



# Burbage Junior School

## Summer Newsletter 2021

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### **Executive Headteacher Message**

As we get towards the end of a hugely unpredictable year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your amazing support, particularly during the lockdown earlier in the year, and if your child has had to isolate over the last couple of weeks due to bubble closures.

Currently we are anticipating being able to return to school at the end of Autumn reintroducing many of the things we have missed over the last year, such as hot meals, assemblies, and productions. This will all depend upon the government decision that we reach stage four of the Covid Recovery Roadmap, which is currently anticipated on July 19th. We have already had some guidance from the Department for Education about what this means, and are making our plans accordingly, but we expect further guidance during the break, and so will write to you closer to the time to confirm the arrangements. Thank you for your patience with this.

Although things have most certainly been very different this term, we have managed to have some great events. Year 6 have produced a wonderful, filmed play based on their work on World War Two. This was particularly poignant for me, as much of it was identical to the story of my Grandad George, who like one of the characters, was taken prisoner of war at Arnhem. A number of the year groups have managed to have day trips this term, to Beaumanor, Bosworth Battlefield, and trampolining and we have welcomed Creative Learning Services into school to carry out a variety of workshops. It does feel like things are slowly getting back to normal.

All have a great, restful, safe holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone in the new school year.

### **Wild World Heroes - Summer Reading Challenge 2021!**

Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment! If you're between 4 and 12 years old you can join this year's Summer Reading Challenge and become a Wild World Hero at any Leicestershire Library from Saturday 3rd July until Saturday 4th September.

Read amazing books, collect a poster and smelly stickers and even get a medal just by visiting the library two times over the summer. It's fun, free and easy to take part!

1. Pre-register online (see below) or go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!
2. Sign up to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster
3. Choose books to read over the holidays & collect stickers and prizes
4. Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Wild World Hero

#### Summer Activities

What's on in our libraries this summer! Look out for our online author events including local author Jane Clarke on Monday 26th July 11-12 noon on our Facebook page. Like our page [www.facebook/yourlibrary](http://www.facebook/yourlibrary) and keep checking back for further events!

#### Read books you love! Wild World Heroes Book Collections

Read, listen to or share any books you love as part of the Summer Reading Challenge. You might also be inspired by the official Wild World Heroes book collections connected to the Challenge's themes about the natural world, young heroes and standing up for the planet. Young people can also request books for free from their local Leicestershire library throughout the summer!

## Events Round Up

With things slowly starting to get back to normal PE has continued at full pace throughout the summer term.

All of year 3 have had lots of swimming lessons making sure they are water confident and looking at basic swimming techniques.

All children in the school have participated in sports day with all children taking part in at least three events. This was an amazing success due to the attitude and enthusiasm of the children and a great advert for the school.

A group of children, from all year groups, also participated in Quad Kids athletics. I am pleased to say that year 3/4 boys, year 5/6 girls and year 5/6 boys won their age range for all Hinckley and Bosworth which is an amazing result.

Thank you to Mr Little, Mr Durose and Mr Graham who are looking forward to working with as many children as possible next year.

In addition to sporting events, each year group has also had a very busy term in other ways...

## Year 3

This term, children in Year 3 have been learning about Natural Disasters and Volcanoes in Geography and Rocks and Soils, and Plants in Science. We have created a paper mache volcano and completed a science experiment to observe our volcanoes erupting. To assist us with our Plants knowledge, we have grown our own sunflowers. In English, we have written a newspaper report about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD, we have written a diary of a seed, and an introduction letter to our Year 4 teachers. In Maths, we have learned all about time and properties of shapes.

This term we have been lucky enough to have swimming lessons and tennis lessons from an outside coach.

We had our first Sports Day at Burbage Junior School where all of the children joined in with great sportsmanship (despite the rain).

We have also had visits from Creative Learning Services, where we looked at different Roman artefacts, as well as taking part in the Life Education Van visit.

## Year 4

In Year 4, we have had two visits from CLS. One was called History Detectives which was about using evidence. The other visit was called Wild Things which looked at the environment. The children thoroughly enjoyed both sessions!

We were also lucky enough to enjoy a visit from Lisa Webb who delivered a tutorial on how to draw a kingfisher.

Finally, we all enjoyed a sunny visit to Bosworth Heritage Centre to study aspects of local history. We have had a fantastic term in many ways!

## Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed a lovely summer term.

Children have had the chance to take part in an Art workshop in which they created a picture of a Kingfisher using different colours and shades.

Some of year 5 also completed their Bike Ability training and developed their confidence in cycling on the road; using right and left turning signals.

We also had the opportunity to speak with an Aeronautical Engineer who explained the science behind aeroplanes and discussed renewable and non-renewable energy sources.

We've all been taking part in Forest School sessions with Mrs Allen.

## Year 6

Beaumanor Hall.

