

Burbage Junior School

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Newsletter 1



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break. A warm welcome to the children and parents who have joined us from the Infants in Year 3 and also to those who have joined us from other schools.

I hope that your association with Burbage Juniors will be a happy one.

Should you wish to contact the school our number is **01455 630970**

Recycling



We collect household batteries for recycling. You can help by sending your old ones to the school office.

Reminder regarding illness

If your child is away ill, it is important that you notify us as early as possible, on each day of absence, with a phone call to the school office or through your ParentMail account.

ParentMail (Year 3)

Although you may well be receiving Parentmail emails through your email provider, please can you ensure that you **log** into your Parentmail account. This will then show us that your account is 'Active', and no longer an 'Unverified Parent'. Payments can be made through your account. Should you have any difficulties please contact the school office.

ParentMail emails will now be consolidated into one where possible and sent out at the end of the day.

Visitors

Other than our pupils, everyone who comes onto the premises is deemed a visitor and this includes parents. Please always report to reception before going into different parts of the school.

Change to the School Day

Starting this academic year there is no longer an afternoon play time. This brings us into line with all other schools with Key Stage 2 pupils. This allows us more curriculum/learning time to address the issues in our recent OFSTED report. It also has the benefit of ensuring that every year group has an afternoon of sport coaching.

Cycling to School

Year 6 children who have taken the cycling proficiency course are allowed to cycle to school. It is also possible for children in other year groups to cycle if parents are prepared to cycle with them to and from school. Parents must also escort them on to and off the premises.



School Dinners

The school meals at Burbage are excellent. They certainly represent good value for money and I recommend them to you.

Dinner money is £2.20, paid through your ParentMail account.

Children can buy a drink to accompany their cooked meal or packed lunch. Pure Fruit Juice 31p, flavoured Milkshake 40p, Mineral Water 26p, Aquajuce 31p, and fresh Milk 31p.

Children who wish to bring a drink from home to accompany their dinner or packed lunch can do so, but please, no bottles, cans or fizzy drinks.

Cartons are preferable.



Drinks & Snacks

A reminder that we encourage children to drink water through the day. This should be plain tap water (not flavoured) in a sports type, spring top bottle. We have no facility at school to refill bottles once empty, so you may wish to send your child with more than one. Children can bring a mid-morning snack which should be fresh fruit, dried fruit, vegetables (celery, carrots etc.) or a plain biscuit. This is part of our commitment to being a Healthy School.



Mobile Phones

Children must not have mobile phones in school. Only in special circumstances (when explained by parental letter) are they allowed on the premises. They must then be handed into the office.



Going Nuts!

A reminder that, due to the number of children with allergies, nuts are NOT permitted in either mid-morning snacks or lunch boxes. Thank you for your co-operation on this.



Uniform

One of the joys of a new academic year is to see the children in their uniforms, many of which have been purchased over the holidays. As always, the children look fabulous and I thank you for your continued support.

The uniform makes an important contribution to the BJS ethos and I would ask that you stick closely to the recommended items as described in the Year Group Handbooks. Uniform can be purchased from the **Hole in the Wall** shop in Hinckley or through Tesco online.

Lost Property

Please ensure that **all** items are clearly named as a matter of priority. Without this, it is virtually impossible to reunite misplaced items with their owners. However, we always endeavour to return named lost property to its owner. Remember, we will store unclaimed, unnamed lost property for no longer than a fortnight.

The lost property box will be put outside for you to go through.



Burbage Junior School Wins Gold!

Burbage Junior School has received the 'Gold School Games Mark'. This is a tremendous achievement. The award recognises our excellent provision of PE and sport. Last year, large numbers of our children participated in extra-curricular sports led by our teachers and coaching staff. Furthermore, many pupils went on to represent the school in a variety of sporting competitions. Sport is a fantastic way of helping our pupils learn about the principles of teamwork and competition as well as helping them to understand the importance of leading healthy lifestyles. Well done to all! We look forward to another successful year of PE and sport.

Sal's Shoes

On Wednesday 12th July our children donated their old school shoes along with £1 to Sal's Shoes. The shoes were sent off to Africa to children who don't have any. Our children donated an amazing **334** pairs of shoes here at Burbage Junior school and 184 at the Infants- an incredible **528!!** ... and still more coming in!

