

BURFORD SCHOOL



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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

6th June 2008

Investors in People

I am delighted to inform you we were successful in our 'Investors In People' review and continue to be recognised as an Investor in People for the next three years! Thank you and well done to everyone who helped us achieve this!

School Visits

Y6 are currently enjoying an excellent week in Yorkshire! Hawthorn enjoyed numerous activities including climbing, walking and caving during the week before half-term. Yew class are having great weather and are so tired they are all out for the count by 8.00pm! Mr Beresford has been busy taking lots of pictures as evidence and they will all be available for you to view on their return!



Y3 visited Mop End on 23rd May where they looked at environmental art. The children made journey sticks and went to the quiet spot where they had an opportunity to listen and reflect on their thoughts. They made smelly cocktails and created big sculptures in groups. The sculpture above is of a hedgehog and was created by Archie Callaghan, Tom Godsoe, Maria Holloway, Matthew Jones, Lizzie Keenan, Connor Kipping, Laura Martinez-Williams and Aanchal Raina.

Y1 visited the Science museum in London on 21st May. The children enjoyed the interactive displays and had a fantastic time looking at the first steam train and gliders. The visit prepared them for their science topic in materials and the benefits are already showing! It's fantastic to be able to utilize museums in London as we are so close to the capital!

Second hand Bike sales at the Rose Carnival; Saturday 21st June 2008

This year we will be running a stall selling second hand bicycles. We are looking for people who would like to donate any road worthy bike to the stall to raise Carnival Funds. Unfortunately we are not able to collect,

but we would like bikes to be dropped off to the field (by the Spinner tent) between 12 noon and 6.30pm on Friday 20th June or between 10 am and 1pm on Sat 21st June 2008

Bike Week is 14th-22nd June 2008

Please cycle/scooter to school this week –and park them behind the library.

If you are not participating in the Rose Carnival fun run, why not cycle to the Rose Carnival – if you do please lock your bikes to the school playground railings.

Health & Safety

Thank you very much to Matthew Small and Henry for chopping down the tree in the middle of the main walkway that was a dangerous trip hazard. This was an item that the Governors premises committee have been discussing under health & Safety and was also brought up by many parents at the Parents' forum. They did an excellent job and spent two days working very hard for the school, it is very much appreciated!



Rose Carnival – 21 June 2008

The Rose Carnival is fast approaching, on Saturday 21 June, so we thought we would remind you of a few important things! Firstly, the carnival is starting with a sponsored fun run beginning at Ragmans Lane at 11.30 (or Highwoods Drive for younger children). More details and sponsor forms will be handed out at school soon. Secondly, there is a fancy dress competition with the 'Olympics' theme. So please come in your best sporting outfit to win a prize! At 2.45 there is a tug of war competition for all those strong parents out there!

Finally, from next week, we will be accepting items for the toy stall, book stall and the adult (bottle) tombola. Also, if anyone has any new items we can use as prizes, please bring those in as well.

We are also looking for a few year 6 children to sell programmes on the entrances from 11.45-1.00. Please let the office know if you can help.

Many thanks

Friends of Burford

Brass lessons

Mr Lewis, brass teacher, will also be in for lessons on Monday, 9th June and Monday, 16th June.

Parents Forum

Please could any parents who still wish to be included in the class telephone tree make sure you give your details to your class rep. This obviously will only be used in an emergency but it could be very important that you are contacted asap in certain situations.

Also, just to clarify a point in the parents' forum minutes. As usual, Reception and Y2 children will be mixed at the end of this year. The forms are not intended to be sent home with the children in Reception and Y2 in regards to choosing 'friends' they want to be with next year. The forms are to be discussed with the class teacher in the classroom. The children will be asked, as last year, to say which other children they would like to be with. They will also have the option to not choose any names if they wish. I apologise for the confusion, I missed that in the draft minutes!

Also, parents on the forum wanted me to make it clear that the forum is a general discussion group to help improve all aspects of school life at Burford School. This does not of course preclude anyone from coming to see either me or the class teacher if there is something they wish to discuss. The forum itself is not for

discussing individual children and in that situation it is better to make an individual appointment with the class teacher or myself.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 13th June at 2.00pm. Don't forget the minutes are also available on the website.

Water Bottles

We are currently investigating buying some school water bottles and once we have found the best option we will let you know. I would just like to remind you that the children are only allowed to bring water to school and nothing else is allowed.

New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

2008

Saturday 7 th June	Children return from Yorkshire trip
Monday 9 th June	Image Theatre in for KS1 – Jungle Book 9.15-11.00am FOB
Wednesday 11 th	Y2 trip to Mudeford
Thursday 12 th June	Image Theatre in for KS2 – Jungle Book 9.15-11.00am
Friday 13th June	YR Holly trip to College Lake Wildlife Centre, Tring
Monday 16th June	Class and sports photographs
Friday 20th June	YR Sycamore trip to College Lake Wildlife Centre, Tring
Friday 20 th June	Marlow Liaison Sports
Saturday 21 st June	Rose Carnival
Monday 23 rd June	Creativity Week
Wednesday 25 th June	KS2 Sports Day 9.30-12.00 Wye Valley Sports, Field Events at Handy Cross 4pm
Thursday 26 th June	KS1 Sports Day 9.30-11.00am
Thursday 26 th June	11+ meeting for Y5 parents
Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Games at Sir Wm Borlase – all day
Monday 30 th June	New Reception Parents meeting
Tuesday 1 st July	Secondary induction day/new class visits
Wednesday 2 nd July	KS1 Reserve Sports Day Wye Valley Sports, Track Events at Handy Cross 1.15pm
Thursday 3 rd July	KS2 Reserve Sports Day Summer Music Concert 7.00pm
Friday 4 th July	Staff Training Day
Thursday 10 th July	Open evening 6.00pm
Friday 11 th July	Reports go out
Monday 14 th July	FOB
Tuesday 15 th July	Wycombe Swan Concert
Wednesday 16 th July	Lower KS2 Concert pm
Thursday 17 th July	Lower KS2 Concert pm
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly for School and Y6 Parents 9.30am
Monday 21 st July	Tea Party for parent helpers PM
Tuesday 22 nd July	Bobby Graham concert – whole school
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of term – school closes for summer
Autumn Term 2008	
Wednesday 3 rd September-Friday 24 th October	
Monday 3 rd November-Friday 19 th December	

Spring Term 2008

Tuesday 6th January-Friday 13th February
Monday 23rd February-Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2009

Monday 20th April-Friday 22nd May
Monday 1st June-Friday 17th July
(Monday 22nd June – Inset Day)

Yours Sincerely

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Headteacher

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