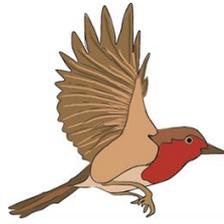


## Burhill Flyer



## May The Fourth Be With You 2018 #29

### This week in school

As the weather has lunged from summer to winter and back to spring again, we look forwards to a bank holiday weekend in the sun. Fingers crossed. Being prepared for all weathers and making the most of outside opportunities is something we have been discussing as a staff this week. We had a mock inspection visit from 4 other local school leaders on Monday. If you recall Monday was very wet, but the “inspectors” noted that our children were resilient and got on with their sports/running activities anyway. They were impressed that we are just about to train 2 more of our staff in Forest School techniques. Miss Whittington and Miss Russell will be undertaking a full week’s training, followed by a year of practice and study. It will be good to have accredited Forest Schools teachers as part of our team again.

Overall the outcomes of the “inspection “visit were really positive. They had a good look under all our carpets, and concluded that we are well on our way towards becoming an outstanding school and they particularly noted how fantastic our year 6 pupils are; doing well in the run-up to SATs, and preparing well for the next big step to secondary school.

### Parent Governor Election

Votes will be counted on Tuesday evening next week. The process will be carried out by governors and overseen by the returning officer (Mrs T). We will announce the result on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

### Litter!

Thank you to the 4 parents that have offered to form a regular “seek and destroy” party to tackle the ongoing litter issues we have. If you also wish to add your name to the group, please do email Mrs T.

### T-Shirt Day

I am increasingly proud of the pupils here at Burhill that have an awareness of people less fortunate than themselves. We have seen all sorts of charitable events over the last year - all of which have been dreamed up and organised by pupils themselves. Last week a group of year 6 girls came to see me to ask permission to organise a fund raiser on behalf of Cancer Research. This week they did a launch assembly, and they have decided to organise a special T- shirt day in return for a £1 donation per child. In essence, each child wears a T-shirt of their choice to school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. This is in place of their school shirt/tie/school polo shirt. If it is a nice day there will be no need for jumpers etc., but if it’s chilly, usual school jumpers/sweatshirts/fleeces please. These can be taken off once inside. Please avoid football kit shirts. There will be buckets in each classroom for the donations.

### Uniform

AlleyCatz online booking service is now live on the AlleyCatz website, allowing parents to reserve an hour slot for their child’s uniform fittings at a time most convenient to themselves. They offer user friendly one hour slots. They ask that you book well in advance. Parents will no longer be able to make appointments by telephone but will be advised of the online service. Please see the flyer attached for more details.

## Kindness matters

I was so impressed this week to hear about the year 4 girls who have made a special present for one of their reception class friends. Each lunchtime they help play with the reception children in the big playground. Two year 4 girls, Olivia and Rose carefully sewed a rag doll for their Reception friend Evie.

Blossom the rag doll was hand sewn by Olivia and filled with tissue paper. Rose made sure she has a nice fluffy cushion to rest on, also hand made. Lovely to see the girls looking after their younger friends, and being truly "Burhill Girls".



## Holiday /Term dates next year

Having recently published the term/inset day dates for next year I thought I would draw your attention to a holiday opportunity you might want to take.

We have set an inset day for 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (next year), which precedes the May half term holiday. Return to school is Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> ....which gives a total of 10 days off. Parents could in theory get a flight out on the evening of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is likely to be a bit cheaper than trying to fly somewhere actually in half term week. I do hope this helps with holiday planning for next year, and of course I will be unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time, as usual!

## Dates coming up

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL

Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> Dorking Halls music festival

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May T Shirt day (£1donation) for Cancer Research.

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May Marchant's Hill assembly for year 3 parents

May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs week- early nights and plenty of healthy food please year 6 pupils

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May- special Royal Wedding lunch – details to follow

Tues May 22<sup>nd</sup> PTA meeting 8pm school hall

Break up for half term Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May- normal time

Have a good LONG weekend, and looking forward to seeing those of you that are coming to quiz night tonight.

Mrs T