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Dear Parents and Carers,

11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of our newsletter for this term with news plus important dates for your diaries between now and Christmas!

### **Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning**

Firstly, may we say a **HUGE** thank you to all who supported our Coffee Morning and fund raising day recently helping us to raise a fantastic **£333.63**.

### **Parent Pay**

Our Finance Officer Mrs. Collingwood and our Office Assistant Mrs. Gardner have been working hard to make the transition to cashless payments as smooth as possible for both parents and the school. Understandably, as with any new system, there have been a few hiccups along the way but on the whole it has been a success. We would remind parents that they do need to pay in advance or promptly on the day for chargeable items, especially Breakfast Club, After School Club and school dinners. It is extremely important too that you allocate your payment to the relevant section.

### **Admissions**

If you are the parent of a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 you need to apply online before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for a place at primary school. You must submit one application per child, even if they already have a sibling at school. Leaflets can be found outside of the school office plus information is available on our website: [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk) (select Admissions from the home screen). Alternatively to apply for a place visit: [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) if you are a Kent resident or [www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](http://www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions) if you are a Medway resident. **You can name schools in any area but you must apply to your home local authority.**

### **Panda Class – First Class Photo KM**

A reminder that our Reception class have had their photo published in this week's First Class Photo section of the KM and its sister papers.

### **Secondary Transfer**

A friendly reminder to parents of our Year 6 children that the closing date for applications is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. If you have been waiting to receive your child's 11+ test results before finalising your selection please ensure you do not miss this date. Further information regarding the secondary transfer process can be found on our website: [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk) (select Secondary Transfer from the 'About Us' section along the top menu bar of the home screen). As with primary admissions, you can name schools in any area but you must apply to your home local authority.

### **Football Club**

We have been overwhelmed with the response we received for Football Club this year. However now that the coach has returned from her holiday we have been able to arrange for her to run extra sessions. If you are the parent of a child who applied to join football club you will have been sent a text message to say that children in Year 3 and Year 4 will now have football club on a Wednesday, commencing next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please note however, there will be no football club on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November due to parent consultations. Parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 have received a text message to confirm their child has a place at Football Club on a Friday, commencing today. There are only one or two spaces left in each club. If your child wishes to join, please ask at the school office.

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Wear Pink for Breast Cancer**

Our next fund raising appeal will be for the Breast Cancer charity and children may come to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October dressed in an item of pink instead of school uniform for a voluntary donation. As usual, this is a voluntary donation and no child will be prevented from taking part if they are unable to contribute.

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Family Time at 2p.m.**

Next week will be our Multicultural Week and you are welcome to join us at 2p.m. (also wearing pink if you wish) to hear all about the exciting time the children have had during the week learning about different countries and their cultures. Please note that in response to feedback from a small minority of our parents, it will NOT be possible for children to go home after this service on this occasion. All children will finish at the normal time.

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – PTFA fireworks**

Our first week back after the half-term holiday will literally be celebrated with a bang! Letters have been sent out from our PTFA detailing times and how to purchase tickets for their firework night celebration. Please see their noticeboard for further information.

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee Morning 9a.m. to 9:30a.m.**

All parents will have received either by email or hard copy a letter about the 'Let's Get Better' attendance project the school is participating in this year. Our Attendance Officer from KCC will be hosting a coffee morning for parents on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Parent Consultations – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 12:30p.m. to 6p.m.**

To accommodate our increase in numbers, we have arranged for an early start to lunchtime on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November to enable parent consultations to commence at 12:30p.m. As on previous occasions, in response to parents requests, those who book an appointment during the school day may take their child home with them afterwards. We must stress, however, that nothing changes for our school day. The school is open until normal closing time and After School Club will run as normal. Dance Club will also run as normal that day although there will be no football club for Year 3 and Year 4. **Forms to enable you to book your appointment slot will be put out in the hall after school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need**

Although we are not officially supporting Children in Need this year, children may wear non-uniform on the above date. One of our parents has offered to collect and bank any donations that may be made.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Treasure Seekers Club**

