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BURHAM CEP SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 13th December

From the Headteacher

Hello and best wishes to you all.

As the end of term draws near, we reflect on what a wonderful few weeks it has been at Burham CE Primary. The festive spirit is truly in the air, and we have so much to be proud of as a school community.

Last week, it was an absolute joy to watch our youngest pupils in Acorn Class take part in their very first nativity performance. Their enthusiasm and dedication was evident, and it was clear that they had worked hard to bring the Christmas story to life. We couldn't be prouder of our Acorns!

This week, we were treated to the sparkling performances of Fir Class and Elm Class in their joint KS1 Christmas production. The children truly shone on stage, and their creativity and energy made for a memorable experience for all who attended. From singing to acting, they showcased their talents and brought festive cheer to our school.

Our Key Stage 2 classes have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming Carol services, which will take place next week. We are all looking forward to these upcoming performances, which take place on Tuesday 17th December for Willow class and Cedar class, and Thursday 19th for Sycamore and Oak class.

Christmas dinner is being served on Wednesday 18th December and all pupils are invited to wear Christmas jumper for the day whether they are having a school meal or packed lunch.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break.

Best wishes,

Mrs Goddon, Headteacher



Class focus... Cedar

At the beginning of the term, in Cedar Class, we discovered metallic debris scattered in the playground and outside Mrs Goddon's office all cordoned off by police tape. Little did we know, that these were the body parts of The Iron Man. We now know that he is not a threat to the human race and we are enjoying reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We have written newspaper reports, letters to furious farmers and Hogarth's diary entries.

In maths, we have learnt about area and perimeter and we are applying our knowledge of multiplication. We enjoyed the problem solving and challenges involving designing a tile pattern. We are learning all of our times table facts and related division facts.

In science, we are learning about Sound. We will be making musical instruments with elastic bands, exploring the properties of pitch and volume and creating an investigation to find the best material for muffling sound. *Mrs Attubato*

Fundraising...

An incredible £200 was raised last week at the Reception and KS1 Production through the selling of programmes and refreshments. This money will go towards art resources for the school. Refreshments will also be on sale next week at our upcoming carol services for a donation. All proceeds will go towards art resources.

Christmas Tree...

A special mention and big thank you to **Notcutts Garden Centre**, Maidstone for generously gifting our school a free Christmas tree this year. Pupils enjoyed decorating the tree, which looks very festive!

Parking...

Sadly we have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking. There have been reports of cars parked with all four wheels on pavements as well as cars blocking driveways. **Please park your cars considerately and safely for the welfare of all.**

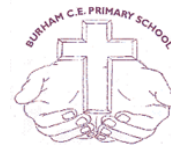
Correct Uniform...

We are noticing a number of children not wearing correct uniform to school. Uniform consists of a shirt (not polo t-shirt) school tie, logo cardigan or jumper and shoes with grey skirt or grey pinafore dress or trousers. Furthermore, there are a handful of pupils not wearing the correct kit for PE. PE kit consists of the school logo team t-shirt, black shorts and black or burgundy tracksuit for outdoor games.



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Key dates for Term 3

- 6th Jan—Staff Development Day (School closed to pupils)
- Tues' 7th Jan—1st day of term 3. Children back!
- Fri' 10th Jan—Swimming lessons start for Willow class
- Wed' 15th Jan—Willow, Cedar, Sycamore and Oak class (2:30pm, parents/carers and pupil maths workshop)
- Wed' 22nd Jan—Willow class worship (parents/carers can attend)
- Fri' 24th Jan—Cedar class Make a Difference Day (details to follow)
- Wed' 29th Jan—Acorn, Fir class and Elm class 'Maths Mission' (2:30pm, parents/carers and pupil maths workshop)
- Fri-31st Jan—SEND coffee morning (9am in the hall)
- Tues' 4th Feb—Team Tuesday (Team tops to be worn to school)
- Tues' 11th Feb - Safer Internet Day in school
- Wed' 12th Feb— 'Shine and Share' (All classes after school)
- Fri' 14th Feb—Last day of term
- Mon' 24th Feb—First day of Term 4. Children back to school!

Wrap around care...

As mentioned in previous correspondence, there will be a slight change to after school club provision next term with revised fees. The new structure to after school club provision enables children to access the club for the time required and offers more flexibility. Timings and costs are as follows:

- 3:20—4:00pm — £3
- 4:00—4:30pm — +£3
- 4:30—5:00pm — +£4

Breakfast club continues to operate in the same way. This starts at 7:45am and is charged at £6 a session. Breakfast and after school club must be book at least one week in advance.

After school clubs...

After school clubs will continue next term. They are as follows:

Monday

- Football club with Abbie (years R, 1 and 2, 3:20—4:30pm)
- Gardening club (years 1 –6, 3:20-4:30pm)

Tuesday

- Art club (years 1 and 2, 3:20-4pm)
- Construction Club (years 3 and 4, 3:20—4:20pm)

Wednesday

- Football club with Abbie (years 3 and 4 3:20—4:30pm)

Thursday

- STEM club (Years 3—6, 3:20—4:30pm)
- Goalkeeping club with Abbie (years 1-6 3:20—4:30pm)

Friday

- Football club with Abbie (years 5 and 6 3:20—4:30pm)
- Skateboarding Club (3:20—4:20pm—limited numbers)

Absence...

Should your child be absent from school please email attendance@burham.kent.sch.uk by 8:30am.