



## Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

14<sup>th</sup> November 2008

### Staffing

We are sorry to be losing Mrs Gail Courtney-Baughan at the end of November. Gail will be moving on to be a Reprographics Assistant at Wycombe High and we thank her for all her dedication and hard work over the years. Mr Watts will be replacing her as patrol crossing officer in the mornings. If you would like to contribute to a leaving present please send any monies to the school office.

### Achievements

Well done to the Tag Rugby team who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Wasps Invitational Tournament. The children also enjoyed attending the Wasps EDS game against Newport Gwent Dragons.

The following children all competed at the Marlow Music Festival this week and did extremely well!

Commended 84-86%

Distinction 87-89%

Duets:

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|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Josie & Katrina Nash         | Distinction | Gold medal   |
| 2. Harry Allpass & James Branch | Commended   | Silver medal |

Piano Solos:

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|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Harry Allpass   | Distinction | Bronze medal |
| 2. Matthew Crane   | Commended   |              |
| 3. Lucy Iwaszko    | Commended   |              |
| 4. Tim Johnston    | Distinction | Silver medal |
| 5. Jessica Lowden  | Commended   |              |
| 6. Alisha Maddocks | Distinction | Gold medal   |
| 7. Josie Nash      | Commended   |              |
| 8. Katrina Nash    | Distinction | Silver medal |
| 9. Lucy Taylor     | Commended   |              |

Well done to them all!

All the children brought in a teddy today to support Children In Need and donated up to £1 for the privilege! We raised £300.63 which will be forwarded to the charity to add to their total. We had a marvelous collection, so well done to everyone!

### Hampton Court

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November Year 4 visited Hampton Court. In spite of the cold weather, the children had a wonderful time and managed to warm up in front of the roaring open fire in the Tudor kitchens. They learnt a lot about court life in Henry VIII's time and were very well behaved. Well done everyone!

### Sponsorship

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Robinson who have very kindly agreed to sponsor kit for our rugby and football team! We will shortly be able to kit out our pupils extremely smartly in reversible Red/Navy shirts, navy shorts and navy socks – I can't wait to see them in action! The children are delighted they are having new kit and it is very much appreciated!

**FOB**

We now have microphones and speakers attached to all the computers in the ICT suite, as well as microphones in the classrooms, so thank you very much to FOB for funding this!

**Kun Fu Panda**

Following on from the successful previous film events, 'Friends of Burford' are showing the film "Kung Fu Panda" in the school hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008 from 3:30pm. Tickets are available for £3 and will include a snack and drink. The forms have been issued and will also be available on the FOB website.

**Mice**

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Goosen who provided new optical mice for every computer in the ICT suite after struggling with our old ones during parents evening, filling in the 'Evaluate' questionnaire! The children noticed immediately and were delighted!

**Smoking**

Just to remind you that the school has a no smoking policy anywhere on the premises or school site.

**Lunch Tables**

Parents on the forum thought everyone might like to see a photograph of the new lunch tables being used in the hall at lunchtime, so here they are.....

**Maths visit**

Some of our pupils visited Great Marlow just before half-term, to attend a mathematics presentation by Johnny Ball! The children thoroughly enjoyed answering questions and taking part in activities. They were a credit to the school.

**For Sale/Wanted**

If anyone is interested in organizing a newsletter specifically for items that people would like to sell or buy, such as costumes for theme days (Tudors, Victorians etc), items needed for school trips or other things parents have bought first time round and no longer need (instruments etc) please contact me.

**FOB Christmas Cards**

Just a quick reminder to all parents to return the Christmas cards order form to the school office by Monday morning (thank you if you have already done so!) It is a wonderful opportunity to have a personalised card to send to all your family and friends and also a lovely keepsake.

I am delighted to tell you that profits from the sale of these cards will be shared between Burford School and the Jessica Taylor Charity Fund. Jessica is a former pupil of Burford School, now aged 13, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour on 1st August 2007. Since this date, Jessica has undergone 3 operations, 12 weeks of chemotherapy and 32 sessions of radiotherapy to her spine and brain.

Jessica and her family are raising money to send Jessica to the USA for specialist treatment and to fund improvements in care for brain tumour sufferers in the UK, via the charity Braintrust ([www.braintrust.org.uk](http://www.braintrust.org.uk) Registered Charity No 1114634). Every pack of cards purchased will benefit both Burford School and Jessica's Fund, so please buy as many as you can.

Thank you.  
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**Tesco Vouchers**

On Friday, 7th November Jessica Lowden, Rianna Gurden, Kira Dhariwal and Amann Bukhari visited the Tesco store in High Wycombe as school representatives to receive a Sanyo digital movie camera from local MP Mr Paul Goodman, as one of our 'Computers for Schools' items. The children enjoyed seeing 'behind the scenes' at the store and were very pleasantly surprised by the goodie bags they received (the sweets went

down very well and very quickly!). Mr Freeman would like to thank Mrs Bukhari for helping drive the children.

### Displays

The School Governors and particularly the new Community Committee, would like to thank Mrs O'Sullivan for co-ordinating the lovely 'Welcome' display at the school entrance. They would also like to pass on their thanks to all the pupils and everyone else involved. It sends a wonderful message about how welcoming our school really is! Please go and have a look when you are passing.

### Minutes of Parents Forum now available on the school website

### New or amended dates in bold

### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	British Schools Orienteering Champs – Camberley
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	British Schools Orienteering Champs – Camberley
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Roman Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Publication of 11+ results
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bazaar
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FoB 8.00pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 – 3.00 KS1 concert for grandparents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 – 3.00 KS1 concert for parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 – 3.00 KS1 concert for parents
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir at Albert Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Class Assembly
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	OAP Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception Nativity – 11.00am</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Term - School Closes at 1.30pm</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Sequoia Class Assembly
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Creative Week
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Elm Class Assembly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Creative Week display in School Hall
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	End of first half-term
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Educate Me in school: Oceans
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Hawthorn Class Assembly
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Pine Class Assembly
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for grandparents
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for parents
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for parents
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Juniper Class Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Beech Class Assembly
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 residential trip to Osmington Bay
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Cherry Class Assembly
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs all week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 residential trip to Barton Hall, Devon
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of first half-term
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sycamore Class Assembly
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Oak Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and Sports Teams photographs
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 reserve Sports Day
	KS2 reserve Sports Day

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	KS1 2 <sup>nd</sup> reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 2 <sup>nd</sup> reserve Sports Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Holly Class Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Music Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reports go home
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	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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Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Bobby Graham concert 1.30 – 3.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Helping Parents Teaparty 1.30 – 3.00
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly for parents
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Teacher Training Day
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	

Yours Sincerely



**Mrs. K Whittington**  
Headteacher

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