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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

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Staffing

We said goodbye to Miss Young last week who has gone on maternity leave until January 2011. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing the new arrival! We welcome Mrs Rebecca Cross to the team who will be covering Miss Young until she returns.

Burford Music CD

Last Friday the school hall was used as a recording studio as the children sang their hearts out to record songs for our very own Burford CD. We were very lucky to work with Mark Hartley from JAM Theatre who made the day fun and inspiring, and the whole experience gave the children a real insight into how a CD recording is made. The CD will be available to buy later in the term.





Achievements

Well done to our mixed Tag Rugby team who won the High Wycombe and Marlow area round of the Bucks Youth Games and will be going on to the finals on 26th June. Harry Kelly was awarded a medal from High Wycombe Rugby Club for doing so well at a rugby tournament in Newbury. Well done to Harry Crossly for 'Footballer of the Week' and Ryo Punwani for 'Player of the Month' from 'Fantastic Football'. Well done to Camden Taylor, Elliott Marston, Daniel Hillier and Reuben Metcalfe who successfully competed in the annual 6-a-side Marlow Football Club tournament last Saturday and were all awarded a trophy. Congratulations to Nuala MacFarlane for receiving her Level 1 swimming award.



Tesco Vouchers

Thank you for all the vouchers you have sent in; you have done brilliantly and we have collected just over 10,000 so far. Tesco have now finished giving out the vouchers and we need to send them off by 10th June, so if you still have some at home please don't forget to bring them in to school.



FOB

We have had a busy start to 2010 with a range of events for children and adults alike.

As usual, we held a 'hot dog' lunch and cake sale for the children and a Ceilidh for the parents in February. All three were hugely successful (raising £397, £177 and £670 respectively) and great fun too! To be a bit different this year, we supplied curry instead of haggis to accompany the Ceilidh - a welcome change - although we are committed to the traditional Burns Night again in 2011 - if it happens - see below!

As the October quiz night was a sell out, we also added an additional event to the calendar this year - a Music Quiz - held in March. We all cast our minds back to the nostalgic 60s and 70s and also showed off our lack of knowledge about all things 'X Factor' and 'Eurovision'! Ian Branch, our quiz master, did us all proud by providing fun questions in a fun atmosphere. This event raised £1,093.

So, what does the school spend the money raised on? We are in the midst of finalising the purchase of a second-hand mini bus which will be used to take the children on school trips and to sporting events (amongst other things!) - we have also paid for a fourth permanent side of the ball court in the playground (hugely appreciated, amongst others, by all those keen Wayne Rooneys we have at Burford!) - and we have also paid for wooden seating along the outside walls of the KS2 classrooms - a great place for the children to sit and relax during playtime. None of these extras can be paid for from out of the budget given to the school from County - there simply isn't enough state funding for these!

However, the future of FOB is uncertain. Many long standing volunteers are leaving and we currently have no chair or vice-chair. Without such members, the constitution is invalid and we will have to cease. There will be no more events for children or adults - no more money available for those 'extras' the children need to enhance their education and enjoyment of the school.

So, can you help? We are trying to encourage all parents/Valley residents to do their bit - either to give a little of their time and/or support events. Currently, there are about 10 parents who lead nearly everything - if we can get over 60 parents to volunteer for something over the course of the year, to run an event or to do a small piece of admin; there are current committee members who will take the lead roles. Then, FOB will be saved. Unless we can widen the volunteer base, FOB will cease. All a bit dramatic we know, but this is the pure fact as it stands now.

But, to end on a high - FOB is running our camping event on 12th June and is helping with the Rose Carnival - we have our ice-cream day and cake sale too - and hope to run the end of year disco - and we've introduced a Reception class 'Cheese and Wine' evening this term too. We hope that we will go from strength to strength in this uncertain time - we can with your help. Thank you.

The next FoB meeting is on Tuesday 25th May, 8pm at school.



Rose Carnival

There will be a plant sale at the Rose Carnival this year. It's being run by two Burford mums, Helen North & Liza De Laurenzy, and they are asking for donations of seedlings and plants to be brought to the stall on the morning of the Rose Carnival on the 26th June.

It is hoped that Burford parents, as well as the wider community, will donate towards the stall - after all, there are many keen gardeners in the Valley.



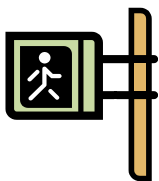
COMPETITION NEWS

Burford School's Year 4 and Year 5 pupils entered this year's Sustrans National School Travel Competition, where they had to write to the PM about making walking to school safer. The organisers received over 2500 entries. Sakina Ladka's entry won one of the six **Runner Up** prizes. Amazing!

Congratulations Sakina.

The organisers are sending out a goody pack of walking and cycling equipment for the school (containing things such as pedometers, bicycle lights, stickers, hi-vis slapbands etc), along with something for Sakina to say well done. We are looking forward to receiving the parcel and deciding what to do with the equipment.

Thank you again to all the children who participated in the competition. They were all great. We hope the pupils found it an enjoyable and beneficial task and it is good to know that the organisers will be using all the views, opinions and suggestions in the letters to influence the policy work they do with the new government as well as their practical projects to make it easier for people to choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and environment.



