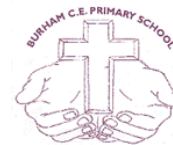


'Let your light 'shine' before others that they may see your good works.'



BURHAM CEP SCHOOL NEWS

Monday 18th September 2023

From the Headteacher

Hello and welcome to the first edition of Burham CEP School News. I look forward to writing to you weekly over the course of the year, keeping you informed of news and upcoming events.

What a busy start to the new term! I am so proud of all the pupils and how well they have settled into their new classes and routines. A special mention to our new little Acorns who have just begun their schooling journey in EYFS with Mrs Barkaway. We wish them every happiness at Burham as they grow from Acorns to Oaks in their time at Burham.

These past few weeks have flown by! I have enjoyed visiting classes and meeting all the children and I am trying particularly hard to learn all of their names! As a school we have enjoyed meeting collectively in Worship and have been focusing on this term's theme 'Together Again'.

Being together and working together is key to the success of the pupils and the school. It has been lovely welcoming you onto the school grounds at the end of the school day for collection and we look forward to welcoming you all into classes this Wednesday (20th) for our first Share and Shine event.

Mrs H Goddon

Headteacher

Our School vision...

Success – Happiness – Independence - New experiences - Engagement



You may have heard your child talk about 'Shining' in everything they do. This is because we have been introducing children to our new school vision. The school vision is centred on the bible verse Matthew 5 v 16, which talks about 'shining your light before others'. Our vision is for all our children at Burham CEP School to 'Shine'. We believe that all children should be given opportunities to 'Shine' and discover their true unique potential through rich, engaging new experiences that enable them to be successful, happy and independent.

At Burham Church of England Primary School we respect, value and include each and everybody. It is our aim to provide children with a safe, happy learning environment in which every member of the school community will thrive. Our aim is for children to build enriching relationships and become responsible, caring and successful citizens.

At Burham our values are firmly rooted in the Christian foundation of the school: enabling every child to grow spiritually and emotionally; fostering a deep sense of personal identity and self-worth; and guided by the loving example of Jesus Christ. We want for all children to 'shine their good works' through our explicit Christian values of 'CRAFT', which are woven into all we do.

School Council Elected

The new school council has been officially elected. Today we met for the first time as a team. The children introduced themselves to the rest of the group and shared their thoughts of how the school council can engage with pupils, staff and parents of the school to make it a better place for all. Congratulations to the new school council members!



The school council representatives this year are:

Fir Class—George and Izzy

Elm Class — Sadie and Reagan

Willow Class — Murphy and Layla

Cedar Class—Chloe and Toby

Sycamore Class — Ashlin and Harry

Oak Class — Zac and Adriana



Make a Difference Days

Caring for others and the wider community



As part of teaching children about our school values, classes will be participating in ‘Make a Difference Days’ throughout the year. Classes will decide collectively a theme for their ‘Difference Day’ and promote this with the rest of the school. This theme may be to support a charity, promote change around the school or local area, or it may focus on a current world issue. Oak class will be leading this term’s Make a Difference day on Friday 13th October, which will be centred on ‘Environmental Change’. We look forward to hearing more about their ideas and supporting their chosen cause.

In support of Make a Difference Days it would be wonderful to hear from parents/carers of the school community who can help support our school and ‘Make a Difference’ within the school environment. Please contact the school office if you are keen to be a part of a ‘Make a Difference’ team for the school environment and have skills to support this.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 20th September— ‘Share and Shine’ after school

Friday 29th September— PTFA Race Night

Thursday 5th October — ‘McBurham’ Special School Dinner!

Thursday 5th October — Harvest Worship (Parents/carers invited to attend 2:45pm start)

Wednesday 11th October — 2023 intake open morning and open evenings

Thursday 12th October—School Disco (Details to follow)

Friday 20th October— Last day of term