



New 'Click and Collect' Library Service:

Mrs Cooke has very kindly offered to run this fabulous new service as we hate the thought of anyone not having a good book to enjoy- please see below:

Email Mrs Cooke at:

library@burbage.excalibur.org.uk

- Tell me: Your Name and Class
- Then ask for a book on a topic
e.g a book on space.
Or ask for a book by a particular author

e.g a book by C.S Lewis (and you can add a title if you want a particular book)

PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR A TITLE WITHOUT TELLING ME THE AUTHOR!

Books will be delivered classrooms on Wednesday each week.

They can be returned into the returns box in the entrance lobby.

Please do not take books from the returns box as they need to be left for 72 hrs and checked back in before re-issuing.

Deadline for requests is Tuesday 4 p.m each week.

First delivery is NEXT WEDS 14th October so order now for half term.

Happy Reading!

Contingency Plans for School / bubble Closure:

I will be writing you before half-term to share our plans for remote / home learning. We are and will continue to do everything we can to keep school open but need to have plans in place should there need to be a bubble closure or full school closure.

New PTA Elected:

I am thrilled to announce that we have a new team for the year:

- Chair, Jenny Gould (mum of Isla)
- Vice-chair (Laura Smith, mum of Logan and Tess)
- Secretary, Ellie Conway (mum of Ben, Thomas and Elizabeth)
- Treasurer, Laura Ayitney (mum of Evie)

They have some fabulous things in the planning stages. I hope you will continue to support the much valued work of the PTA as much as you have done, especially as events are that much harder to organise in the current climate.

PTA Jumble Trail:

A reminder that this will be happening this weekend due to the bad weather last week. It is running from 10-12 on Sunday - maps are available for £1 - please see previous communication for the details.

Festival Day tomorrow – Sukkot:

We are all really looking forward to learning about the Jewish festival tomorrow - please remember your child needs to wear their PE uniform. Thank you to those who have paid the £1 contribution on ParentPay - if you have not, don't worry it's not too late.

Black History Month:

Our assemblies for the next few weeks will be focussed around stories that remember important people and events that have shaped our world today.



Congratulations to Huey:

We are very proud to be able to share that Huey in year 6 has recently featured in a film called 'The Parent's Room'. This is an Arts Council funded film that is due to come out in April. He had to have a special mask made - we are not allowed to share any pictures unfortunately as it is all top secret! Well done Huey - what an amazing experience for you - we hope you will remember us if you become famous one day!

Good Luck to Romeo:

We are feeling very proud of Romeo who has applied to sing on 'The Voice, Kids'. We wish him lots of good luck and hear that he is going to have to be very patient as it takes a few months to know if you are selected to go further. Romeo's brave and positive attitude is fantastic - we have everything crossed for you Romeo.

Christmas Cards:

We are taking part in the Cauliflower Cards scheme again this year so you can order Christmas cards to send to friends and family. We are organising things a little differently this year as we are not accepting paper orders. Mrs Lockwood is working incredibly hard to scan in your child's artwork to email to you, these should be with you by Monday at the latest.

Orders need to be placed online by midnight on 19th October. You will also be sent a form to complete so Mrs Lockwood knows who has ordered and who has not.

This is a fantastic service that provides high quality cards that also benefits school as we get a small percentage back as a donation to the PTA - please support us if you can.

Parliament Week:

Following a successful Parliament Week last year, we will be running this event again this year. For those not previously involved, we ask children to prepare speeches, posters or presentations over half-term to share with their class about why they would like to stand to become a School Councillor. The teachers will be discussing this with their class over the coming week and details will be added to Teams (Years 1-6) and Seesaw (Wrens Class). After half-term we will hold 'hustings' and an official polling station will be opened.

School Photos:

We are working on this - we will keep you posted!

Reception Year intake September 2021:

Please spread the word that although we are unable to hold open mornings for prospective new parents, we are able to offer individual tours of the school for anyone with children due to start reception next September.

We will be minimising tours to parents (no extra family members or children please). We will ask them to wear a mask and will not be able to take them into classes. However, it is still possible to share the positives of enrolling at our lovely school. Please let your friends and contacts know to book.



Pre-School News:

The children are excited to be preparing for their 'Queen's Tea Party' next Wednesday. This is part of a wider piece of learning about British Values. They have been practising eating and tidying away beautifully just as they would if the Queen were there too!

The wonderful atmosphere and kind, caring nature of our pre-school is something we feel hugely proud of. There are some spaces available if you have a younger child or know of anyone who may be interested, please call the school office to arrange a visit.

School Snacks:

I have been asked to clarify our arrangements:

- Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive fruit from the government scheme - there is no need to send in anything else.
- Years 3-6 - please bring in a piece of fruit or a cereal bar only.

Future Dates:

TD day - 21st October - no school for children

Half-term - 21st - 30th October - the first day back for children is Monday 2nd November

Internet Safety Day at Burbage - 19th October

Inspiration Day - 20th October

Halloween Fancy Dress Day - 20th October - more information to follow

Parent's Evenings - Week beginning 9th November

These will be carried out by phone this year - Mrs Lockwood will arrange appointments after half-term.

Flu Vaccinations - 18th November for all year groups.