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Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

October

Tues 22nd – School Nurse Yr 6 Healthy Living Talk

Tues 22nd – School Nurse Yr R flu and hand washing talk

Thurs 24th – Harvest Assembly

Fri 25th – Staff INSET

HALF TERM – Mon 28th – Fri 1st Nov

November

Mon 4th – back to school

Mon 11th – Remembrance Day – Poppy Appeal

Fri 15th – Children in Need – non-school uniform for a donation to Children in need

Sat 16th – PTA jumble sale (school hall, time TBC)

Tues 26th – Yr R 2020 Open Morning

Weds 27th – Bag 2 School being collected

Fri 29th – Tadley Christmas Lights Switch on

December

Fri 6th – PTA Christmas Fair

Weds 11th – Rock Steady Concert, 9.05am

Fri 13th – Whole School Flu Immunisations

Weds 18th – Christmas Dinner

Weds 18th – Christmas Jumper/Red & Green Day

Thurs 19th – Whole School Afro Samba

Workshop

Fri 20th – non-school uniform

Fri 20th – Church Carol Service

Christmas Shows

Thurs 5th – KS1 & FS Grandparents' Show, 1.30pm

Fri 6th – KS2 Grandparents' Show 9:30am

Mon 9th – KS2 Shows, 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Tues 10th – KS1 & FS Show, 9.30am

Tues 10th – KS2 Show, 6.00pm

Weds 11th – KS1 & FS Show, 3.30pm

Remaining Inset days for 2019/20

Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 14th February 2020

Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Burnham Copse Continues to be a good school

(Ofsted, September 2019)

You will, I hope, have read the Ofsted Inspection report sent out to you by email yesterday. I am very proud to be able to say that Burnham Copse remains a good school. After our visit from the inspectors at the start of term, the report that has been written is a pleasure to read as it reflects the values we strive to demonstrate on a daily basis throughout the school community. To have the essence of the school recognised in this way is certainly something to celebrate.

It takes a huge team, and incredibly hard work, to build and sustain the standards we have achieved for our children. The staff, governors, parents, volunteers, and everyone involved in the work of the school, deserve recognition and enormous thanks for everything they do. Finally, the children themselves. They are a real credit to their families and their school and, as always, we are proud of each and every one of them!

You will have read that we have some areas of improvement which we had already identified and created robust action plans to address. Our work continues to further develop improvements and strengths in maths more consistently across the school, and to refine the Art curriculum to strengthen the learning of a greater variety of skills in every year group.

With our strong team of staff and leaders who *'ensure that pupils benefit from consistently good teaching'* (Ofsted, September, 2019), I am confident that these improvements will be swiftly embedded.

Together with our children who *'are respectful and keen to learn'* and who *enjoy and benefit from their education at Burnham Copse* (Ofsted, September, 2019) I am sure you will agree that we are in a very strong position to continually improve and keep moving the school forward.

Harvest Assembly

As previously mentioned in last month's newsletter, on Thursday 24th October at 9.15am, we will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly. The children can bring in donations of food which we give to the local foodbank and each class presents a short piece as a contribution to the assembly. All parents and carers are welcome to attend and we encourage you to stay for the whole assembly so that you can enjoy the hard work that has been put in by all of our children and their teachers.

Bag 2 School / PTA Jumble Sale

A bag will be going home with your child this week. If you have any old clothes/toys/shoes/bedding/towels etc that you no longer need, please consider bringing them to school (drop off point in the covered area to the right of the main reception) after half term and up to and including Friday 15th November. In order to raise funds for school, our PTA will be holding a jumble sale in the school hall where they will be able to sell these unwanted items and after the sale, any items left will be bagged up, weighed for 'Bag 2 School' who will present us with a cheque based on the weight of items they receive. Any items that 'Bag 2 School' are not permitted to take, will then be passed onto our local charity shop in Tadley, Helping Hands.



Snuffly noses!

It's that time of year where coughs and colds are striking! As you can imagine, we get through lots of boxes of tissues as a result of this and are kindly asking if you'd consider buying a box of tissues the next time you go shopping to donate to school to ease this situation! 300 boxes of tissues would go a really long way if everyone was able to contribute!

Advance Notice - Tadley Christmas Lights

During the evening of Friday 30th November, Tadley Christmas Lights will be switched on. Every year we are invited to sing at this event and we always look forward to being able to offer this opportunity to all our children. Please keep the date free so that your child is able to join us and you will be able to see them perform to the people of the town. We have a target to beat. Last year we had just over 100 singers and we want to increase the number this year! We hope to see you there so please put the date in your diary now!

Governors

The varied and interesting work of our dedicated Board of Governors has already begun this term. The first Curriculum Committee meeting has already been held and the first Finance and Facilities Committee meeting takes place this week. Mr Jason Miles (Chair of Governors) joined members of the school leadership team for our visit from Nicola Tetmar, who represents the Local Authority for our annual validation of standards visit. She agreed with the Ofsted Inspectors that our school is good and provides well for all our children.

Do remember that we currently have opportunities for any of you who may be interested in offering your skills to the school as a member of our Governing Board. Please register your interest by contacting the school office. We will put you in touch with our Chair of Governors, Mr Jason Miles, who will be able to talk to you in detail about the requirements of the role.

Basingstoke Variety Show

The choir took part in this fantastic event last Saturday. After a full afternoon of rehearsals, they performed during the show in the evening. Every child made an incredible effort throughout the day and their singing was much admired by the full audience. It was a great experience for all concerned and Miss Young was, as you can imagine, extremely proud. Well done to everyone involved!

Young Ambassadors

Our new Young Ambassadors undertook their training last Monday here at school. The scheme, run by representatives from the Local Authority, trains children in years 1 to 6 to support others who may be new to the school, either in Foundation Stage or joining the school in other year groups throughout the year. The skills they learn are transferrable to many situations when others may need a helping hand, a friendly face or a listening ear and we have seen many examples of the positive impact this can have on everybody. We were very proud of our children who worked hard during their training and we are already seeing their skills being used around the school to support others.