

*Believe Care Persevere Succeed*



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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. We hope you had a good summer. The children in Years 1 to 6 have made an excellent start to the term. They arrived looking very smart in their uniforms and were excited to see their friends.

We also welcome a new member of staff, Miss Sophie Oram. As the teacher of Wagtail class this year, she has joined the Key Stage 1 team and we are very pleased that she has chosen to work with us at Burnham Copse.

### **Building Works**

Over the summer, you may have noticed some activity at school. Our heating system is, at last, receiving a much needed overhaul with the replacement of the boilers and extensive work to the boiler room, school kitchen and all associated pipework. The project is due to be completed well before the cold weather sets in, so we are looking forward to enjoying the warmth over the winter months. Currently, there is an area at the rear of the building which is set aside for the contractors. Thank you for being mindful of this when you move around the site at drop off and pick up times.

### **RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)**

You will have seen on the national news that a specific type of building material has been used in some schools which has caused safety concerns. To reassure you, the Local Authority have confirmed that this material has **not** been used in the construction of our school and therefore we have no cause for concern here at Burnham Copse.

### **Dates for you Diary**

Included below is the current calendar for this term which includes the dates that we have confirmed so far. I know this is helpful for you to be able to forward plan.

Kind regards,

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**INSET Days 2023-2024**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024  
Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>September 2023</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage home visits
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage home visits
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bags to School collection
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Pupil School Photographs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Portals from the Past – Year 5/6 History experience day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Portals from the Past – Year 3/4 History experience day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA AGM – 6.00pm
<b>October 2023</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Foundation Stage 2024 Intake Open Morning
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Movie Night
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair Starts
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair finishes
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage 2024 Intake open Morning
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival Assembly 9.15am
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	PTA Laser Fireworks Display
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
<b>November 2023</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Foundation Stage Bear Hunt in Pamber Forest
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Flu Vaccine (whole school)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bags to School collection
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Movie Night
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Remembrance Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage 2024 Intake Open Morning
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tadley Christmas Lights Switch On – BCP children all welcome to sing
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance to Grandparents – 2.00pm

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**DIARY DATES** *(continued)*

<b>December 2023</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance to Grandparents – 9.30am
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance – 6.00pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – 9.30am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance – 6.00pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Wreath Making
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Discos
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Church Service
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Christmas
<b>January 2024</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children return to school