



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

30th January 2009



CLIC Sargent

CLIC Sargent have informed us that the Christmas celebration in aid of children with Cancer at the Royal Albert Hall raised £150,000 overall! This money will go directly towards helping children who have been diagnosed with cancer and their families. Thank you to all the children and parents who contributed towards raising this money!



Starting Time

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.40, that is when the whistle is blown, so all children should be on the playground by 8.40. Too many children are arriving late in the mornings and we need to ensure that there is a prompt start to the school day.



FoB Cake Sale -Friday 6th February 3.15 pm.

FOB are organizing a cake sale to be held at the stamping shelter on Friday 6th February at 3.15 pm. Individual cakes will be on sale for 20p, and large cakes will be as priced. Year 4 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 6th February. Mrs Kime will be writing to parents and guardians of all Burford children with food allergies known to the school. Thank you.

Gayle Keenan & Gillian Bowers
On behalf of FOB



FOB

Friends of Burford is the name given to Burford's equivalent of a school PTA. We are parents with an interest in the welfare of the whole school community. FoB runs events throughout the year which include the ball, hotdog lunches, discos, the sponsored walk and the recently held Burns night celebrations. In addition to the fun had at these events, money is raised to buy items of equipment that the school would otherwise go without. Recent purchases include a shed to house PE equipment, portable white boards for use in phonic lessons, the redecoration of classrooms and the trolleys for the storage of packed lunches in the hall. Facilitating these events takes commitment from the members and help from volunteers who don't want to be on the committee, but who do like to help out regularly. At present all FoB members work full time which means that we struggle to run and attend events during school time and therefore, we are looking for new recruits. If you have any spare time and are willing to use this to the benefit of your children's school, please contact me - we really need you!

Angela Batten – angela.batten@aidataintelligence.com



Wish List

A reminder to parents that creative week is Monday 2nd to Friday 6th February. Please come and have a look at all the exhibits in the hall from Tuesday 10th February at 9.00am until Friday 13th February at 12.00. May we take this opportunity to thank all the parents who contribute to the Wish List Fund (voluntary parental donation scheme), as their donations have paid for all the specialist materials that the children will be using.

"Coming soon: The Wish List Fund will soon have its own 'page' on the school website along with a logo designed and chosen by the children. The page will give details on the scheme and links to the relevant forms and the current Wish List".



Achievements

Well done to George Longhurst who came first in the 9yrs and under 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke and 200m individual medley in the Wycombe District Swimming Cup! George also achieved the overall Top Boy award for 9yrs and under, well done!



Wake Up and Shake Up - An Explanation

As many of you will be aware, we have started to use the Wake and Shake dance routine programme before school. The Wake Up and Shake Up programme (W&S) is specially designed for use in the playground or School Hall. The whole W&S programme lasts ten minutes, meaning that you have achieved an extra 50 minutes of physical activity by the end of the school week. The aim is to change the music and moves every half term to maintain the motivation and to further challenge the body physically. All the moves incorporated into the W&S session are low impact. This means that at least one foot is on the ground at any one time. This makes the exercises gentler on the joints, and means that it is safe for children to exercise in school shoes.

Most of the schools in this area are using W&S first thing in the morning, taking 10 minutes out of the school day. Teachers have found that behaviour has improved and the classroom is calmer since introducing W&S. This is in addition to the other benefits of fitter and healthier children, and schools achieving the Government target of 2 hours physical activity per week. We will continue to start Wake and Shake at 8.30 running until 8.40 so as not to impinge on an already full timetable. As time goes on we hope to encourage the children to choreograph their own routines to their own tracks and teach these to the rest of the school.

If you have any question about Wake and Shake please see Mr Garner or Mrs Lavis



Mr Garner is running the London Marathon

You may or may not be aware that I am running The 2009 Flora London Marathon. I am running for PHAB-Phab, which aims to promote and encourage people with and without physical disabilities to come together on equal terms, to achieve complete integration within the wider community and to make more of life together. www.phabkids.co.uk I have a fundraising target of £1500 and would welcome any sponsorship people feel able to make. There are two ways of sponsoring me: 1) Online at www.justgiving.co.uk/iangarner, or 2) There is a paper sponsorship form in the School Office.

Many thanks
Mr Garner



School Travel Committee

There appears to be an issue with dog fouling in the Valley, especially between Badgebury Rise and Burford School. If you have any information about this problem, please contact julian_smith@wycombe.gov.uk. Naturally, if your dog is one of the culprits, please ensure that you carry the appropriate clean-up kit with you at all times. A number of parents have complained about the unhygienic pavements and this is making the walk/scooter to school unpleasant.

Kind regards
The School Travel Committee

BURFORD SCHOOL



School Uniform Prices

Unfortunately we have had to increase the price on a few items of school uniform. The latest order form, with the revised prices, can be found on the school website.



New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd February

Monday 9th February

Wednesday 11th February

Thursday 12th February

Friday 13th February

Monday 23rd February

Tuesday 24th February

Thursday 26th February

Sunday 1st March

Thursday 5th March

Friday 6th March

Friday 13th March

Wednesday 18th March

Friday 20th March

Tuesday 24th March

Wednesday 25th March

Thursday 26th March

Friday 27th March

Friday 3rd April

Friday 3rd April

Monday 20th April

Friday 8th May

Monday 11th May

Wednesday 13th May

Thursday 14th May

Monday 18th May

Friday 22nd May

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Friday 12th June

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Friday 19th June

Monday 22nd June

Tuesday 23rd June

Wednesday 24th June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June

Wednesday 1st July

Friday 3rd July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Thursday 9th July

Friday 10th July

Monday 13th July

Tuesday 14th July

Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

Creative Week

Creative Week display in School Hall

Parents evening 4.00 – 7.00pm

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End of first half-term

Skipping Workshop – Yrs R, 1, 4 & Juniper

Skipping Workshop – Yrs 2, 3, 6 & Sequoia

Yrs 1 & 2 Multiskills at Gt Marlow School

FOB Ice Skating

Educate Me in school: Oceans

Hawthorn Class Assembly

Pine Class Assembly

Royal Albert Hall – Yrs 3 & 4 Choir

Elm Class Assembly

1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for grandparents

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Juniper Class Assembly

Beech Class Assembly

End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Term Starts

Y5 residential trip to Osmington Bay

Cherry Class Assembly

KS2 SATs all week

Sycamore Class to College Lake, Tring

Holly Class to College Lake, Tring

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

Summer Music Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm

Holly Class Assembly

Choir – Y5/Y6 – O2 Concert

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 Tea Party 1.30 – 3.00

Leavers Assembly for parents

End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Teacher Training Day

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. K Whittington

Headteacher

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