When we went to Beaumanor Hall, we had a kind guide called Richard take us round. In the morning, we created land buggies using barrels, metal poles (x2), small wooden seats (x2), wooden beams (x2) and nuts, bolts and washers. After we made them, we had races and it was very enjoyable! In the afternoon, we went on 6 8 ½ metre climbing walls. There was 4 outside on a wooden structure and two on the inside. In teams of 5, one would climb and the other 4 would pull the rope. It was the highlight of the day!

Red Kangaroo.

Red Kangaroo is a trampoline park in Coventry. There was so much to do there: trampolines, inflatables, basketball, a Ninja Warrior course, airbag and the Megaslide. We had 2 hours of bouncing and then we had pizza for lunch and the Red Kangaroo mascot came along.

Edith's Wartime Scrapbook Play.

This play was a story of elderly Edith, when moving out of her house, finds a scrapbook she did during World War 2. She retells her story which includes different key events in the war. It has lots of songs and has got an amazing story!

## New Staff News

We have had a number of new(ish) staff join us recently.

Mr Pope is our new Premises Officer, following Mr Cheater's retirement in December. I'm sure that many of you will already have seen him on the gates in the morning. He has recently been invited by our School Council to lead them on a Health and Safety walk and they are now working on a joint project to share this information with the rest of the school.

Mrs Kind and Mrs Moore are joining us on a permanent basis from the Infants as a Senior Teaching Assistant and ELSA.

Miss Dixon will be returning as Mrs Williams and Miss Hills will be Mrs Pierce following their Summer weddings.

## PTFA News

We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU!' to our wonderful PTFA who have worked so hard, in very difficult circumstances, to continue to raise much needed funds for both the Infant and Junior Schools!

Recently, they have held a virtual book fair, had a non-uniform 'sporty' day in school, organised class tea towels and held a virtual balloon race, won by Team Lennys, whose balloon travelled 1128km! We are really looking forward to our Scarecrow Festival on 18th - 19th September. More information and the option to book your entry can be found by following this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/groveroadschoolsptfa/#.YE9Z7537TIU> or on the Grove Road PTFA Facebook page.

The PTFA will also be holding a new members meeting at the start of the Autumn Term and we would love to see some new faces!

## Summer Test and Trace Procedures

Schools are expected to continue to monitor symptoms and positive tests in their school community at the start of the school holidays. In our case, this will be until Wednesday 14th July. This is so that if any cases develop within our bubbles, we can notify parents whose children will need to self-isolate.

In order to do this we have set up the following system.

If your child develops the following symptoms up until 14th July:

- a new persistent cough,
- a temperature of 38 degrees or more,
- a loss of sense of taste or smell,

OR

if your child has tested positive for Covid 19, please email [covidsymptoms@burbageinfants.org](mailto:covidsymptoms@burbageinfants.org)

This account will be monitored by senior leaders at both the Infant and the Junior Schools. You will then be sent an automated email with a link to a form which will collect all of the details we need to process this, and enable us to determine whether or not we need to contact Public Health England and ask other children to self-isolate.

You can also find the form on the Covid 19 page of the website for the Infant and the Junior Schools.  
<http://www.burbageinfants.org>  
[www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk](http://www.burbage-jun.leics.sch.uk)

If you email us on the above address and do not receive the automated response, please fill the form in on the website.

Please note, this form is GDPR compliant and we will not be keeping any data collected beyond the Easter period.

The email address is strictly for the purpose of notifying us of any symptoms or positive cases, and must not be used for any other correspondence. Other email addresses and Class Dojo accounts will not be monitored over the holiday.

Thank you for your support, and we wish you all a very happy holiday.

## Leicestershire Term Dates and Consultation

Leicestershire County Council are looking to set the term dates for the five years between Autumn 2022 and Summer 2027 and would like to hear what you have to say on their three suggested options.

### **Broadly, the proposals are:**

1. Keeping the 'traditional' county term time pattern, which offers an earlier summer holiday but means a longer autumn term
2. Aligning the autumn and spring breaks in line with most other authorities, including Leicester City, but again means a longer autumn term
3. Introducing a two-week autumn half-term break. This would leave terms 'more balanced' across the whole year but would result in a shorter Easter break

Please follow the link to complete this: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-consultations/have-your-say-on-school-term-time-dates>

### **ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22**

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

School Opens	Wednesday 25th August 2021
Bank Holiday	Monday 30th August 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 18th to Friday 22nd October 2021
School Closes	Friday 17th December 2021

#### **SPRING TERM**

Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd January 2022
School Opens	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Mid-Term Break	Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022
School Closes	Friday 8th April 2022

#### **SUMMER TERM**

School Opens	Monday 25th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
Mid-Term Break	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
School Closes	Friday 8th July 2022

**NB** These dates have been agreed across the local family of schools and are slightly different to those posted on the Country Council Website.

**Teacher Days**

*Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th August 2021*

*Friday 31st December 2021*

*Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th July 2022*

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