

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Before we get into this week's goings on in school, can we just say that there is quite a lot of information in this week's 'House Keeping' section. So please stick with us until the bottom of this email and ensure you are up to speed with all we have coming up! Thank you.

The end of the half term beckons and what a super final week we have had! Class 1 made some new friends this week, when Farmer Carl brought in some very cute visitors to meet the children. This year's 'multi-faith focus' has continued this week too. Following up on earlier visits from representatives of both the Christian and Muslim faiths, this week we heard from a member of the British Humanist Society. The children all listened to the presentation with great focus and interest and followed up with some very well considered questions. Then finally the week came to a close with a session led by the staff of G.O.A.L, the Game of Actual Life. G.O.A.L provides children with the opportunity to gain confidence with money and everyday 'grown up' situations, while giving them invaluable life skills which will stay with them into their adult life. We are pleased to say that we have secured grant funding which allows us to offer all pupils full day sessions of G.O.A.L on the days school will be closed for staff training days. Details of this offer will be coming home with pupils tonight.

In and amongst all of this excitement we have of course found time for lots of class based learning;

Class 1 News

This week in class 1 we have shared the nonsense poem Ning, Nang, Nong by Spike Milligan. Year 1 children drew pictures of what they thought the poem represented. Year 2 children focused on rhyme and alliteration. In numeracy we have continued our work on multiplication with Year 2 and place value with Year 1. Reception children are very excited to be on the last Jolly phonics book and are looking forward to what comes next! We have started a topic on materials and Reception children really enjoyed exploring balloons filled with different materials.

Next term we will be having a big focus on building up reading stamina. Please hear your children read as much and as widely as possible over the holidays.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Newton.

Class 2 News

Years 3 and 4 have continued to concentrate on their SPAG skills, in particular homophones and plurals. They performed the poem "How to Turn a Class Hamster into a Dinosaur" to the rest of their classmates after practising using intonation and actions to enhance their performance. In maths, they have learnt how to multiply two and three digit numbers by a one digit number using written methods.

Years 5 and 6 have had a focus on homophones, the use of semi colons to list expanded noun phrases and exceptional words such as eloquent and haberdashery! They have worked well in their spelling teams: so far The Wordy Workouts are in the lead!

Y6 continue to work hard in their SAT sessions – very much helped along this week with Fiona's personalised fortune cookies!

Golden Book

Winston Clough – for a fabulous picture of the Ning Nang Nong!

Jasmine Fisher – for working really hard in her reading sessions, keep it up, Jasmine!

Ella Makin – For always putting 100% effort into everything she does. Keep it up, Ella.

Chloe Green - For completing homework to a good standard. Keep it up, Chloe!

Housekeeping

This week has been 'Safer Internet Week' and the pupils have been learning all about this in our assemblies. We recognise that much of our pupil's 'online experience' comes when they are at home. With this in mind we have been asked to remind parents that whilst the internet offers children a world of possibilities it also can have its drawbacks. For details of how to keep your child safe online it is suggested you look at the following websites;

www.saferinternet.org.uk/

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Recent changes to online safety procedures also mean that we would like to share the following statement with parents / carers in regards to photographs / video taken at school events;

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents / carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use is not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyone's privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published / made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents / carers comment on any activities involving other pupils in the digital / video images.

Coming up after the holidays, on the 1st of March we have 'World Book Day'. For the occasion this year we have a number of events planned within school and we would very much appreciate your support. On the day itself we are inviting all children to come into school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Costumes can be as simple as a homemade paper mask or as elaborate as you choose to make them! We are also planning to produce a video on the day of each pupil reading a page / extract from the book they have chosen. We are asking that as a small piece of 'homework' over the holiday and proceeding weeks you could help your child select their character / book and practise reading aloud the section they wish to share with us. This need only be a line or two for our younger pupils and perhaps a minute or two from our Class 2 children. In addition to this we are also hoping we can persuade a few of our parents / carers to come into school that week and read a story / extract to one of our classes. So if you would like to join us as one of our surprise readers all you have to do is choose one of your favourite childhood stories and let us know which day that week you would like to come in. Any day between the 26th of Feb and 2nd of March, at 2.45 until 3.15pm would be great. We are hoping to keep it a secret from the children, so please just send us an email, give us a ring or pop in to the office if you would like to join us!

Starting next half term we will be selling Sports Relief wristbands in school for £1 each. Sports Relief falls on the 23rd of March this year and more details of what we have planned will follow next half term.

We have a variety of afterschool sports clubs running next half term –

Mondays – Football

Tuesdays – Street Dance

Wednesdays – Multi Sports

For the next half term we are able to subsidise both Football and Street Dance, bringing in the cost of those at just £1 per session. Please see ParentPay for details of these.

Please also see ParentPay for details of the Year 3/4/5 trip to The Deep.

Details of a Class 1 trip to Dalby Forrest and a Year 6 trip to Parliament will also be sent to parents next half term!

A very long email this week, just goes to show how busy we are! Thanks for sticking with us and have a lovely half term break! We are back to school at 8:50 on Monday 19 February.