

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Natalie Anteney and Rob Honeyman who were married recently. The sun shone for their happy day and the new Mrs Honeyman looked radiant. Sending the happy couple all good wishes for many happy years ahead from all of us at BCP.

Parent Meetings

Our information meetings have taken place for parents of children in Foundation Stage, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6.

If you have been unable to attend you will still be able to access the information given at the meetings as it will be emailed home to you all. If you have not received it yet, do let the school office know.

Late Summer Fair

Thanks to the huge efforts of the PTA, the Fair was a great success. With fine weather and a dry field, luck was on our side! It was extremely well attended and many families stayed to socialise and chat with each other while the children played and enjoyed getting involved in the activities on offer.

The amount raised for school funds was over £2000! We are grateful that the event was very generously supported. Thank you to all our families and children, past and present, for coming along and also to the staff who attended as well.

We would love to have your feedback about the event. If you have any comments or ideas, do please let us know – a quick email will be gratefully received.

PTA Movie Night

Our first movie night of the year was attended by over 200 smiling children. Details of the next movie night on November 1st, are being emailed home separately.

Our PTA

The Summer Fair is just one of the events in the PTA calendar. They are constantly working behind the scenes on various ideas and would love to have as much help as possible. The committee are an enthusiastic and friendly bunch who are committed to raising much needed funding which we use carefully to ensure that all the children benefit. They would love to have more members to bring along their ideas. Are you able to help? Do please let the school office know if you are interested in helping our children in this way.

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Applying for a school place

Year 7

Applications are now open for Year 7 places for September 2023.

This link [School admissions | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/school-admissions) takes you to Hampshire School Admissions which will provide you with all the information you need to apply for a place for your child.

Foundation Stage

The application process for Foundation Stage places for 2023 opens online on November 1st and closes on January 15th 2023. This is the link you need to help with the process.

[School admissions | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/school-admissions)

We are holding open mornings on the dates below, from 9.30 to 11.30am, here at BCP to enable families to come and have a look round. They provide the opportunity to see the school in action and talk to children and staff about what we have to offer.

Wednesday 19th October 2022

Thursday 17th November 2022

Our first open morning was held last week. Thanks go to our Year 6 tour guides. The parents and carers gave very complimentary feedback about each of our guides. Well done everyone!

Harvest

Assembly

Plans for our celebration assembly on Friday 21st October are well underway. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. It will start at 9.15am.

A reminder that we will be collecting items for the local foodbank and we will take donations from next Monday onwards. Your child can bring items to their classroom or they can be dropped at the school office.

Currently, the foodbank are asking for the following items in particular;

WASHING UP LIQUID, DEODORANT, LONG LIFE UHT MILK, POWDERED/DRIED MILK, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED FRUIT, SAVOURY SPREAD (MARMITE, MEAT PASTE), LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, DESSERTS / PUDDINGS (HOT, COLD, JELLY, WHIPS ETC), TREATS (CRISPS, SWEETS, CHOCOLATE ETC), COOKING SAUCES, NOODLE POTS, NAPPIES (SIZE 6 & 7 ONLY), TOILET ROLLS, TOOTHBRUSHES, MEN'S SHAVING GEL, HAIR CONDITIONER, SHAMPOO

Thank you for helping to support our local community in this way.

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Raffle

We will be having a Harvest Festival raffle this year. You could win a fabulous 3.5 litre capacity slow cooker complete with a recipe book and the ingredients for your first slow cooker meal. This will be very useful at the moment as it is much cheaper to run than a traditional oven. With increases in energy costs, a new slow cooker could be a great addition to your kitchen. Raffle tickets will go on sale soon, so look out for them at drop off/pick up times. The raffle will be drawn during our Harvest Assembly on Friday 21st October so the lucky winner will have their new appliance in time to create delicious family meals over the half term break!

Sharing Assemblies

Our sharing assemblies have been well attended by parents and carers and it is a pleasure to see people back in school again. The next Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Sharing Assembly is on Wednesday 19th October. Due to the Harvest Assembly being held on Friday 21st, Key Stage 2 Sharing Assembly will move to Thursday 20th.

School Landscape Strategy Project

We are very fortunate to have extensive outdoor space here at Burnham Copse. We make frequent use of all areas of the school grounds but we would like to make much more of the space and develop it even further. We have commissioned the support of Catherine Eldred, Principle Landscape Architect from the local authority. She specialises in supporting schools through the process of auditing their grounds and identifying features that could be developed over time. This process involves collecting the views and ideas of the whole school community. If you would be interested in taking part in the process, there is a one hour workshop on Tuesday 1st November in the school hall at 2pm. Led by Catherine, it will help us to explore what we all think of the grounds and how we can improve it for our children. Some of our children and staff will also attend the workshop. Please let the school office know if you are able to join us.

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 July 21st

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DIARY DATES 2022-2023 – AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 19th	Foundation Stage 2023 Open Morning
Wednesday 19th	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Sharing Assembly
Thursday 20 th	Key Stage 2 Sharing Assembly
Friday 21 st	Harvest Assembly 9.15am
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 31 st	INSET
Monday 31 st	Deadline for applications for September 2023 Year 7 places
November 2022	
Tuesday 1 st	Bags 4 Schools collection
Tuesday 1 st	Landscape Strategy Meeting 2.00pm
Tuesday 1 st	PTA Movie Night 3.30pm – 5.15pm
Tuesday 8 th	Foundation Stage to Pamber Forest
Friday 11 th	Remembrance Day and Coin collection for Poppy Appeal
Tuesday 15 th	Landscape Strategy Meeting 2.00pm
Thursday 17 th	Foundation Stage 2023 Open Morning
Friday 18 th	Children in Need – non-school uniform day, Spotty theme
Thursday 24 th	Christmas Bauble Workshop for children
Friday 25 th	Christmas Bauble Workshop for children
Friday 25 th	Tadley Christmas Lights switch-on event – all children invited to sing
December 2022	
Thursday 1st	Key Stage 2 Christmas Show for Grandparents 9.30am
Friday 2nd	Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Grandparents' Christmas Show 9.30am
Friday 2 nd	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 5 th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Show 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Tuesday 6 th	Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Christmas Show 9.30am
Tuesday 6 th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Show 6.00pm
Wednesday 7th	Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Christmas Show 3.30pm
Thursday 8th	New Lidl Store Official Opening
Monday 19 th – Monday 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK

Kind regards,

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