



Road Safety and Social Distancing now that we are in lockdown:

We are struggling with the dismissal of classes at the five bar gate at the end of the day. We are concerned that as parents are spread across the gate space, sometimes children are forced into the road or are not able to socially distance from other children's parents when trying to get to their own. There simply isn't enough space on the pavements for everyone to be safe. We will be starting to dismiss children in the order that parents are lined up from this afternoon.

Due to lockdown, we now ask that **all children are collected by a member of their household** (or are allowed to walk home in KS2). Please can Reception parents and Year 1 and 2 parents line up 2 metres apart along the hedge going out onto Blackman's Lane. We will be putting cones out so that those who have already collected their child can cross the road and keep a social distance from those lined up waiting. Those who are not lining up need to walk in the coned area to keep a distance from those in the line. Year 3 and 4 parents, please line up against the fence as well (where your children line up in the morning).

We will be operating a 'one carpark gate open only' system to provide more space for distancing - **priority will be given to those leaving the carpark**. We hope this will encourage those parents who are in a rush to lower their speed and keep our children safe. **Children will not be released to go home with other families**, playdates should not be happening,

Please do not congregate under the arch-way or speak to the teachers at the gate. If you need to talk to them, kindly wait until all the other children are dismissed,

If you are waiting for your other children, please go off-site or wait on the roundabout, keeping a social distance.

Parents Evenings:

We are pleased that the booking system has worked so well, the teachers are looking forward to meeting with you via telephone. This system is as new to us as it is to you; we are keen to make it work well. To avoid over-running, The teachers will call you so please be on hand to answer!

I have asked the teachers to give you an overview of how your child is getting on, leaving enough time for any questions you may have at the end. I have also suggested that they have a timer to make sure they do not over-run. I know this sounds a little officious but we don't want to keep others waiting or the whole system will break down.

Remembrance:

Thank you to Lily, Iris and Buck who represented the school with me attending a scaled down service of remembrance yesterday that was due to take place on Sunday. We are sorry that we could not have invited you as we have in previous years. Lily and Buck laid a wreath on behalf of the school.





Parliament Week - voting for School Council:

Thank you for your fabulous efforts supporting your children with writing speeches which have been utterly brilliant. The standard was really high. Following our election this morning, I am proud to announce the new school councillors are:

Year 6 - Grace and Hattie

Year 5 - Beau and Darcy

Year 4 - Jake and Lucy

Year 3 - Maddie and Rory

Year 2 - Abigail and Evie

Year 1 - Sebi and Florence

Reception - Elizabeth and Neve

Darcy should have a future career in film, her presentation was definitely the most humorous and brightened the staff's day no end!

We are also grateful to Danny Kruger MP who kindly filmed us a video about his life as an MP. The children were able to see him at Parliament, hopefully putting our work in school into context for the children.

Village Christmas Card Competition:

The church are running a competition this year as they strive to send every child in the village a card. The design will be chosen by them. We will be in touch with the details shortly. I hope it will be a Burbage Primary School's design that is chosen - come on you talented children we don't want to be pipped to the post by another school!

Bags to School:

Thank you for your contributions to the PTA collection, we raised a fabulous £103!

Woolly Hats:

Judy Price, a member of our village community is knitting woolly hats for children (£3) and adults (£5) in an assortment of colours. She has pledged to give 25% of money raised to Burbage Primary School so please give her a call if you are in need of hats 01672 810171.

Fleeces in School:

As you know, ventilation is ever so important in stopping the spread of the virus. We have been keeping as many doors and windows open as we can. As the weather is becoming cooler, we will make judgements about how to manage the balance of thermal comfort and ventilation. Ways of doing this include having the windows closed on particularly cold mornings but opening them all during breaktime to refresh / change the air. Whatever we do, school will inevitably be a little cooler than normal. With that in mind, children are encouraged to wear a Burbage Primary School Fleece over their usual school jumper or cardigan in lessons if they wish. These start at £12 from Michael Hope. Alternatively a plain navy blue fleece can be worn. We want to maintain a smart appearance as this is part of being ready to learn so coloured fleeces will not be permitted.

'Click and Collect' Library Service:

Mrs Cooke wants me to remind you of her library service:

Email Mrs Cooke at: library@burbage.excalibur.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!

Future Dates:

Parent's Evenings - Week beginning 9th November

Monday 16th November - odd socks day to mark the start of anti-bullyig week.

Flu Vaccinations - 18th November for all year groups.

Tuesday 8th December - Pantomine in Newbury TBC

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children

Friday 20th November - Children in Need - dress in something spotty in return for a donation. Please pay online.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1274>