



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

24th October 2008

Staffing

We say goodbye this week to Mrs Raynor Allen, Teaching Assistant in Oak class, who will be moving on to work at a new day nursery. She will be sadly missed and we wish her well in her new job. We also say goodbye to Mrs Gina Capron. Mrs Capron has spent many years working on a part time basis at Burford and is now leaving to spend more time at home. We wish her well for the future and thank her for all her hard work.

Achievements

Well done to the football teams who played in the tournament at Danesfield school last week. Other schools participating were the hosts - Danesfield, St Pauls and Juniper Hill. The Y5 team drew 2 and won 2 matches whilst the Y6 team drew 2 and won 1 match – both winning their respective tournaments - an excellent result! Also, well done to the Orienteers who came first in the boy's Y5 & Y6 team and the girls who came 3rd in the Y5 & Y6 team competition. Well done to the Tag Rugby teams who came 3rd and 4th and the Cross Country team who entered a competition for the first time and did really well – Olivia Goody came 17th out of 136. Well done to Georgia Keys who won five of her six slalom races in the East Region Ski Association under-eights category to make her one of the fastest seven-year-olds in the country.

Thank you

Thank you to the Y6 parents who helped on the Kew Gardens trip, especially Mrs Dean who stepped into the breach at the last minute!

Uniform

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Friday 7th November after school next to the stamping shelter. At the same time as the cake sale!

Donations of second hand uniform and football boots will be gratefully received! Please bring any items to the school office or give to Alison Branch.

Tracksuits

Don't forget track suits may be worn for games sessions – the weather is certainly turning colder and all classes have one games session outside each week as part of the National Curriculum.

Travelling Book Fair

We would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who supported our book fair this year. It was hugely successful, raising £788.61 in commission for us to spend on reading books. Mrs Williams would also like to say thank-you to the extremely helpful Year 6 children who gave up their time during lunchtimes and after school, and the adult volunteers during parents' evenings, who ensured the book fair ran smoothly.

Book Day

The children had a fantastic time on Book Day and the costumes were fabulous from both children and adults! Many thanks to all parents who obviously put a lot of time and effort into the creation of a huge variety of popular book characters! The children had plenty of opportunities to rekindle a love of reading on the day and particularly enjoyed the paired reading of a book of their choice with an older or younger year group. Congratulations must go to our finalists for the costume competition and to the winners: Harry Davies-Carr for Reception as 'The Sea Monster', Amaya Garcia-Casado for KS1 as 'Elmer' and Teigen Sethi for KS2 as 'The Witch King' from Lord of the Rings. Each finalist received a special book mark and the winners received a £5 book token to spend on a book of their choice. Please look out for photos of our finalists in the Bucks Free Press!

Visits

Last Friday Year 2 enjoyed an interactive role play experience based on Florence Nightingale's life. They were able to dress up in costumes, some of them dating back to the 19th Century. They took part in a variety of activities relating to the Victorian era, including the past times of a typical lady, how and what a school child would have learned and ways in which the nurses in the Crimean War helped to improve the lives of the soldiers. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable day.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed their drama workshops based on a circus theme. They had great fun helping the ringmaster make the sad lion smile and their clown's faces and costumes were great!

Jeans for Genes

We raised the grand total of £393.78 for 'Jeans for Genes' by wearing jeans for the day, so thank you to all those who participated.

Fire Drill

Government legislation requires us to have regular fire drills. After our fire drill this morning we noticed that a number of parents hadn't signed out after leaving the premises. It would be appreciated if parents could remember to sign out at all times in order to ensure everyone's safety. The children reacted extremely well and everybody was out and accounted for within 3 minutes!

