



Welcome Back:

We are thrilled to have every child back in school (just one was caught out by the change in quarantine regulations).

We welcome nineteen lovely reception children who are busy learning the ropes and settling into our school beautifully; Alfie, Elizabeth, Flora, James, Lloyd, Emilja, Neve, Taya, Maia, Charlotte, Ronnie, Beatrix, Chester, Aidan along with three Williams and two Charlies!

We also welcome Bella, Ethan, Ashton, Romeo, Grace, Jack and Carl across the other year groups - we are really enjoying getting to know them and hope they will be very happy at Burbage.

Well done Hattie:

Well done to Hattie who has had her hair cut to raise money for the charity, 'The Princes Trust'. We are so proud of Hattie for doing such a kind and thoughtful thing for cancer patients who have lost their hair. Hattie donated enough hair for 3 wigs! Please see the Marlborough News Online article below if you are interested in donating to this wonderful cause.

Hattie's kind act was a brilliant introduction to our assembly theme which is 'thankfulness' this term. We are holding our assemblies remotely with each class joining via TEAMS.



Parents who have children at Pre-School:

We will be opening the metal five bar gate behind the Owl's Nest mobile for you to join the path up to Pre-School, we hope this helps you out.

Hearing and Eye Tests:

Due to lockdown, the school nurses have a huge backlog of visits to clear which may mean their routine visits to schools are delayed. Please make sure your child has regular sight tests and if you have any concerns about their hearing, approach your GP.

Music Lessons:

We have space for more children to take guitar and piano lessons. Singing is now full. Please get in touch if you are interested in your child having lessons.

Colds:

At this time of year we find many children suffer from colds. Naturally it is a worry as a parent at this time not knowing the difference between a regular cold and Corona Virus. The three symptoms for Corona virus you should look out for are:

- A regular and persistent cough
- A high temperature
- Loss of taste and / or smell

Please do not send your child to school if they display any of these symptoms - if you are unsure, keep them at home.

If you believe it is just a cold, please send your child to school as normal. If you are concerned it is anything more serious, all your children should stay at home and get tested for the virus.



Potential KS1 Sports Club – Fridays:

'Football Paul' may be able to offer a sporty club for children in years 1 and 2 on Fridays if there is enough interest. Mrs Lockwood will be sending out an email. The club will be held outside. As this is the same evening as dance club, if it rains it will not be possible to move indoors so we would need to call around parents to cancel.

PTA AGM:

This will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 30th September. We will be asking you to come onto site at 9.15 (not before please) around the back of the school to access through the hall doors by the playing field. This is to avoid anyone coming into school where the children are. Please can we ask that those attending wear a face mask, hand sanitise on the way in and socially distance.

This meeting is an exciting opportunity to hear about the fabulous work of the PTA which makes so much possible in school than our budget doesn't allow for. Every single one of our children have benefitted from the projects the PTA have fundraised for. Not only are they great fundraisers, they have really supported the school community, through events before lockdown and throughout. We are incredibly lucky to have such great team and encourage anyone who hasn't yet got involved to come along to find out more.

Homework and Contingency Planning – Microsoft Teams and Seesaw:

As you know it is our intention to set homework through the use of these platforms to minimise the volume of belongings going back and forth to school. There is some work that we need our technician to do for us before the accounts can be transferred over to the new teachers (apart from Wrens who

are up and running). We hope there will not be too much delay with this – thank you for your patience.

Year 1 upwards will be set up with a Microsoft Teams account if they have not already had one. We will issue logins as soon as we have them. It is part of our contingency plan to use these platforms should we need to close the school and revert to home learning again. Seesaw will shortly be transferred to Miss Munro for Year 1 and 2 which is more of a keeping in touch tool whilst Teams is there for back-up in case of school closure.

Thank you to parents:

The new arrangements at the start of the day have worked much better this morning; thank you for your support. Please do not park in the 'drop-off zone' under any circumstances as the whole system becomes blocked with Years 5 and 6 being forced to walk around the outside of parked cars to get to their entrance.

Marlborough News Online article about Hattie:

Burbage's 'Rapunzel' cuts locks for charity

27 August 2020 // by [Sue Round](#)

Hattie Butler, 10 years old and a pupil at Burbage Primary School, cut her hair for the first time, yesterday August 26. She is donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust, a charity that makes real-hair wigs for children and young people with hair loss.

Hattie, Burbage's real-life 'Rapunzel', had hair that was three and a half feet long which reached past her knees. She had had nothing more than the occasional trim of her hair



before today. She is donating a whopping 17 inches of her tresses to the charity.

Hattie commented: "I have loved having really long hair, even though it does take a lot of brushing and looking after and is really heavy when it is wet. But, I want to be able to help someone else, and hope that my hair can help another child to feel happy."

To help the charity with the costs associated with producing the wig, Hattie's friends and family have been donating money, and so far Hattie has raised just over £600.

Hattie's mum, Emma, told Marlborough.news, "Many, many hours have been spent brushing and plaiting Hattie's hair over the years. I'm so proud of Hattie for deciding the time is right to donate her hair to such a worthy cause. It's a wonderful thing she is doing and she has deliberately grown it to this length so she can donate the longer length the charity is in short supply of, while still keeping enough to be able to wear how she wants it."

If you would like to donate please go to Hattie's Facebook fundraiser page [here](#)

For more details of The Little Princess Trust, visit their [website](#)