The shoes were delivered to Sal's Shoes **FREE** by Mr Jim Barfield, Company Director from **Inter-city Couriers Ltd**, (boxes supplied by Henry & Sons removals).

We are still collecting for Sal's shoes. Please bring your old children's shoes, slippers, flip flops, wellington boots etc, to reception.



Term dates 2017-2018

AUTUMN TERM

Bank Holiday	Monday 28 TH August 2017
School Opens	Tuesday 29 th August 2017
Mid-Term Break	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th October 2017
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th December 2017

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SPRING TERM

School Opens	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Mid-Term Break	Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February 2018
School Closes	Friday 23 rd March 2018

SUMMER TERM

School Opens	Monday 9 th April 2018
May Day	Monday 7 th May 2018
Mid-Term Break	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June 2018
School Closes	Friday 13 th July 2018

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



Star of the Week Pupils

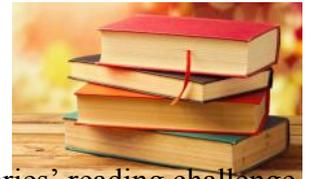
Every week there are 'star' pupils from every class. These are our first 'star' pupils. Please look at the school website every week to see who are the future 'stars'.



Jacqueline Wilson Writing Competition

Well done to all the children who have handed in their entries to the competition; it is obvious that many pupils have put a tremendous amount of effort into their writing. All entries which had a parental consent form attached have been sent off so we will wait to see if any Burbage Junior School pupils are successful in winning a prize. In addition, our teachers have been reading all the letters to decide upon some school prize winners. These will be announced in assembly shortly.

Summer Reading Challenge



It has been encouraging to see how many of our pupils participated in the public libraries' reading challenge over the summer holidays. Prizes for most enthusiastic readers will be announced soon. Thank you to all our parents who encourage their children to read widely and have supported the reading challenge.

Year 5 Greek Projects

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At the end of the year, Year 5 completed some wonderful Greek Projects, linked to their History topic. We received some wonderful work ranging from Greek cakes to Trojan horses. Daniel Stockwell completed a brilliant project on Greek philosophers and mathematicians creating models to support his explanations. A big well done to you!



Parents' Week

During the week beginning 2nd October we will be having Parents' Week. This provides an early opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and exchange information. Letters to arrange appointments will be with you shortly.

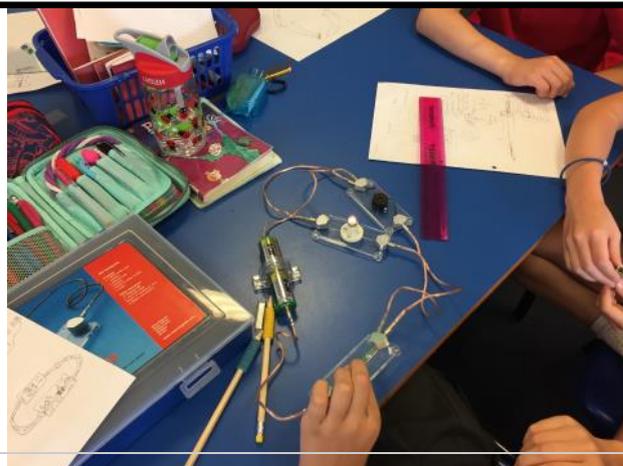
Parental Information

Year Group handbooks (which give much useful information to parents) will shortly be on the school website.



During the Summer holidays, Clubszone ran their first ever 6 week Summer Activity Club. This was a huge Success, with over 140 children attending during the 6 weeks. 92 children came from the Junior and Infant Schools.

Please check out their website www.clubszone.co.uk for more information on up and coming school holidays.



Fran makes a shock!

On the last Thursday of term three classes (4D, 5P and 5A) were privileged to be chosen to take part in a pilot scheme linking National Grid and Fran Scott from the BBC. The aim of the activity was to introduce children to electricity and provide CPD for class teachers. The sessions were led by Fran herself and proved to be very popular with all. Mrs Ainscough would like to thank National Grid for their kind donation of 10 electricity kit boxes which will make a huge difference to teaching.

Finally

For safety reasons we encourage the children to leave school at the end of the day through the small gate. Please would parents stand well clear of the gate to enable the children to get through.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher