

Burbage Junior School Newsletter July 2024

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Message from Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and share some important updates and news.

Renovation and Repair Updates

This year, we will make some strides in improving our school facilities to provide a better learning environment for our pupils and staff:

Computer Suite: Our Computer Suite will be refreshed and upgraded with the latest technology to enhance our ICT curriculum and provide all pupils with modern tools for learning. This will include portable Apple devices for use around school; making research and APP use- to compliment learning- much easier.

Carpets in Y3 and Y5 Corridor: New carpets will be installed in the Year 3 and Year 5 corridor, improving Health and Safety and adding to the aesthetic appeal and comfort of our school environment.

Meeting Room: With so many visitors Mrs Melanaphy and I have been struggling, for some time, to find a suitable and professional place to meet. Therefore, a room next to the school hall, will be refurbished.

Since achieving the outstanding Platinum Sports Mark Mr Little has secured funding for a galvanised MUGA system for the playground. We are hoping that this can be installed in the Summer.

Farewell and Good Luck

As the academic year draws to a close, we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they embark on the next exciting chapters of their educational journey:

To all of our lovely Year 6 children moving on to High School, you celebrated in style with a Y6 performance that made everyone smile. We extend our heartfelt congratulations on reaching this significant milestone. We believe in your potential and are excited to see the great things you will achieve in the future. We hope you keep in touch and update us with how you are getting on.

We also say farewell to our LSA Miss Sidaway, who will be off travelling the world- what an exciting opportunity for her. We wish her safe travels and offer our thanks for all of her work this year. Don't forget to send school postcards!!

Flexible working:

Thank you to Mrs Lucas our SENDCo who has agreed to coordinate SEND across both schools next year whilst Mrs Jesson teaches in Early Years Foundation Stage; during Mrs Brown's maternity leave.

A few teachers have altered their contracts. Miss Beighton has increased to 4 days and will job share with Mrs Hardman. Mrs Williams has increased to 3 days which will allow for Mrs Wren to provide Forest School opportunities all year.

As you may be aware, we have been busy recruiting support staff. I am excited to announce that we have three new staff beginning in August. I will look forward to introducing them in the new academic year. In addition to this, Mrs Enabosi and Miss Assi will be reducing to 3 days each and will work as a job share. Mrs Greet will reduce to 4 days whilst she continues her teacher training studies.

A Note of Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive Governing Board, superb parents/carers, and hardworking pupils for making this year a success. Your commitment and collaboration have been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming year. Grove Road Schools are the place to be!

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Zoe Driver

Executive Headteacher

Message from our Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the school year, it is time to say well done and thank you.

As governing boards, we have made great progress this year to ensure we are fulfilling our three core functions and essentially making sure our children have the best experiences during their time in our schools.

Together, governors from both schools, along with school leadership, have created a strategic vision and plan of priorities to work towards over the next three years which will focus our decision making

and strategic direction for our schools. I look forward to sharing more about this with you in the next year. There are exciting times ahead!

On behalf of the governing board, I would like to say a well done and thank you to everyone for all your support and efforts this year. I would also like to thank Mrs Driver and all the staff for their hard work and effort, doing the best for all the children at Burbage Infants and Juniors.

Enjoy your summer break, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Jones

Chair of Governors

Year Group Curriculum Update



Year 3

Year 3 have had an excellent summer half term and will finish the year on a high.

In DT, the children have enjoyed programming a microbit and designing and making a pouch in which to carry it. They learnt how to use CAD (computer aided design) to create a point of sale badge to advertise their eCharm.

The children put on an excellent music performance to showcase some of their favourite songs learnt in music this year. They did such a wonderful job and we are very proud of them all!

As part of the English curriculum, they also memorised a stanza from The Owl and the Pussycat poem which they performed with confidence.

Finally, sports day was a huge success. The children all showed great enthusiasm and competitive spirit as they competed against each other in a range of different disciplines. It was wonderful to see them all excel and try hard in these events. They particularly enjoyed warming up to some great tunes!

Thank you for all your support this year. We hope the children have a really good break over the summer and wish them all the best in Y4.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a really exciting term! They have worked incredibly hard and they are all ready to be fantastic Year Fives.

We have been busy painting batik art and designing outside structures (made of lolly sticks!)

In science we have been cooking up chocolate crispy cakes to explore the changes of state from solids to liquids.

In history we have been exploring the lives of the Vikings as raiders and settlers. The children have written some fantastic speeches to encourage the Anglo Saxons in to battle against the Vikings and we have also written letters to their new teachers.

