



Fabulous new children:

We are so pleased that our new children have settled beautifully into school-life at Burbage. Our reception children have already been joining us for assemblies and have blown us away with their super listening and big smiles.

Our other new children across the year groups are also doing well, we are really enjoying getting to know them and our proud of our lovely children who have been showing them the ropes and giving them a great welcome.

Congratulations to our new Buddy Crew members:

Tess and Samuel have been selected as excellent role models to join Buddy Crew for this year. The Buddy Crew have had a tricky 18 months as children have been in their bubbles and they have not been able to do their jobs properly. They have now had their first training session and are ready to help support at playtimes.

Please can I ask that all bikes and scooters are parked in the bike shed by the main entrance and not by the Buddy bench as this is now in use.

I have taken the decision that Buddy Crew will be reviewed annually to give more children a chance of taking part. The team from last year will hold their post for this year, it will then be reviewed..

Teams and Homework:

All children have had a password reset and an email was sent to you this week with a set password format. This is because **it is imperative that all children know their login in order to log-in to our new laptops during lessons.** We have raised with Excalibur that we would like to change this format to ensure that other children are not able to access other children's account. The IT department have had a huge amount of set-up work across the trust over the summer, we anticipate this issue will be resolved soon and a more subtle password will be

allocated to your child as we feel the birth date goes against our safer internet policy and what we teach the children. Thank you for your patience with this, teachers will be uploading weekly homework on Teams from this week.

All homework should be completed in the exercise book that will be sent home and uploaded to Teams. Your child's teacher will be setting homework that will vary depending on their age. Reception homework will mainly be reading and Miss Arkle will be in touch on Seesaw when there are additional activities. Every child in the school should be reading every evening please.

A New Approach to Spelling!

We are trying a new approach to spelling this year with much more focus on teaching spellings which are bespoke to the individual child. The onus is now on teaching it not testing it. You will no longer receive lists of spellings to work on at home, we will keep you informed and updated of how you can be involved.

Bromcom / Parentpay Switch over:

Those of you with Parentpay accounts are urged to withdraw any credit you may have, many of you will have credit from the cancelled beach trip due to our bubble closure at the end of term. Please check your details are correct and up to date in Bromcom. If you are stuck with this, Mrs Lockwood can help you so please pop in and see her (Monday - Thursday).

Owl's Nest

Mrs Yeates and the Owl's Nest team have been having great fun in our wrap around care, an activity schedule will be coming home soon for the week ahead. If you would like to book, please complete a booking form which can be found on our website or at the school office.



Enterprising Year 6s:



We are so proud of our year 6s who voluntarily took over care of the vegetables after Mrs Marsh and Mrs Cooke had planted them in Science classes last term. They made £10 by selling the produce that was left at the end of school last week. I was very pleased with how responsible these children have been and that they have used their initiative to come and talk to me and ask if they could hold the sale. Thank you to the parents who supported them. Well done Ethan, Beau, Jasper, Chris, Jacob, Oliver for gardening and Oscar, Johnathon and Benjamin for organising the sale.

Parent's Evenings dates:

These will be held on **Wednesday 3rd November and Thursday 4th November**. This is an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher about their learning and a good opportunity to ask any questions.

Those of you who are new to the school won't know that we have recently held these online using School Cloud which worked brilliantly; many of you commented on how you valued the flexibility of joining the meeting from home or work. This time, we are going to offer a choice, you can either attend an online appointment or a face-to-face appointment. There will be one night for each and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We will notify you when the booking system is available.

Remember, if your child has an ISP, you do not need to book a parent's evening. **ISP meetings are on**

12th October. Mrs Marsh will be in touch to arrange your appointment.

Reminder - Festival Day

Just a quick reminder to those of you who have not yet paid their £1 contribution to our Rosh Hashanah festival day on Friday to please do so. Thank you to those who have paid already. Remember, children need to wear PE kit as they will be dancing!

Please join us if you would like to see our learning at 3pm tomorrow if you are free.

Tours for Reception 2022:

Please spread the word to any parents with children who are due to start school next year; Mrs Garbutt is conducting tours, please ask them to call the office to book in.

Don't forget: PTA - icecream sale

The PTA will continue to sell icecreams after school every Friday. Thank you for supporting them.



Thank you from Mrs Cooke:

Just a few words of sincere thanks for making my 'farewell' at Burbage and retirement such a special time.

I was overwhelmed by the generosity of your donations to the Bay Bridges meadow appeal which Wiltshire Wildlife Trust have now bought - fantastic! I now consider it my duty to regularly run or walk and inspect it!



Thanks also, for the many kind words and good wishes which were really special as was the fantastic card with messages from the whole school.

Burbage is a really great school and i'm sending you all a big hug and good wishes for a brilliant year!
Much love
Gina Cooke

PTA

Our amazing PTA will be holding an AGM on Friday 24th September at 0915 at School. The PTA is such an important and valued part of our school community. They are always looking for active volunteers, and also have some Committee roles available. Please come along if you can.! All welcome!

Exciting things happening around school:

- We have had a very successful audit of Writing across school and pre-school by an external advisor who was very impressed with our approach and the high standards she saw
- Year 5 and Year 6 are going to an author talk with Natasha Farrant (Costa Book prize winner) as part of Marlborough Literature Festival
- Year 4 are going on a FREE residential to PGL Liddington in October (we never turn down a freebie!)
- The Buddy Crew are holding an assembly

Future Dates:

Harvest Festival in church - 20th October
(confirmation details to follow)