

# Burbage Junior School

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## Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of a very busy Spring Term. Thank you to all who attended Parents' Evening and for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire; the staff have been very pleased to read so many positive comments about our school. We are currently analysing the results and addressing any concerns raised.

As we have been so lucky with the weather, the children have been able to enjoy most breaks outside. Thank you to the PTA for funding the new picnic tables and parasols, which should be in place during the Summer Term.

Wishing you a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Matthews & Ms F Paterson.

### Attitude To Learning Reports

We hope you continue to find these termly reports helpful. Very few primary schools send these, but we feel that they are useful for encouraging good behaviour amongst our pupils and for keeping parents informed.

### Red Nose Day



Our Red Nose Day events were a huge success and with your help we managed to raise a total of **£602.41!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this astonishing total by coming in non-uniform and buying a cake or a red nose.

We appreciate the help of everyone who made cakes, and the school councillors for setting up and running the cake sale.

A special thank you to Samuel and Kai for organising such a fantastic event.

### Craft Fayre at Hinckley Library

Our school choir will be performing at the above event at 11.00am on Saturday, 20th May. We hope the whole choir will be able to attend—our slot lasts approximately 15 minutes.

### Dixie Foreign Language Day

Our school was represented by some of our Year 5 pupils on a language day at Dixie Grammar School. The pupils participated in a range of activities, including a continental breakfast, Hungarian, Mandarin and German lessons, international sports, cookery and choir. Dixie staff commented on the good behaviour of our children. Well done to them!

### Sports Update

Our latest sports bulletin is brought to you by our Year 6 reporters, Samuel Beddard, James Nichols, Daniel Stublely and Sam Holman. Please read attached report.



## PTA Egg Decorating Competition

Thank you to everyone who has made such a wonderful contribution to this event; it has been so well-supported this year. We were really impressed with the imaginative entries. A big thank you to the PTA for organising and providing the prizes.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the PTA. This term we have received a generous donation to the school library, as well as equipment for the playground. Their efforts are even more appreciated and necessary in these straightened financial times.

### Winners:

#### Year 3

Blake Aston  
Ruby Stamp  
Anya Ramaiah



#### Year 5

Daniel Stockwell  
Sophie Goodchild  
Olivia Bevington



#### Year 4

Mimi Hammonds  
Grace Thomas  
Isobella Purt



#### Year 6

Freya Moore  
Abbie Cooper  
Samuel Beddard



Sainsbury's



Active Kids

We are still collecting Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers. If you come across any of these, please send them in to school where they will be gratefully received and eventually exchanged for equipment.

### Life Education Caravan

The Leicestershire mobile unit has been with us this week. All classes enjoyed a session on the van. Each year group has a theme, and comments from staff and pupils have been very positive.

### 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 on 01455 630970.

### SATs Tests

Our Year 6 children will be taking the national tests between **Monday 8th and Thursday 11th May 2017.** It is crucial that children are in school this week. Years 3/4/5 will take SATs tests later in the term. Good luck to them all!

## The Warning Zone

Year 6 had an exciting day out at the Warning Zone in Leicester, on Wednesday. During the day children learnt essential life lessons about safety (in the home, community and on the internet). All the pupils and staff in Year 6 would like to thank the PTA and the Warning Zone charity for funding the day.

Beth : " It was brilliant, educational and fun- it really made you think."

Max: "It was really helpful and warned you too."

Jacob: "It is a very good place for children who don't know about safety - I learnt a lot."

## Girls' Football

This week our Girls' Football Team were victorious in a local derby against Sketchley Hill—a resounding 7-1! The girls always show a fabulous team spirit. Congratulations from us all.

## Netball Club

Year 5 and 6 girls have made great strides this term; we are proud of the progress they have made working co-operatively. Although they have faced disappointment with cancellation of tournaments, they have stayed motivated. We are hoping to arrange future games so that the girls can showcase their talents.

## Internet Safety

The whole school have recently spent a lot of time discussing the use of the Internet, and we hope they understand the dangers associated with social media. Parents have contacted us to discuss their concerns around some of the games (e.g. Clash of Clans etc) and their addictive nature. In addition, some children use these games for messaging so we all need to be aware of what is being communicated and who they are talking to.



## Stars of the Half-Term



We continue to be delighted by the hard work and good behaviour so many of our children display. This half-term we are celebrating the following children's efforts:

3B Martha Worthy

3G Jae-Cee Williams

3GS Joseph Hargreaves

5A Freya Marks

5P Harrison McLeish

5S Izabella Greenwood



4A Mattilda Rock

4D Archie Dymont

4M Lola Perry

6B Jaydn Brighty

6H Annaliese Bailey

6P Darcie Thomas

## **School Uniform**

We remind you that wearing skinny-leg jeans or leggings, nail varnish and over-embellished headbands are **NOT** permitted. Parents/carers of children wearing nail varnish will be asked to come to school to remove it.

### **P.E.**

It is important that children wear the correct kit for P.E. lessons: black shorts, plain white t-shirt, pumps/trainers.

In addition, many children enjoy doing cartwheels etc on the field during the summer months. They will feel more confident if they wear their P.E. shorts underneath their dresses.

## **Term dates 2017-2018**

### **2017**

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

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

### **2018**

#### **SPRING TERM**

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

#### **SUMMER TERM**

School Opens	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
May Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Mid-Term Break	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018
School Closes	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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.**