

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Burnham Copse community is saddened by the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. After taking part in the celebrations to mark her Platinum Jubilee in the Summer, the children have very recent experience of learning about our monarchy. We will be addressing the death of the Queen in school over the coming week, talking to the children sensitively about her loss and of course, helping them to understand the succession to the throne and learning about our new King Charles and his family.

You will be aware that the Queen's funeral is to take place on Monday 19th September and that this day has been declared a Public Bank Holiday to allow people to mark the occasion in their own way. The Department for Education has confirmed that schools will be closed for the day to observe the Bank Holiday.

Dandelion Parade

Thank you to the Year 5 children and families who attended the parade on Saturday evening. The dusk lantern parade was held to close the All in the Mind festival this year, led by the puppet Daniel from the [Walk of the Dandelion project](#). This larger-than-life puppet held a dandelion; a symbol of resilience and hope, with a mission to help stimulate mindfulness and encourage a focus on resilience. Our children were able to make their own light up dandelion in school in the summer term and they carried these in the parade as they followed Daniel from the park and into Basingstoke town centre.

Basingstoke Variety Show

We are proud to have been invited back to perform at this year's Basingstoke Variety Show on Saturday 1st October at The Anvil. The choir will be singing songs alongside children from other schools. Miss Young will be rehearsing with the children over the next 3 weeks and a letter with more specific details is being sent home this week to those children who have expressed an interest in attending.

Flu Vaccination

The whole school vaccination programme takes place on Thursday 6th October. Information has been sent to you explaining how to go online to give consent for your child to be vaccinated. Please do this as soon as possible so that the NHS nursing team, who are organising the process, have the necessary information well in advance of the day. Thank you.

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Diary Dates

Some additional dates have been added to the diary below for your information.

2022-2023 Dates

INSET DAYS

Autumn Term 2022

Monday October 31st

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday January 3rd

Summer Term 2023

Friday 21st July

DIARY DATES 2022-2023 - AUTUMN TERM

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September 2022	
Tuesday 20 th	Individual School Photos
Friday 23 rd	Non-school uniform day for PTA tombola items
Saturday 24 th	PTA School Fair
October 2022	
Saturday 1 st	Basingstoke Variety Show – School Choir Performing
Tuesday 4 th	PTA Movie Night
Tuesday 4 th	Foundation Stage 2023 Intake Open Morning
Thursday 6 th	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Monday 10 th – Thursday 13 th	Parent Consultation evenings
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th	Book Fair
Friday 21 st	Harvest Assembly
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 31 st	INSET
November 2022	
Friday 11 th	Remembrance Day and Coin collection for Poppy Appeal
Friday 25 th	Tadley Christmas Lights switch-on event – all children invited to sing
December 2022	
Friday 2 nd	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 5 th – Wednesday 7 th	Christmas Productions
Monday 19 th – Monday 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK

The children have made a strong and determined start to the new school year. Well done to them all! A very warm welcome our new Foundation Stage children who have joined the BCP family and have begun their school life with confidence and smiles!

Kind regards,

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