



COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, FORGIVENESS, TRUST

Dear Parents and Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> February 2016

We should like to warmly welcome our new children who have recently joined us and their families - we trust that they have settled well into school life here at Burham - and like to take this opportunity to update everyone with events that have recently taken place plus update you with dates for diaries.

The Friday before last saw our Year 5 children lead Act of Worship. We were pleased that so many of our Year 5 parents were able to join us and hear about their child's work regarding Mary Seacole. Next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, we look forward to our Year 1 leading Act of Worship and all parents of Year 1 children are most welcome to join us at 2:30p.m.

All children had the enriching experience of taking part in 'Christian Values Day' this Monday and we were fortunate to have a photographer from the KM visit Elephant Class that day. We look forward to our item appearing within the next few weeks.

Yesterday, we hosted Theatre ADAD's drug awareness presentation 'Wasted' to children in our Year 5 and Year 6 together with their peers from St. Mark's. The theatre company have visited our school on a regular basis since 2002 and are brilliant in helping to teach children in a child-friendly way that whilst all medicines are drugs, not all drugs are medicines!

Next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, will be the start of the Chinese New Year. The children are currently enjoying learning about the Chinese New Year 2016 - the Year of the Monkey.

Next Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, we shall be again taking part in the country-wide Safer Internet Day. As you are aware we take the utmost care to provide a safe and secure internet environment for our children to use here at the school and we provide a plethora of information on our website: [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk) (select e-safety from the side menu) to help our parents do the same at home. At 2:30p.m. we should like to invite as many of you that are able to come along and see what the day has involved.

Next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, we should like to remind you that Braiswick Photographers shall be taking class photos from 9a.m. Please ensure your child arrives promptly for registration which takes place at 8:50a.m. Whilst on the subject of registration, can we please give a friendly reminder that all children need to be **in class** by 8:50a.m. each morning unless there is an exceptional circumstance beyond your control.

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Bad Hair Day**

This year for the first time we shall be supporting Great Ormond Street Children's Charity's Bad Hair Day and invite all children, staff and parents to take part by wearing a wacky wig or style a crazy hairdo in return for a voluntary donation of £1 (50p for siblings) however no child will be prevented in taking part if they are unable to contribute. **School uniform will still be worn.** Please note that as we are taking part in Bad Hair Day we shall not be taking part in fund raising for Sport Relief next month.

### **Reading Records**

Please be aware that if your child has a reading record book it is **not** a home/school contact book. Home/school contact books are set up only for a few individuals with high level needs. Staff are on hand at the gate both in the morning and after school should you wish to discuss any minor issues. After school appointments can be made via the school office should you require longer or want more privacy.

### **Cross Country Club – Years 4, 5 and 6**

Children who are interested in cross country will be pleased to hear that it will recommence after Easter.

### **After School Club**

As you are aware, we have an 'After School Club' which runs daily from the end of school until 5:30p.m. We should like to give a friendly reminder to all our parents who use this facility that it ends at 5:30p.m. If you there is an exceptional circumstance which means you will be late then you need to contact the club direct on their mobile number: 07707 307 268. This number can also be found on our website: [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk) (select 'Clubs' then After School Club).

### **Health & Safety – Scooters/bikes at school**

As part of a healthier lifestyle we readily support parents who wish to encourage their child to ride their scooter (or bike in the case of Year 6 children) to school. May we kindly ask you to remind your child however that they should **NOT ride on them whilst in the school grounds** but should dismount before coming through the school gates, pushing it round to the covered storage area and then at the end of the day should once again push their scooter or bike out of the grounds before riding it. This is to ensure we retain a safe environment in our school grounds for all our children, staff and visitors – thank you.

On a final note, we should like to inform parents that a TV production company called Liberty Bell (part of Avalon TV) are currently producing the third series of Channel 4's 'The Three Day Nanny' which is a six-part series offering expert help to

parents. The show follows childcare expert Kathryn Mewes as she offers help to families who are struggling with common parenting challenges and are therefore currently inviting parents to apply for her expert help by taking part in the programme. For further information please see the flyer which can be found with this newsletter on our website or for a non-obligatory chat with a member of the production team to find out more about the programme call: 0207 598 7267 or email: [nanny@libertybell.tv](mailto:nanny@libertybell.tv).

Please see below for diary dates.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Grima

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Safer Internet Day - parents are welcome to join us at 2:30p.m.  
Class Photos (Braiswick Photographers)  
Last day of Term 3 and Bad Hair Day  
Year 1 Act of Worship (Year 1 parents welcome to join us at 2:30p.m.)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**School Closed (Term 3 holidays)**

**Term 4**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016  
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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

School opens for children (Y3 first swimming session)

Book Week  
KS2 visit to Museum of Kent Life  
Year 5 parents meeting regarding 11+ (3:30p.m.)  
World Book Day  
Family Time at 2:30p.m.  
Year R Act of Worship (Year R parents welcome to join us at 2:30p.m.)  
PARENT CONSULTATIONS 1P.M. – 6P.M. (further information nearer the time)  
Spring Festival at Rochester Cathedral (Year 2)  
Easter Service led by Reverend Mike Hayes

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**School Closed (Easter holidays)**

**Term 5**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

**Development Day (school closed to children)**

School opens for children  
Zoo Lab to visit the school (details nearer the time)  
Year 3 Act of Worship (Parents welcome to join us at 2:30p.m.)

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**

**May Bank Holiday (school closed)**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 to  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
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End of KS2 SATs (Year 6)

Arts Week  
Family Time Carnival at 1: 30p.m. (details nearer the time)  
Last day of Term 5

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**

**School closed (Term 5 holiday)**

**Term 6**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**

School opens for children

Maths Week  
Family Time Celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Year 6 Act of Worship (Parents welcome to join us at 2:30p.m.)  
Last day of Term 6 for children  
**Development Day (school closed to children)**

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**Term 1**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**School opens for children**