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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

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Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Debbie Williams who is expecting a baby! The baby is due at the end of January so Mrs Williams will be going on maternity leave at Christmas and returning full time at the end of the summer term. During her absence her various roles will be covered by members of the Senior Leadership Team, but I will be taking over the SENCO role until she returns.

We say goodbye today to Miss Hughes who is starting her maternity leave next week. She hopes to be back with us during the spring term We look forward to seeing her new arrival!

We have appointed 3 new SSA's to support children throughout the school and we welcome Mr Shone, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Drew to the team!



Welcome (back) message from FoB

Welcome (back) to all children and parents from FoB. We have an action-packed calendar for this half term and hope you will all be able to support the events as much as you can. More information is available on the FoB link from the school's website.

Here is a list of our events up to half term:

- Saturday 19th September at 2pm – Family car treasure hunt – a great family afternoon and a good way to meet other families – house points are awarded too!
- Tuesday 22nd September – Bag2school – a great way to recycle your old clothes, linens and shoes for a good cause
- Sunday 11th October at 2pm – Family sponsored walk – a fantastic way to get some fresh air with family and friends
- Saturday 17th October from 7.30pm – Quiz night – usually a sell-out within a few days – see below
- Friday 23rd October – Hot dog lunch – a treat for the children at the end of their first half term back at school

Also, we are delighted to announce that, after a 6-year absence, we are reintroducing a Fireworks Night on Saturday 7th November!! More details will follow but keep the date free.

Special announcement

We have already cheekily reserved two tables at the Quiz night, specifically for Reception/new parents. Your children have been brave and have met lots of new friends this week so now it is your turn to let your hair down and meet some other new parents! When the Quiz tickets go on sale at the

end of this month, please state on the reply slip if you would like to join one of the two Reception/new parents tables. Tickets usually sell out within the week of release so don't delay!

Extra volunteers

FoB is always asking for more volunteers, either to join the committee or simply to help out at the events we run. It is a great way to meet new people and an excellent way to give something back to the school. If you are interested in helping in any way, please email our Chairperson, Angela Batten on angela_balkwill@yahoo.com and she can give you some more details.



News from the School Travel Planning Committee

We are delighted that the new scooter and bike racks are being well utilised. The STP team is in the process of putting together a new 'scooter and biking agreement' that we will ask all children and parents to sign. In this agreement, we will ask you to scooter and bike with extreme care, in particular ensuring the safety of all the pedestrians who use the footpaths. We have already had some complaints from parents about the speed that some children are scootering. We want to encourage walking/scootering/biking (ie not driving!) to school but we don't want any accidents! **Please do not allow your children to endanger others and ensure you are in close proximity at all times to your children.**

- The STP team are keen for new helpers, either with stamping in the morning, Footsteps training or to be part of the committee. Please leave your name and contact details at the school office if you would like to be involved.



New Gate

We are delighted that the new gate is now completed and ready to be used! The gate is behind Elm class, next to the Hexagon and can be accessed from the Playing Fields via Burford Close. This should alleviate some of the congestion entering and leaving school at the beginning and end of the day. For security reasons the gate will be opened at 8.00am and locked at 08.45am. It will be re-opened at 3.10pm and locked at 3.45pm.

Facebook

It has come to our attention that some children are requesting to be added as 'friends' of members of staff on Facebook. Whilst we appreciate their keenness and enthusiasm this is something that is not appropriate. For your information we would also like to point out that in the terms and conditions on Facebook it states 'children under 13 years old are not permitted access to Facebook'.



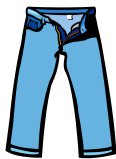
Waterbottles

If your child brings a water bottle from home, please could you ensure it is clear and only contains water and is suitable for placing on the table (eg not leaking and not with lots of added straps etc.) Thank you.



Parent Forum

We would like to request volunteers for the Parent Forum again this year. If you are interested in being the representative for your class, please fill in the attached form and return to the school office. If more than one parent per class volunteers it is possible to share the responsibility. A meeting will be held on Friday 2nd October at 2.15pm.



Charities

Jeans for Genes day this year is on Friday 2nd October. For a donation of £1 children can wear jeans and trainers, but must wear a school sweatshirt etc.



Music Tuition

If any Year 3 - 6 child would be interested in playing the cello we have places available so please contact the office.



New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21 st September	Y6 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Tuesday 22 nd September	Y2 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Wednesday 23 rd September	Y5 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00
Thursday 1 st October	First 11+ exam AM
Friday 2 nd October	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 5 th October	Book Week
Wednesday 7 th October	Second 11+ exam AM
Friday 9th October	FoB Cake Sale 3.15pm
Monday 19 th October	Y2 Florence Nightingale
Wednesday 21 st October	Ward-Hendry individual photographs
Friday 23 rd October	End of first half-term
Monday 2 nd November	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Term starts
Monday 9th November	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 10 th November	Y3 Roman Day
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 12 th November	Y5 Victorian Day
	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Monday 16 th November	Writing Week
Monday 23 rd November	Y4 to Ufton Court (Cherry)
Tuesday 24 th November	Y4 to Ufton Court (Willow)
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 8 th December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Wednesday 9 th December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Friday 11 th December	Clic Sargent concert – Royal Albert Hall
Monday 14 th December	OAP Xmas Party 1.30 – 3.00
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Carol Concert 7.00 – 8.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception Nativity for parents 11.00 – 12.00
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18 th December	End of term 1.30pm
Monday 4 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Term starts
Friday 12 th February	'B' Factor Final PM
Friday 12 th February	End of first Half-term

Monday 22 nd February	Term Starts
Wednesday 24 th February	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 25 th February	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Tuesday 23 rd March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 24 th March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 25 th March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 1 st April	End of Term 1.30pm
Monday 19 th April	Term Starts
Monday 26 th April	Y5 PGL to Osmington Bay
Monday 10 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 17 th May	Y6 PGL to Barton Hall
Thursday 27 th May	End of first Half-term
Friday 28 th May	Training Day
Monday 7 th June	Term starts
Monday 14 th June	KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 15 th June	KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Monday 21 st June	Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 22 nd June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Monday 28 th June	Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 29 th June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 29 th June	11+ meeting for Y5 parents 7.00 – 8.00pm
Friday 2 nd July	Reports out
Monday 5 th July	Helping Parents Tea Party
Tuesday 6 th July	Induction Day
Wednesday 7 th July	Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 8 th July	Summer music concert
Tuesday 13 th July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Wednesday 14 th July	UKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 15 th July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Term Ends 1.30pm

Academic Year 2010/2011	
Wednesday 1 st September	Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	Term starts
Friday 22 nd October	First half-term ends
Monday 1 st November	Term starts
Friday 17 th December	Term ends
Tuesday 4 th January	Training Day
Wednesday 5 th January	Term starts
Friday 18 th February	End of first Half-term
Monday 28 th February	Term starts
Friday 8 th April	Term ends
Wednesday 27 th April	Term starts
Friday 27 th May	End of first half-term
Monday 6 th June	Term starts
Friday 22 nd July	Term Ends

Yours Sincerely



Mrs. K Whittington
Headteacher

This newsletter is also available electronically on the school website. If you would like to receive an automatic email please refer to the 'subscribe' section on the school website www.burfordschool.co.uk

PARENT FORUM

I would like to volunteer to become a parent representative.

Class I would like to represent:

Name: (please print clearly)

Signed:

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER**