



Welcome back:

We are pleased to welcome Charlie back to Year 6, following a few years living in France.

Fantastic Support for Children in Need:

We had great fun supporting Joe Wicks finish the last 20 minutes of his 24 hour PE marathon as part of our assembly on Friday. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause - Burbage Primary School raised a whopping £221.50.

Carpark Speed:

Please be careful, there have been reports of a few speedy parents entering the carpark. There are children crossing all the time and we would hate to have any accidents. We are very grateful for your co-operation in supporting our efforts to ensure social distancing - our systems seem to be working well.

New Boilers:

We have had ongoing issues with our boilers which we are having replaced next week. This should only take three days, starting on Monday. The work won't interfere with our heating as we have a temporary boiler in place. However, there will be a lot of fencing going up across the playground. Don't be alarmed, we have plans in place to keep the children safe and still able to use the playground. Drop-off and pick-ups will remain unchanged for those who use the big five-bar gate.

Water Softener thanks:

We are incredibly grateful to Mr Neate of Soft Options for kindly donating a new water softener for school.

Illness:

There seems to be a bit of a tummy bug going around at the moment. If your child complains of feeling sick (often not actually being sick) or having

a sore head, please keep them off school so we can stop this spreading. Some parents are reporting their children are also experiencing a high temperature. Obviously this is also a symptom of Covid so if your child has a temperature, please get them tested, we want to keep our school open so we need to be vigilant.

Christmas Film:

Thank you for responding so positively to our request to film our Christmas nativity and singing. This is just a quick note to confirm it will be happening and will be with you by the end of term 😊

Parents Evenings:

Thank you all for your part in making these such a success over the phone. There has been positive feedback from both teachers and parents. We do want to keep in touch even though it is harder to do so at the minute.

We encourage parents to call the school office or email admin@burbage.excalibur.org.uk if you have any queries or would like to arrange a call with your child's class teacher.

Anti-bullying Week:

The children enjoyed wearing odd socks on Monday as a way of celebrating individuality and to raise awareness. There have been some really good discussions in class, we have been impressed by the children's thoughts and ideas.





School Photos:

Unfortunately the weather was against us this week, these will take place next week instead.

Village Christmas Card Competition:

Please see attached information about the Christmas card competition being run by the village. Knowing how many talented artists we have, I feel certain we can make a great entry. Please support our community by encouraging your child/ren to enter, the deadline in Monday.

Christmas Lunch - Sue Brady:

We are really pleased to be able to offer a traditional hot Christmas lunch for the children this year. KS1 children (Reception, Year 1 and 2) will be on Tuesday 15th December and KS2 (Years 3-6) will be on Thursday 17th December. **Please order on the Sue Brady website from 11th December.**

It is really important that you are careful to order for the right day. It will need to be carefully managed at our end to make sure everyone is kept in the right bubble.

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.

Message from the PTA:

The PTA are organising lots of events to help raise much needed funds for the school, we are so very grateful for all their hard work.

- **Personalised videos from Father Christmas!** Order yours and pay on ParentPay by 20th November to get

a special message for your

child(ren): <https://bit.ly/burbageFCvideos>

- **Preloved Festive clothing sale:** we'll be collecting donations from 23rd November, and will sell through our [Facebook page](#) up to 30th November - just in time for Christmas Jumper Day!
- **The Big PTA Raffle!** Your chance to win up to £5,000. Each £3 ticket gives you 12 chances to win. Daily draws from 7th December. Buy your tickets at <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/burbage-primary-school-sn8>
- Unique gifts! We've already sent home Cauliflower Cards, but we'll soon be offering **Teatowels** featuring your child's self-portrait - a great gift and easy to post!
- **Christmas shop 11 December!** We hope that our annual Christmas shop will go ahead in December, with the right safety measures in place. Lots of small gifts for children to buy, starting from £1.
- **Burbage Christmas Trail:** a bit of outdoor fun for all the family. A festive hunt for clues around the village with a yummy prize, more info to follow...

Future Dates:

Tuesday 8th December - Pantomime in Newbury

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

Friday 18th December - last day of school

Monday 4th January - TD day - no school for children

Tuesday 5th January - first day back to school