FOB

Cake sale Friday 7th November 3.15pm

FOB are organizing a cake sale to be held at the stamping shelter on Friday 7th November at 3.15pm. Individual cakes will be on sale for 20p, and large cakes will be as priced. Year 5 parents are donating cakes for this sale, but if any other parents, or staff, would like to make any additional donations, we would be grateful to receive them. Please bring them to the stamping shelter on Friday morning 7th November. Mrs Kime will be writing to parents and guardians of all Burford children with food allergies known to the school. Thank you.

On behalf of FOB

Catherine Carter & Catherine Scurlock

Super Schools

We had an excellent day last Wednesday when we were visited by Julien Golley, Gold Commonwealth Champion in the Triple Jump! He performed an impressive jump over the heads of some of the children in the hall, and gave an inspiring talk to the whole school. We hope to raise some funds for the school as well as having involved all the children in exercises as outlined in our Healthy schools policy!

Christmas Cards

Before you go out and purchase your Christmas cards - yes, I know it's early but some people are very organised! - could you all bear in mind that your little cherubs have been busy this week creating a design for their very own personalised Christmas cards! We will be letting you have the mock-up of their cards just after half term. If you would then like to place an order, the cards with envelopes will retail at the princely sum of £5 per pack of 10. The card will have your child's design on the front, a simple greeting inside and, on the back, your child's name and the name of the school. We hope you will all be ordering lots of packs to send to all your family and friends.

Thank you,
Dorn Kipping

Sponsorship

We are looking for sponsorship for sports team kits. We need new kit for our football 'B' team, rugby and netball teams. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a team kit with the name of their company etc on it, please see me or leave a message with the office.

Assessments

We are currently in the process of assessing each child. A letter will be going home to parents to inform you of your child's current attainment by Friday 7th November.

Leavers Disco

Year 6 parents have organized a leavers disco at Liston Hall on Saturday 11th July 2009. Please keep this date free in your diary. Further details to follow.

New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th October

Wednesday 5th November

Friday 14th November

Saturday 15th November

Sunday 16th November

Tuesday 18th November

Friday 21st November

Friday 28th November

Monday 1st December

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

Thursday 11th December

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Monday 15th December

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Monday 20th July

Cedar Class Assembly

End of first half-term

Individual and sibling group photographs

Chestnut Class Assembly

British Schools Orienteering Champs – Camberley

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Y3 Roman Day

Publication of 11+ results

Christmas Bazaar

FoB 8.00pm

1.30 – 3.00 KS1 concert for grandparents

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Choir at Albert Hall

Willow Class Assembly

OAP Christmas Party

Carol Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm

Christmas Parties

End of Term

Staff Training Day

Term Starts

Sequoia Class Assembly

Creative Week

Elm Class Assembly

Creative Week display in School Hall

Parents evening 4.00 – 7.00pm

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End of first half-term

Educate Me in school: Oceans

Hawthorn Class Assembly

Pine Class Assembly

1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for grandparents

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Juniper Class Assembly

Beech Class Assembly

End of Term

Term Starts

Y5 residential trip to Osmington Bay

Cherry Class Assembly

KS2 SATs all week

Y6 residential trip to Barton Hall, Devon

End of first half-term

Sycamore Class Assembly

Oak Class Assembly

Class and Sports Teams photographs

KS1 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00

KS2 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00

KS1 reserve Sports Day

KS2 reserve Sports Day

Teacher Training Day

KS1 2nd reserve Sports Day

KS2 2nd reserve Sports Day

Holly Class Assembly

Summer Music Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm

Reports go home

Y6 Induction Day

Whole school class swap

New Reception parents meeting 2.00 – 3.00pm

Upper KS2 production for grandparents 7.00 -9.00pm

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Bobby Graham concert 1.30 – 3.00pm

Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm

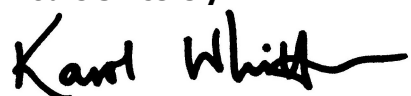
Helping Parents Teaparty 1.30 – 3.00

Leavers Assembly for parents

End of Term

Teacher Training Day

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Whittington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Mrs. K Whittington
Headteacher

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