

Burbage Junior School

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

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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We're coming to the end of a very long, busy term and everyone is looking forward to Christmas.

Our Ofsted Inspection in October was a brilliant start to the year. We achieved "Good" in all areas, and the team were particularly impressed with the good start we have made working with the Infant school on our new Curriculum, and how enthusiastic our children are about their learning.

We are currently working hard to develop our grounds. Over the next few weeks we will be having a new trail marked on our playground for children to do The Daily Mile. We have also been busy planting 100 trees donated to us by the Woodland Trust. Five members of staff at school are currently completing a Forest School qualification, so planting our new trees will support this exciting part of our curriculum into the future. We will also be developing our pond – watch this space.

Some sad news. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Elaine Doran at Christmas. She has worked at the school for the last twelve years, and currently works in Year 5. I am sure you will all wish her good luck, and join us in saying 'thank you' for all her hard work.

Mrs Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher

Year 6 trip to New Walk Museum

As part of their Autumn Term history work, Year 6 enjoyed a visit to New Walk Museum. They participated in an Egyptian workshop, learning about the process of mummification! There was also time to enjoy the art galleries, animal exhibits and the dinosaur displays.



Year 5 Space Centre Visit

On Tuesday 14th November, Year 5 went to the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of their Science work this term.

During the day, the children had chance to explore planets and stars in the Planetarium.

A great time was had by all!



The Book People

If you are Christmas shopping for books this year, please remember that we are registered with the Book People who donate money to us based on the value of books purchased.

Please use the link:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/big-bookboost>



Interim Reports

We are very proud of all the pupils' hard work and achievements so far this year.

Please look out for interim reports with details of your child's attainment for the Autumn Term which will be sent out in January.

Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £395.25 for this year's Children in Need collection.

Thank you for your support.



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.

Sporting News

This has been a really good few months for children at school. In the last half term, we have entered seven different events which have seen over 50 children represent Burbage Juniors.

The level of competition was very high and as a school we have had some amazing results. Well done to the Year 6 table tennis team who are now representing Leicestershire in the New Year. As well as to the Year 4 dodgeball team, who won their event and will now represent Hinckley and Bosworth in January.

January will see more cross country, indoor athletics and the Rice Bowl football competition.

All children will also receive 2 hours of basketball coaching from Leicester Riders next half term.

Well done all and thank you for your continued support.



Grove Road School's PTA

A massive 'thank you' to Nicola Cross and all the volunteers from Grove Road PTFA for giving their time to organise and run events throughout the year, including the Burbage Scarecrow festival, film nights, discos and, most recently, the Secret Room and Christmas Fair.

They work in credibly hard to raise money for both schools, providing funds for IT equipment, redecoration, playground equipment and numerous extra-curricular opportunities.

Please see the school website for more information on their work and if you are able to support them in any way, please pass your details on to the school office or attend the next meeting.

Remember to like our Facebook page: Grove Road Schools PTA



Diary Dates

January

Monday 6 th	Teacher Day
Tuesday 7 th	School reopens to pupils
Friday 31 st	PTFA Film Night

February

Wednesday 12 th	PTFA Meeting
17 th – 21 st	Half Term
24 th , 25 th & 28 th	Year 6 Workhouse Trip

March

6 th & 13 th	PTFA Discos
9 th	Science Week

April

6 th – 17 th	Easter Holidays
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May

8 th – 10 th	Scarecrow Festival
11 th – 14 th	SATs Weeks
25 th – 29 th	Half Term

ParentMail



Please can you double check that you are signed up with the school's ParentMail system.

This should be your first port of call for important information regarding school trips and activities.

Thank you for your support in this.