We have all very much enjoyed watching the children grow and mature over this year and we wish you all a fantastic summer holiday .

The Year Four Team







Year 5

The final term of Year 5 has come to an end. However, we have been extremely busy in the run up to it. In History we have explored the question 'What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?' We have compared Athens to Sparta and looked at the Greek alphabet. Our Greek day was filled with myths, games, quizzes, mini Olympics and puzzles.

Closely linked to our History topic, in English, we have written a non-chronological report based on the Ancient Olympic games. We used the tablets to research many fun facts! We have also investigated the Greek Gods and created a biography for our favourite.

In Science, we have looked at life cycles exploring different plants and animals. We have attempted to grow beans and observe the growth each week and compared the gestation period of different animals.

In art, we have explored a Chinese artist, Cai Guo-Qiang, who created the fireworks in the Beijing Olympic games. We have looked at a variety of sculpture pieces of Cai Guo-Qiang, used classroom items to create sculptures and designed a 3D installation piece that sends a message important to the children.

This half term, some children have participated in Bike-ability which they thoroughly enjoyed. First they learned how to check their bike to ensure that it is safe, then they cycled around the playground at different speeds and finally they cycled around Burbage.

All Year 5 staff have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children. They have been enthusiastic learners, kind and polite and we wish them the best of luck for Year 6!

Have a lovely summer,

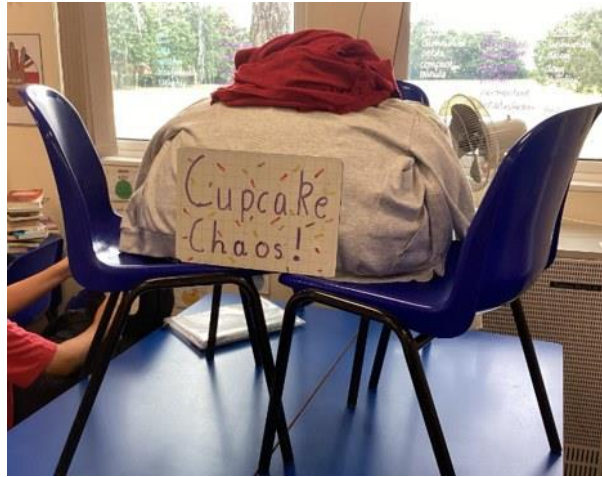
Miss Beighton

Mrs Grantham

Mr Little

Miss Warren





Year 6

Year 6 has had yet another busy half term!

We enjoyed an action-packed Beaumanor residential, when the children participated enthusiastically in canoeing, climbing, orienteering, a murder mystery, archery and hide-and-seek in the cellars. A great time was had by all – despite the lack of sleep and rain!

The term was finished off by 3 brilliant performances of the Leavers' Production: Treachery at Traitors' Quay! What superb acting, dancing and singing by the Year 6s!

We will really miss our three Year 6 classes and wish them all the best for their time at secondary school and beyond.









Sports Update



This half term is always one of the busiest times of the year. We started with a hockey final at Bosworth Academy. The group narrowly missing out in the final to a very good team. A great effort and some good skills shown.

I then took a group of year four children to a tennis inspire event. They had an amazing time learning skills and finished off with playing some games. As a result of this, I was able to choose 4 children to represent the school in a county tennis final. After some great games they managed to secure second place picking up silver medals.

Twenty Eight children then represented the school at area sports at Saffron Lane. All children competed so hard and there were some really good results on the day. Well done to the Year 4 boys team who won the overall trophy and the Year 5 girls who secured second place.

A group of children played in a rounders tournament for the first time. They finished in second place overall, narrowly missing out on the trophy.

A group of 24 year fours finally got to play in their cricket festival, after it was cancelled earlier in the year. They learnt a variety of cricket skills before playing some games in the afternoon.

A small group of children competed in the parallel athletics event at Saffron Lane. They all had to compete in a sprint, long distance run, long jump and a throwing event. As a result of this, a group of children were invited to compete in the national finals this Saturday.

A group of year six children were invited to play in a rugby festival at the home of Leicester Tigers at Welford Road. This was a new format of touch rugby and they excelled by winning all of their games.

The big event took place at Loughborough University. A group of children took place in an inspire carousel trying out sports such as Zumba, disc golf and quidditch.

The netball team worked so hard in the county final and narrowly missed out finishing fourth overall just missing out on the medals.

