



Burbage Really Does Have Talent!

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the talent show yesterday. The children are really talented and I have been blown away by the number of children who have thanked me for holding the event. We saw a fantastic range of acts, from football / netball skills to fantastic magic, dancing, singing, drums and piano. We even had one child video her entry from home as she couldn't be there to take part with her friends! We also had our youngest ever performer, Frances in Pre-School who performed "Baby Shark".

Thank you for supporting your child/ren with costumes and equipment and for encouraging them to join. It can be daunting to stand up in front of others, we recognise this and are super proud of everyone that entered. For those that didn't, we hope that they will next year - we recognise all the children's talents, every one of them brings something unique and special to school.



Easter Service:

We have taken the decision not to hold an Easter Service this year for Covid reasons. The final day of term will finish at the usual time.

Celebration Assemblies Outdoors - every Friday at 9am:

We have been holding some of our assemblies outside recently which has been lovely in the sunshine. Before Covid, we used to welcome all parents to our celebration assemblies every Friday at 9am to hear of the children's learning each week. This has not been possible since Covid however we would love to include you if the weather is good enough. We will hope the spring weather will enable this to happen each week. If the forecast is poor, we will let you know that the assembly will be indoors (and therefore parents will not be able to attend).

Chocolate Bingo - Friday 25th March:

There are a few tickets left. Please let Mrs Lockwood know if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone for your generous chocolate donations this morning.

Are you a handyman (or woman!):

School budgets are tight and we are aware that we pay a lot for our maintenance company to do small repairs. We are wondering if there is anyone in the parental / grandparental body who has the skills to do small jobs eg: fixing fence posts, hanging a picture etc. We would pay the going rate, we are just trying to find someone who doesn't charge the



earth and doesn't mind regular small jobs. Please let us know if you are able to help us out.

Sustainability Saturday - tomorrow 10-12:

Thank you to those of you who have replied on the survey to say you can come to help. It is not too late to join in, we hope to see as many families as we can join in. The PTA are running a BBQ for those who work up a hunger!

Please bring a spade / fork/ watering can if you have one.



Huge thanks go to Clare and James Cox for donating the seed for the wildflower meadow and for advising us on the project. We are so appreciative of their support to make the children's project a reality.

School Council work:

Our Year 5 and 6 school councillors met with other councillors at Great Bedwyn from Easton Royal and St Katharine's Primary Schools. They had some brilliant discussions about sustainability and will be launching a new project aimed at reducing pollution next week. Watch this space!

Wren's Parent's Evening next week:

Reception class have their parents evenings on 29th and 30th March, please sign up if you haven't already.

Staffing News:

Year 1 parents have already been informed that Miss Thain will be leaving us at the end of term 4. We wish her every happiness in her new role in a bigger school in Andover.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Emma Miles to our Burbage team. She will be teaching Year 1 for three days a week, Mrs Baker will teach Year 1 for two days a week.

Mrs Wilkins will teach Years 2/3 for five days a week during the summer term. Please see a little introduction below from Mrs Miles:





Hello, I am Mrs Emma Miles and I am very excited to be joining Burbage Primary School community!

I look forward to joining in with the many wonderful events and activities that create the happy learning atmosphere I have seen on my visits, and I am also keen to bring a few ideas of my own.

As well as a passion for teaching and supporting children's learning and wellbeing, I am trying to make time in my own life for creative art, especially drawing and painting and to learn new skills. I love to spend my time-off on mini-adventures with my family and friends, getting into the outdoors as much as possible. You might spot me paddle-boarding on the canal! I read every day and dance as often as I can. However, with a 4 year old, much of my free-time is currently spent playing Lego and pretending to be a character in his stories!

I look forward to meeting you all soon and to discover and explore new learning together.

Other Staffing News:

We are excited for Mrs Sinclair who has secured a new teaching position to commence in September teaching Maths at a Secondary School in Eastleigh. Mrs Sinclair will leave at the academic year after six happy years at Burbage.

A September Welcome:

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Clare Bayram who will join us in September. She will teach Year 6. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to our recent recruitment and are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Bayram to our team.



Mrs Bayram studied Sport and Exercise Science at London South Bank University. Following her studies she went on to conduct scientific research exploring the effect of environmental stress on the athletic performance of athletes. Alongside her research, Mrs Bayram fostered a passion for teaching through lecturing and mentoring undergraduate students. As a result, Mrs Bayram has a keen interest in science and brings this into her lessons by helping children to explore their own hypothesis through practical experiments and critical thinking.

When not in school you can find Mrs Bayram outside enjoying a range of sports. She is a keen runner and loves to explore with her two spaniels. She took up Tae Kwon Do in 2019 and has worked to gain her 6th kup belt with the aim to persevere and gain her black belt. If she's not doing these things you can probably find her engrossed in a book!

Dates for the Diary:

- Written Reports for all classes (except Reception who have theirs in the summer) will be out at Easter
- EYFS Parent's Evenings for Wren's Class - **29th and 30th March**
- Cricket Skills Day by Wiltshire Cricket - **8th April** in school



- School holidays - **8th April - 25th April**
- PTA Easter Cake Sale - **8th April**
- SATS week (Year 6) - **9th May**
- St John's transition day for Year 6 - **1st July**
- PTA Summer Fair - **9th July**
- Sports Day for all children 1.30pm - **14th July** (we thought you may appreciate early notice to book days off work)
- PTA End of Year Disco - **21st July**