School Travel Team

It is 'Walk to School' week from the 17th to 21st May. You can walk, cycle or scooter and receive double stamps on your Go-for-Gold cards for each journey. The theme is '**Sustainable Footprints**'. This means that for each time you walk instead of drive – not only are you being healthy and enjoying some exercise, you are also reducing pollution and congestion around school, which is beneficial to the environment and our relationships with residents in the community.

Please remember:

- If you cycle, obey the rules of the road and wear your Hi-Vis vest so that drivers in cars can see you.
- If you scooter, don't go too fast and be careful when passing other children and animals.

Happy Walking

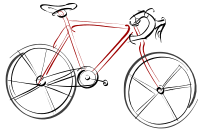
On Tuesday evening one of our pupils was cycling home from an after school club and fell from his bike when he was clipped by a car driving too fast. Fortunately he was not badly hurt, but this emphasizes how careful we all need to be when travelling near a school!

On Monday 17th a group of Year 5 children will be producing colourful road safety posters and we are then hoping parents and children will help us stand close to dangerous places on the Marlow Bottom road holding these posters to warn drivers of the dangers.



Training Day

Don't forget there is a staff training day on Friday 28th May, so Thursday 27th May will be the last day for the children before half term.



Biking Basics

There will be a Biking Basics course on Saturday 10th July on Burford's playground 2-4 pm for pupils aged 6-9 years old. The max number of children attending this course will depend on the number of CRB checked adult volunteers. Please email michelle.livett@btconnect.com should your child/children wish to attend and if you are able to volunteer.



Ice Cream

The ice cream order has been placed – last minute orders will be accepted on Monday 17th – orders after that date will **not** be accepted. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help – details will follow.



New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th May

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Monday 17th May – 21st May

Tuesday 18th May

Thursday 20th May

Friday 21st May

Friday 21st May

Tuesday 25th May

Tuesday 25th May

Wednesday 26th May

Thursday 27th May

Thursday 27th May

Friday 28th May

Monday 7th June

Tuesday 8th June

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Thursday 10th June

Friday 11th June

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Thursday 17th June

Friday 18th June

Friday 18th June

Monday 21st June

Monday 21st June

Tuesday 22nd June

Wednesday 23rd June

Friday 25th June

Saturday 26th June

Monday 28th June

Tuesday 29th June

Wednesday 30th June

Thursday 1st July

Friday 2nd July

Monday 5th July

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Last chance to order ice cream

Walk to School Week

Y6 PGL to Barton Hall

FoB Bag2School

Sycamore Class trip to College Lake, Tring

Juniper Class Assembly 8.50 – 9.20am

Holly Class trip to College Lake, Tring

Year 1 trip to Science Museum

FoB Meeting 8.00 – 10.00pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 Choir Theatre trip

Ice Cream Day

End of first Half-term

Training Day

Term starts

Year 2 trip to Mudeford

11+ meeting for Y5 parents 7.00 – 8.00pm

10 x Yr 5 pupils to Borlase for Science Day

Beech Class Assembly 8.50 – 9.20am

FoB Camping

Year 4 visit to Hindu Temple, Neasden

KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)

KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)

Year 4 Urenco Science Workshop

Sequoia Class Assembly 8.50 – 9.20am

Yrs 5/6 Rounders at Great Marlow

Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)

Yr 6 Parents Drug Awareness meeting, Holy Trinity 7-9pm

Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)

Ward-Hendry class/team photographs

Elm Class Assembly 8.50 – 9.20am

Parent Forum 2.15 – 3.15pm

Rose Carnival

Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)

Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)

FoB Meeting 8.00 – 10.00pm

Summer music concert 7 – 9pm

Y5 O2 Rehearsal - Brentwood

Sycamore Class Assembly 8.50 – 9.20am

Reports out

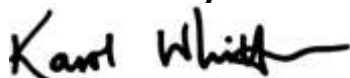
Helping Parents Tea Party

Yr 5/6 Wye Valley Field Events 4.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 6 th July	Induction Day for Y6 children at new schools
Tuesday 6 th July	Y5 O2 Concert
Wednesday 7 th July	Class swap around to meet new teachers PM
Wednesday 7 th July	New Reception Parents meeting in Hall – 1.30pm
Wednesday 7 th July	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Wye Valley Track Events 1.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 7 th July	No after school activities due to Open Evening
Wednesday 7 th July	Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Friday 9 th July	Willow Class Assembly 8.50 – 9.20am
Tuesday 13 th July	UKS2 Dress Rehearsal 1.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 14 th July	French Day
Wednesday 14 th July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Thursday 15 th July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Friday 16 th July	End of Year Disco
Wednesday 21 st July	Term Ends 1.30pm

Academic Year 2010/2011	
Wednesday 1 st September	Training Day
Thursday 2 nd September	Term starts
Friday 22 nd October	First half-term ends
Monday 1 st November	Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd 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	Training Day
Tuesday 7 th June	Term starts
Friday 22 nd July	Term Ends

Yours Sincerely



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