Finally, all year groups participated in sports day. We decided to have a music system to create a better atmosphere for all. The feedback from both children and parents was very positive and this is something that we will continue to develop and improve over the years.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me with transport and helped out at the events. I look forward to starting again in the Autumn term and hopefully taking even more children to a variety of events.

Mr Little

Staff Vs Pupil netball match



As part of the netball teams preparation for the county final, we decided to arrange a game between the netball team and staff at the school. The game was played on the full court using the same rules as the county final. The game was to be played over 4 periods and after the first 2, the netball team were in front.

The staff were certainly unimpressed and managed to dig deep pulling the game back to be a draw in the end 2-2. The netball team did point out that they had scored more goals so happy to give them the win! A great event and certainly something that I will look to do again in the future.

Mr Little





Summer Library Challenge





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The Summer Reading Challenge is once again upon us. This year's theme is marvellous makers and it starts on Saturday 6th July running all the way through the summer holidays until the 7th September. This is for children aged 4-12. All children have to do is visit the library 3 times (it doesn't matter which one) borrow and read any 6 books and collect a poster, stickers, rewards, certificate and MEDAL when they have completed the challenge. If your child is part of the scouting family, this challenge can go towards a badge. If your child brings their completed challenge to school in the new year they can receive 10 well dones from their new teacher!

You can also create a profile online <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library> and have access to further games and challenges. Enjoy!

Internet Safety



Focus on SWGfL website. This is a website for parents and schools that give lots of information and guidance about keeping safe on-line and what to do if something goes wrong. Find their page for parents here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents>

They are advocating a child friendly search engine- Swiggle. Whilst we know that no search engine is faultless, swiggle has in-built filters to block inappropriate content and also prioritises educational websites.

They also produce a list of checklists for many popular social media apps, so that you can check that the settings are as safe as they can be. This includes apps like tiktok, snapchat, facebook and Roblox.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/>

SEND

If your child is transitioning from year 6 to year 7 or going through a significant change in their life, take a look at our ten tips for parents to help their children cope with change. Going through change can be scary or challenging, but sometimes it's just the small things, like showing interest in your

child's hobbies, that can make a difference. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/resources/supporting-school-transitions/>

Top-ten-tips-for-parents

Choose health
Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, hyper, disconnected...
 Do they need snacks throughout the day?
 Do they need lots of sleep?
 Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
 Do they need time alone?
 Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

Work together
Share ideas about how to:
 • create action plans
 • have a problem-solving approach
 • enjoy achievements
 • be forward-looking
 • show them that we can all get things wrong

Move on up
Encourage independence:
 • help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
 • increase their responsibilities
 • be positive whenever they act maturely
 Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

Be calm
Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed. Your child may show:
 • highs and lows
 • melodrama
 • anger
 • blame
 • self-centredness

Communicate
The small things you do make all the difference:
 Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

Get learning
Be involved, find out more and talk about:
 • social media
 • internet benefits and dangers
 • new music
 • language and slang
 • current affairs
 • what it's like to be young in the current world

Be wise
As they discover new things, try to:
 • be interested
 • be non-judgemental
 • guide
 • give boundaries
 • see it from all sides
 • listen to their point of view
 • choose your words carefully
 • act on warning bells

Be the anchor
In times of change you are:
 • constant
 • family
 • familiar
 • routine
 • in-jokers
 • irritating
 • comforting
 • home

Have fun
Provide lots of light relief:
 • be silly
 • be embarrassing
 • play games
 • laugh together
 • do stuff together
 • make jokes
 • make things
 • be outside

Look after yourself
Support yourself, to best support your child:
 • lean on friends
 • offload on other family
 • find 'me time'
 • see the GP
 • relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
 • remember tomorrow is a new day

YM Parents Helpline
 0808 802 5544
 youngminds.org.uk
 Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

Ten Ways for parents to help children cope with change

ASDA foundation
 Transforming Communities, Improving Lives

Find Your Feet
YOUNGMINDS
 stepping up, moving up, growing up

PTFA News



Well, that's end of our first year as the new Grove Road Schools' PTFA committee, and what a year it's been!

Thanks to everyone for supporting our events, and a massive thanks to anyone who has volunteered at an event - we really couldn't do any of it without you! We've loved seeing the children enjoying the discos, movie nights, secret room, egg rolling and everything else in between. Plus, it's been

amazing to be able to support the schools and enrich the children's learning and enjoyment at school with the funds that have been raised.

We've got lots of exciting events planned for the next academic year, but for now it just remains for me to say one more thank you to everyone for everything this year.

We'll see you all in August, have a great summer!

