



COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, FORGIVENESS, TRUST

Dear Parents and Carers,

12th October 2015

We were pleased so many of our families were able to join us for Harvest Festival recently. We should like to pass on a big 'thank you' message from The Salvation Army in Gillingham - a copy of which can be found with this newsletter on our website: www.burham.kent.sch.uk (select 'Newsletters' 'Term One') and on our community board in the main entrance - for the generous donations from everyone at the school.

We should also like to thank everyone for supporting our MacMillan coffee morning and raising a fantastic £160 for their worthy cause. A copy of their 'thank you' poster can also be found in the Term One newsletter section of our site.

We shall be taking part in further fund raising activities for two other charities close to everyone's heart - Breast Cancer Now and Diabetes UK - towards the end of this term and details for these can be found towards the end of this newsletter.

Multifaith Week

We were glad so many of our parents and families could join us for Family Time at the end of Multifaith Week. There is a short slideshow published from our Multifaith Week available in the newsletter section of our website and we are in the process of adding further class photos to the 'Gallery' section of our site. We hope these to be published by the end of term.

E-safety – new posts added to our website

We have recently added the Kent Safeguarding Children Board's new leaflet: 'Keep your Children Safe Online' to our site. The leaflet features useful tips and information for parents/carers as well as links to websites to report concerns and access support and advice such as CEOP, Childnet, NSPCC, The Parent Zone and the UK Safer Internet Centre. We are constantly updating our e-safety information to help parents keep their children safe whilst using online technologies and links to this information can be found on our website via the e-safety link on our side menu bar.

Lunchtime Play – School Field

Should you be a parent of a Key Stage 2 (Junior) child and they wish to play football during lunchtime we would be grateful if they could bring a set of clothes to change in to (especially with the weather due to change shortly). We should also ask that children bring their wellies (clearly named) into school to change into during lunchtime play on the school field. As you are aware children shall be playing on our school field throughout the year.

School Nurse Drop in Clinic – Friday 16th October from 9:30a.m. to 11a.m.

The school nurse will be holding a drop-in clinic for any parent who may have any health concerns relating to their child or would like any advice next Friday, 16th October. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Parent Consultations Wednesday 21st October 1p.m. – 6p.m.

Parent consultations for Years 1 – 6 will be held on Wednesday 21st October between 1p.m. and 6p.m. and the appointment reservation sheets will be available **from Wednesday, 14th October**, after school.

Parents of Year R children (Panda Class) will not have a formal parent consultation – instead there will be an open afternoon between 2p.m. - 3p.m. on that day when **parents of Reception children** may, if they wish, come into the school and enjoy the opportunity to take part in some fun activities with their child (during an allocated time slot) plus have an informal chat with staff should they wish to do so. Time slots will be arranged by Mrs. Nicolaides. Should any parent of a Year R child have an appointment for older siblings during this time please feel free to pop in and out of Panda class. **Parents with afternoon appointments are welcome to take their child/children home after their consultation.**

During Parent Consultation afternoon we invite all our PARENTS to join in with staff and wear an item of pink as part of our fund raising for the Breast Cancer Now campaign. We shall be collecting voluntary donations throughout the day for anyone who wishes to show their support.

Thursday 22nd October – Fancy Dress in aid of Diabetes UK

Thursday 22nd October is the last day of Term 1 and children are invited to come into school in fancy dress (suitable for all day wear in school please). The pupils who have organised this event suggested during an Act of Worship that

children may like to dress as a character from a film or a book or in any fancy dress they may have at home for a donation of £1. This of course will be a voluntary donation and no child will be prevented from taking part in this fun fund raising event if they are unable to contribute. There will also be cupcakes on sale at break time (20p).

Headlice

Unfortunately headlice can be a problem from time to time with small children and we would like to ask that parents help all schools and pre-schools eradicate this problem as much as possible. If your child is affected by headlice:

- Comb hair twice daily (morning and evening) to watch for headlice.
- Good grooming counts, wash hair at least once a week – check for headlice and 'nits' while the hair is wet (using a little hair conditioner makes it easier to comb and see any headlice).
- If headlice are found just use the combing, shampooing and conditioning tactic every 3 or 4 days for two weeks. Make surer headlice and 'nits' are killed.
- Keep the combing habit.

There is further information regarding headlice and how to treat hair if you are affected on our website: www.burham.kent.sch.uk and can be found by selecting the 'links' button on the top menu bar.

School Uniform

May we give you a friendly reminder that all items of school uniform need to be labelled/marked with your child's name. Children constantly misplace their jumpers and cardigans and as the prices range from £13 - £15 they are costly for you to replace. We expect all children to take responsibility for their belongings, particularly from Year 3 upwards.

Singing Club

Please note there will be no further sessions of Singing Club until after Christmas.

We should like to end our newsletter by saying it was lovely to welcome parents of our Year 2 children who were able to join us today for Act of Worship led by Penguin Class.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Grima
Headteacher

Dates for Diaries:

Term 1

Wednesday 14th October 2015

Year 6 visit to Knole House

Friday 16th October 2015

School Nurse drop-in clinic 9:30a.m. – 11a.m. (please make an appointment)

Wednesday 21st October 2015

Parent Consultations Y1 to Y6 (1p.m. to 6p.m.) and Year R Open Afternoon
PARENTS AND STAFF INVITED TO WEAR PINK FOR BREAST CANCER CHARITY

Thursday 22nd October 2015

Last day of Term 1 for children
Non uniform day in aid of Diabetes UK

Friday 23rd October 2015

Development Day (school closed to children)

Monday 26th October 2015 to

Friday 30th October 2015

School closed (Term 1 holiday)

Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2015

School opens for children

Thursday 17th December 2015

Last day of Term 2

Friday 18th December 2015

Development Day (school closed to children)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES AND FURTHER TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

THANK YOU

Mrs. Greeny would like to thank all parents and children for the wonderful leaving gifts she received at the end of last term.