

*COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, FORGIVENESS, TRUST*

Dear Parents and Carers,

October 2020

A big welcome back to all of our Pupils and their families and hello to all of our new pupils and families that have started with us this term. It's so nice to see everyone after such unsettling times we've had since the end of March.

Firstly, let me start by thanking you all for assisting your children with the work that was set by their class teachers. We understand that for some it was quite daunting trying to balance working, lockdown and assisting your children with their work. So, thank you. I would also like to thank the school staff for continuing their hard work throughout this pandemic and adjusting where needed to get through the lockdown and beyond as safely as possible, whilst continuing to try and educate the children as much as possible.

There is a vacancy for a Parent-Governor if you are interested in standing then please look out for the email that will be going out shortly.

We are currently working with Caterlink so that they can offer hot meals everyday which will be served in the classroom. More details will follow.

**Reminders:**

If a child has an appointment during school time and is coming back to school we ask that the child changes clothes before coming into school.

School Reception and phone lines open at 8.45am. If you wish to contact us before then please leave a message on our answerphone.

Please Do Not park in front of the school gates during school time as the gates are in constant use.

You should no longer be using School Comms as a way to communicate with the school as it is only checked intermittently. Please either email us at [office@burham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@burham.kent.sch.uk) or if it is urgent telephone us. Please leave a message if we do not answer and we will get back to you.

PE kit – a reminder that the PE kit is a white T-shirt and black shorts or black or grey jogging bottoms only – strictly no logos. T-shirts, shorts and jogging bottoms of other colours (logo or not) are not permitted.

Breaktime snack should be fruit only.

Please ensure that your child brings in their water bottle everyday as due to Covid 19 we are unable to supply drinking glasses.

Can all children please bring in a green biro for correcting and editing their work.

As we are trying to keep the school as ventilated as possible, if your child feels the cold please ensure they have a plain white T-shirt or vest under their Blouse/Shirt which should also be white.

**Free School Meals, Universal Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**

If your child is in Year R, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals'. If you receive certain benefits, the school is able to claim additional money (Pupil Premium) to support their learning. We should like to remind parents that Pupil Premium money is only available from central government for children whose parents receive one of the following welfare benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

It is therefore important to **REGISTER with KCC Free School Meals Department** for free school meals **even if** your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 so that the school receives as much funding as possible. Please find listed below ways in which you can register:

- Via their webpage: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>
- Following the links from our website: [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk) (select 'About Us' from the top menu bar to access the link 'Free School Meals')

**If your child has any of these symptoms please keep them off of school (inform the school) and seek medical advice. The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:**

- **a new continuous cough**
- **a high temperature**
- **a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**

## Dates for your diary

Saturday 10, Sunday 11, Saturday 17 or Sunday 18 October 2020 - Medway Test. One day will be allocated

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Kent Test

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent consultation to be emailed out

Panda Class (Year R) Wednesday PM  
Elephant Class (Year 1) Friday PM  
Penguin Class (Year 1) Friday PM  
Dolphin Class (Year 3) Thurs PM  
Meerkat Class (Year 4) Tuesday PM  
Tiger Class (Year 5) Wednesday PM  
Giraffe Class (Year 6) Thursday PM

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – End of term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – School reopens

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Flu vaccine Year R – Year 6 – Letters will be sent out shortly

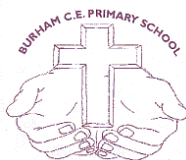
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term option to pick children up from 1.30pm.

Just a reminder that because of the current situation with Covid 19 there will be no Christmas productions this year.

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



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## Term Dates

### School Year 2020 – 2021

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 1st September 2020 Friday 23rd October 2020	School opens for children Last day of Term 1 for children
	<b>Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020</b>	<b>School closed (Term 1 holiday)</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020 Friday 18th December 2020	School opens for children Last day of Term 2
	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Wednesday 6th January 2021</b>	<b>School closed (Christmas holiday)</b>
	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Development Day (school closed to children)</b>
	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Development Day (school closed to children)</b>
	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Development Day (school closed to children)</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	Thursday 7th January 2021 Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	School opens for children Last day of Term 3
	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021</b>	<b>School closed (Term 3 holiday)</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021 Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	School opens for children Last day of Term 4
	<b>Friday 2nd April 2021 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>	<b>School closed (Easter holiday)</b>
	<b>Friday 2nd April 2021 Monday 5th April 2021</b>	<b>Good Friday Easter Monday</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	School opens for children
	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday (school closed)</b>
	Friday 28th May 2021	Last day of Term 5
	<b>Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	<b>School closed (Term 5 holiday)</b>

**Term 6**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

School opens for children  
Last day of Term 6 for children

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

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