Nicky Thorington

PTFA Chair

Uniform Swap Shop

Uniform Swap Shop Launched by Borough Council

School uniform swap shops are set to open in local co-ops and community venues across Hinckley and Bosworth this summer to help families prepare for the new school term.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council is encouraging families to donate good quality school uniforms no longer required, as part of a new summer scheme to support residents in saving money on school uniform costs as well as cutting down on clothes being sent to landfill.

The Uniform Swap Shop will run within local Co-ops and community venues across the borough from Tuesday 9 July to Tuesday 27 August.

Families who have good condition, clean, useable plain coloured clothing or have a school uniform with a logo that they no longer need can drop them into their nearest School Uniform Swap Shop venue.

Clothing will be displayed in the local venues and there will be collection boxes for items donated.

Families can then access free-of-charge school uniform for their children from their local venue.

For an up-to-date list of School uniform swap shops locations, go to: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/uniformswap

How it will work:

The idea is that any households who have clean, wearable school uniform can donate this to their local venue and households who struggle to buy uniform can pick up uniform for free.

We have 9 locations across the Borough and each venue will be allocated with specific schools, the idea being that people who need specific school uniform can go straight to the venue that will have

their specific uniform. North West Leicestershire District Council did a School Uniform Swap Shop last year and it was so successful that it won a national award. So we wanted to do something similar this year and help as many households as possible.

I enclose our venue poster, a poster that tells people about clothing we will accept and a leaflet that can be given out to people who are interested with a QR code that will go through to our website for more information.

We are asking if you do share anything on social media about the School Uniform Swap Shop, please could you tag the council into your post and it means we can then share your post too.

For more information please email: costoflivingsupport@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

Venues	School Badged Uniform	
Bagworth: 49 Main Street, Bagworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dovebank Primary School, Nailstone Charnwood High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thornton Primary School South Clovelly House, Thornton
Barlestone: The Coop, 3-5 West End, Barlestone CV13 0EJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oakwood Community School Barlestone C of E Primary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newtown Burgoland Primary School
Barwell: George Ward Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fusion Academy Meadow View Farm School Barwell Infant School Barwell Church of England Academy The Cedars, Stapleton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Townlands Church of England Primary School, Earl Shilton Heath Lane Academy, Earl Shilton St Peters Catholic Voluntary Academy, Earl Shilton Newlands Community Primary School, Earl Shilton St Simon and St Jude Church of England Primary School
Desford: The Coop, 1 High Street, Desford, LE9 9JF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bosworth Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desford Primary School
Hinckley: The Coop, Fieldfare Road, Hinckley LE10 3FY Green Towers, Richmond Road, Hinckley LE10 0DZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Westfield Junior School Westfield Infant School St Peter's Catholic Primary School Redmoor Academy Battling Brook Primary School Sharnford Church of England Primary School Richmond Primary School Hollycroft Primary School Dovelands Primary School Dovetree School St Mary's Church of England Primary School Dorothy Goodman School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hinckley Parks Primary School REAL Independent School, Hinckley The Hinckley School Higham on the Hill Church of England Primary School St Margarets Church of England Primary School, Stoke Golding St Martins Catholic Voluntary Academy, Stoke Golding Hastings School Sketchley School Sketchley Hill Primary School Burbage Church of England Infant School Burbage Junior School
Market Bosworth: Market Bosworth Community Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Peter's C of E Primary School Dixie Grammer School The Market Bosworth School Witherley Church of England Primary School South Charnwood High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congerstone Primary School Sheepy Magna Church of England Primary School Twycross House Pre-Preparatory School Twycross House School
Markfield: The Coop, 78 Main Street, Markfield, LE67 9UU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercenfeld Primary School Stanton Under Bardon Community Primary School Elizabeth Woodville Primary School, Groby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martinshaw Primary School, Groby Lady Jane Primary School, Groby
Newbold Verdon: The Coop, 103 Main Street, Newbold Verdon, LE9 9NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newbold Verdon Primary School 	
Ratby Library: Main Street, Ratby. LE6 0LN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratby Primary School South Charnwood High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brookvale Groby Learning Campus

Term Dates for 2024-2025



AUTUMN TERM

August Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2024

School Opens Tuesday 27th August 2024

Half-Term Break Monday 21st to Friday 25th October 2024

School Closes Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM

School Opens Monday 7th January 2025

Half-Term Break Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

School Closes Friday 11th April 2025

SUMMER TERM

School Opens Monday 28th April 2025

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Half-Term Break Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025

School Closes Wednesday 9th July 2025

Staff Training Days: Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd August 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Thursday 10th July 2025