS checks) to take part in our bookworm scheme (to come in to school and listen to our children read) as well as any keen gardeners (similar to the army of volunteers over at the Infant school).

Please ask around, as we would love to get this up and running soon.



Diary Dates

December

Saturday 1 st	Cross Country Prestwold Hall 9:30am start
Monday 3 rd	6P New Walk Trip
Tuesday 4 th	6B New Walk Trip Year 5 National Space Centre Trip
Wednesday 5 th	6H New Walk Trip
Thursday 6 th & Friday 7 th	Secret Room
Friday 7 th	PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 10 th	School Nurse Drop in Centre 2:00pm
Sunday 16 th	Schools Christingle Event 5:30pm St Catherine's Church
Monday 17 th	Year 3 Performance 2:00pm
Tuesday 18 th	Year 3 Performance 9:30am
Wednesday 19 th	Christmas Lunch Church Service 10:00am & 2:00pm
Thursday 20 th	West End in Schools
Friday 21 st	School closes for the Christmas Holidays

January

Tuesday 8 th	School opens for the Spring Term
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Warning Zone Trip

February

Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 London Trip
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Age Restrictions On Social Media

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