



### Thank you:

We are so appreciative of all the kind messages congratulating us on our recent GOOD Ofsted. It has been lovely sharing these with the staff team.

### Wildflower / Sustainability Work:

It was wonderful that so many of you supported the children by buying the bird feeders, planters and cakes that they made last week. We are thrilled that we raised £116.10.

We have been researching the best seeds to plant and the right time to plant our meadow. Huge thanks go to Albie's mum for offering support and advice through her work with Plant Life.

We are hoping that once the weather improves a little, we can organise a digging Saturday when we can prepare the land and get growing! More information to follow shortly.

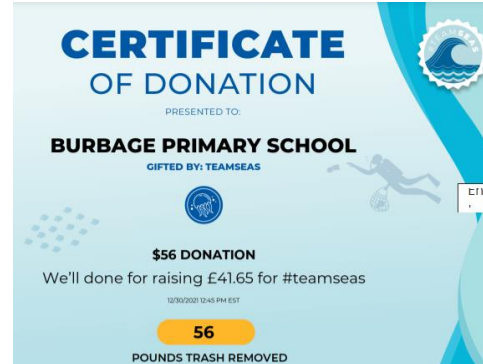
### New Reception Parents for September 2022:

A gentle reminder that if you have a child who is due to start school in September, the deadline for applications is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January - tomorrow**.

Thank you to those of you who have recommended the school to your friends. We are working hard to try and increase our numbers and get to the dream of becoming a one-form-entry school.

### Team Seas:

Some of our enterprising Year 6s collected donation for Team Seas at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to Jack, Owen, Warren, Henri, Beau and Josh who raised £41.65 which allowed for the removal of 56lbs of waste from the sea (approximately 25kg). Well done, you should be really proud of your efforts which all make a positive difference.



### Fabulous Phonics Scores:

We are ever so proud to share that our Year 2 cohort have achieved a record **93% pass** in their phonics screening check which is the highest ever for Burbage. This check is a national check that is usually carried out in Year 1. However, due to the pandemic, it was postponed to December this time. The national average is 82% so the children have done really well. This is not only a result of the effort the school makes but also the amount of reading and support the children have at home - well done to the Year 2 parents for all the support they have given!

We would particularly like to encourage our Year 1 parents to read every night as we strive towards everyone passing. This really is the key to learning to read, it is the single most important aspect of learning that you can be involved in. Early reading acquisition relies on regular practise.

### Maternity Leave:

Mrs Broughton will be commencing her maternity leave on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January, we send her our very best wishes and look forward to hearing baby news soon.

### ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support):

We are temporarily without our ELSA. We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Lisa Baker will be taking on this role; her training commences in



March. We are hoping to secure a temporary cover ELSA teacher, we will keep in touch with you about when this will start.

### Cricket Skills - Year 2 and 3:



The children had a fantastic morning yesterday at Marlborough Leisure Centre. We are so pleased to be able to offer these enriching opportunities to the children again, thanks to Mr Evans for organising it and to Mrs Wilkins and Miss Reynolds for accompanying the children.

We are pleased to have secured a whole school cricket skills day which will take place just before the Easter holidays in school.

### Our lovely Year 6s:

Thank you to the PTA for the fabulous leavers hoodies that were presented to Year 6 today. They look amazing thanks to Diddle and Squidge. The children are allowed to wear their hoodies on PE days from now on, what a fabulous rainbow they make!



### Home Learning if your child has Covid:

We do have a few cases of Covid in school at the moment (as most schools have). If your child tests positive, please be in touch to let us know. We will then ask you if they are well enough for home learning and provide it via TEAMS accordingly.

You can find a copy of our contingency plans on our website. If your child has Covid a copy of the work set in school will be sent home along with any video clips or work from Oak Academy that will be useful to replicate the teaching that is happening in school. I am sure you will appreciate, it is not possible to fully duplicate the school day in the same way that we did during the lockdowns.

### Do you qualify for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)?:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

The school benefits from additional funding should you qualify. Please be in touch if you need any help or advice on this matter.

### Reminder - no dogs on site:

Please can I remind you that no dogs should be brought onto the school site, even if they are being carried.

### Dates for the diary:

7<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week



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**Term 4** - ISP meetings (for those children who have them), specific dates to follow