The Faith Mission's Treasure Seeker's Club will once again be held after school on the above dates. More details nearer the time. During this week all other after school activity clubs still run as normal.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisation for Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5**

This year's flu immunisation is due to take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and the whole school (apart from Year 6) will have the opportunity to take part. We do not expect to receive the letters and forms for parents until late October and they will be sent home as soon as we receive them.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Christmas Fair**

Our fantastic PTFA will be once again be holding their Christmas Fair after school on the above date.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Dance Club Performance to Parents at 4:15p.m.**

Parents of children who attend Dance Club will have the opportunity to see a short performance at the end of their last session before Christmas. Further details to follow nearer the time.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Nativity**

We should like to give parents advance notice that performances will take place at 10a.m. and 2p.m. on the above date. Further details nearer the time.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Junior Christmas Production**

Parents of KS2 children will be able to see their child's Christmas Production either at 2p.m. or 6p.m. on the above date. Further details nearer the time.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Family Time Eucharist at 2p.m.**

Parents are welcome to join us for our Eucharist on the above date. It will NOT be possible for children to go home after this service on this occasion. All children will finish at the normal time.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Dick Whittington Pantomime**

Shooting Stars Theatre Company will be performing the above to all the children during the afternoon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We shall be once again be asking The George Day Fund to help pay for the children's Christmas treat this year so that it is free for parents.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Rock Steady Concert 9a.m. to 10:30a.m.**

Children who receive tuition from Rock Steady will once again be showcasing their band's performance to parents on the above date. All parents are invited regardless of whether their child takes part in lessons.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Family Trust Christmas Pantomime at 2p.m.**

Members of the Family Trust will perform 'Quentin's Quest', their Christmas Pantomime, on the above date. Once again, there will be no charge to parents.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Wear Gold for Children with Cancer Charity**

On the last day of term children are invited to wear an item of gold in exchange for a voluntary donation towards the charity Children with Cancer. This again is a voluntary donation and no child will be excluded from taking part if they are unable to make a donation.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**

We shall also be having Christmas lunch on the last day of term. Details of how to order a lunch for your child will be given nearer the time. Payment for any child not receiving free school meals will need to be made in advance via Parent Pay.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Magic Show**

After their delicious Christmas lunch the children will be entertained by Micky the Magician. To help pay for this treat, we would ask for a voluntary £1 cash donation from all parents. No child will be excluded if they are unable to make this voluntary contribution but any parent who is unable to pay is asked to see the Headteacher in confidence to discuss a payment plan. As it is the last day of term, we should like to give parents the opportunity to collect their child from 2p.m. However it should be noted that we shall still be open until the end of the normal school day and After School Club will run as usual.

This copy of our newsletter will be emailed to parents and published on our website. Copies are also available from outside of our school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Grima

<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School opens for children Last day of Term 1 for children
	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>School closed (Term 1 holiday)</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	School opens for children Last day of Term 2 <b>Development Day (school closed to children)</b>
	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</b>	<b>School closed (Christmas holiday)</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	<b>Development Day (school closed to children) Development Day (school closed to children)</b> School opens for children Last day of Term 3
	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019</b>	<b>School closed (Term 3 holiday)</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	School opens for children Last day of Term 4
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 to Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	<b>School closed (Easter holiday)</b>
	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019</b>	<b>Good Friday Easter Monday</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	School opens for children
	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	<b>May Bank Holiday (school closed)</b> Last day of Term 5
	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019</b>	<b>School closed (Term 5 holiday)</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019 Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019</b>	School opens for children Last day of Term 6 for children <b>Development Day (school closed to children) Development Day (school closed to children)</b>

*Does your child have access to online technology either through a mobile phone, games console, tablet, computer etc? For guidance and advice for parents on how to keep your child safe when online please click on the e-safety link available from our website: [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk). Copies of all our newsletters plus further links and information parents may find helpful can be found on our school website under 'News' and/or 'Useful Links'. Copies of all newsletters can also be found on our website by selecting 'Newsletters' and term 1 from the home screen.*

