



Burbage Junior School

DECEMBER 2020



We have almost come to the end of a year I am sure none of us ever anticipated. I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for all their support and hard work, both during the school closure before the summer, and for supporting us with all the changes we have needed to put in place to reopen safely this term. I am also incredibly proud of all of our children, who have adapted so well to these unprecedented times.

A huge thank you and a very happy Christmas to you all!

Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher



YEAR 3 'CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION' VIDEOS

The Year 3 children are busy rehearsing for their year group celebration videos. Thank you for completing the consent on ParentMail. We look forward to sharing these with you towards the end of term. More details to follow!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

With regret we are not allowing the children to bring in cards for their friends this year as this would obviously involve transition from one household through school to another household. This is in line with our Covid-19 precautions.

We are also not allowing children to give out birthday sweets.

The children are making their usual Christmas crafts, and they will be bringing these home with them at the end of term.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



On the week of 16th to 20th November we supported this national initiative. The aim was to explain to the children about bullying through story, discussion and activities to heighten their awareness of what bullying is and what they should do if they witness or experience it. As always, if you have any concerns about behaviour in school, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. For further information, please go to the Leicestershire Beyond Bullying website: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/>

PE KITS

We are continuing to ask children to come into school on their PE days wearing their PE kit. We ask that the children do not wear football/rugby, kits, etc. to keep as close to the plain school uniform as possible for all the children.



'ALADDIN' CHRISTMAS DANCE WORKSHOPS

We are excitedly awaiting our West End in Schools dance workshops that will be taking place at Burbage Juniors next week. We will be taking part in groups of approx. 15 from within class bubbles. Our PTFA have very kindly offered to fund 50% of the cost and we are very grateful to them.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are participating in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. We are not asking for any donations.



Please do not buy a jumper especially – any festive or brightly coloured top would be fine.

PTFA 'SECRET ROOM'



Thank you to parents who have supported this event. Unfortunately, this is now closed. The children will be bringing home their selected gift(s) on either Thursday 10th or Friday 11th December.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



We are pleased to be able to offer our traditional Christmas dinner this year. The menu is on page 2. If you want your child to have a Christmas dinner, they simply need to let us know on the day.

- Monday 14th December – Years 3 & 4
- Tuesday 15th December – Years 5 & 6



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our collection on Friday 13th November. Together we raised £154!



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass supports children exposed to domestic abuse. We are an Operation Encompass school. For more information, go to: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this year's poppy appeal. We raised a staggering £713.60!





PARKING

We understand that finding a parking space near school at drop-off and pick-up times can be difficult. However, we have had complaints from the residents of the Horsepool about people parking in their cul-de-sac and leaving cars blocking driveways, on the pavement, etc. Could we please ask you to be considerate with your parking. Thank you.



PRIVACY NOTICE

We are required by law to inform you regularly of our school's Privacy Notice. A copy is available on our website in the Policies section or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office. Thank you.



SNOW!

It is approaching the time of year when we may get snow. If we do need to close, we will let you know in the following ways:

- Via Radio Leicester (104.9 FM) who include details in their broadcasts and on their website.
- We will send a message through 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, we are happy to take children onto the field as long as they bring their wellies or snow boots and have appropriate outdoor clothing.

TERM DATES

School closes on Friday 18th December at 3.15 pm and re-opens on Tuesday 5th January at 8.45 am.



LTS Catering Services

Merry Christmas

FESTIVE LUNCH

**Traditional Roast Turkey
Chipolata & Bacon Roll,
Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Roast Gravy**

or Festive Vegetarian Loaf

Oven Roasted Potatoes &
Fresh Creamed Potatoes

Carrot Batons,
Minted Peas or
Brussel Sprouts

Auntie Dot's Christmas
Pudding & Custard
or Christmas Cookie

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