



Welcome:

Welcome back everyone, it is lovely to see the children again after a good Easter break.

We are thrilled to welcome Claudia to year 3 and Rupert to Reception this week. We have enjoyed getting to know them and hope they will be very happy at Burbage Primary School.

Sponsored Readathon:

We have extended the deadline as a couple of classes didn't take their sponsorship forms home at the end of term. Please continue to collect sponsorship and get the children reading, this will be due in on 4th May to give everyone plenty of time.



Thank you to those of you who have already sent forms in - we have some real bookworms which is fabulous. Developing a love of reading is so important.

We hope to be able to refresh our library and reading resources which will benefit all our children.

May Day Festival Day:

As you know we hold a special 'festival day' every term where we usually focus on other cultures or religions. This time, we have chosen a festival that we celebrate in the UK. This festival dates back to ancient times when the Romans celebrated the festival of 'Flora', the goddess of flowers and spring. It also marks the halfway point between Spring and Summer. The bank holiday we all enjoy is of course linked to this celebration.

The children will be working in their 'bubbles' rather than mixed-age groups as we usually do. They will take part in lots of different activities, Cheryl will be teaching dance to each group and each group will also take part in cooking and art activities. We would be grateful for a **£1 parental**

contribution (per child) to make these 'extras' possible - this will be on ParentPay.

May Day - Bee Roadzz project:

Mrs Cooke will be sending home envelopes of seeds for your child to sew at home. This is part of the Pewsey Bee Roadzz project to encourage bees through the planting of wild flowers. There are 25 native species of bumblebee, over 250 species of solitary bee and one species of honeybee in the UK. Many are in decline. By planting wildflowers, we support the bee population.

Please help your child to find a place to throw their seeds down - this doesn't need to be in a formal flowerbed, it could be along a hedge or fence or on any bare soil. Let's hope we can attract some bees to Burbage and the surrounding villages.

PTA Virtual Country Fare:

Our fabulous PTA are holding a virtual country fare linked to our May Day festival day.

They are holding a country fare style competition for the children with the opportunity to win a special country show rosette and prize. These are the categories:

- Most impressive cake
- Best nature photograph KS1
- Best nature photograph KS2
- Cutest Pet
- Best face paint
- Wackiest spring hair do
- Most creative use of a cardboard box
- Most beautiful garden flower arrangement



Please send your entries to: ptaburbage@gmail.com

Entry Cost - £1 per category or £5 for 5 or more - payment can be made by Parentpay. The closing date for entries is Tuesday 4th May and voting will take place in the classes on Friday 7th May. Good luck everyone!



Well done Darcy!:

Darcy came 3rd place in the Bath Duathlon (bike and run) last weekend! Well done Darcy, what a super achievement.



Owl's Nest:

We are open - please book in if you are in need of childcare. We open at 7.30am in the mornings and after school until 5.45pm (4.30pm on Fridays). Mrs Yeates is back with us again which is great news.

Those of you whose children attend - they are welcome to bring in scooters to play with on the playground, however we advise against bikes. This is because the older ones have large bikes and it is tricky to manage safely with little people about.

School Clubs:

There are just a few spaces for KS2 Dance if anyone else is interested, please let Mrs Lockwood know.

All our other clubs have a waiting list so if your child doesn't want to continue with one of their club choices, please let us know.

Future Dates:

Parent's Evenings - week beginning 26th April

Festival Day - 30th April

PGL for Year 6 - 7th June

Bikeability for Year 6 - 14th & 16th June (Group 1)

17th & 18th June (Group 2)

We will be holding 'Burbage Has Got Talent' in term 6 - date to follow (quite a few children are asking about this 😊)