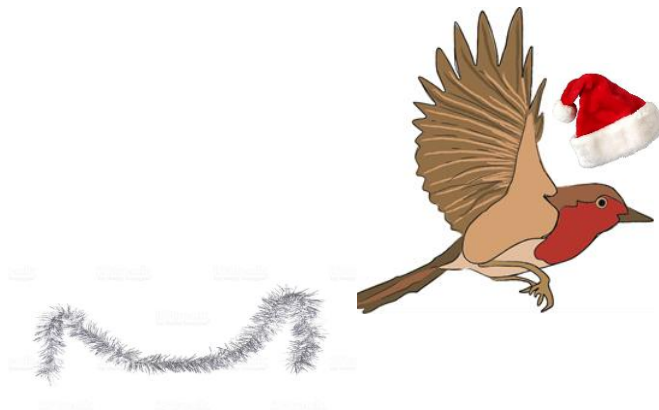


## Burhill Flyer

Friday December 1st 2017 #12



### This week in school

Christmas is fast approaching, and all this week I have had the pleasure of hearing carols being practiced and Christmas songs being rehearsed. Many times I have peeped into the hall on the way past to see the tiniest of angels, donkeys and snowflakes being put through their dancing paces.

Today is the first day of advent, and no doubt 99% of the children in Hershams ate a flimsy square of chocolate before breakfast this morning.... and of course Christmas comes out of the box at school too. The FoBS team spent time after school last night making sure that all looks merry and bright in the main areas of the school, and the class teachers themselves have added a few festive touches to their classrooms.

### Christmas fair tomorrow!

Do please come and say hello tomorrow - you might not immediately recognise me - I will have assumed my "elf alter-ego"- but I will be in "Elfridges"- the present shop where children can buy mums and dads a gift for Christmas and wrap it up ready for under the tree - all without nosy parents spying! We also have the amazing Santa's Grotto - heralded last year as the best in Hershams. There promises to be plenty of festive activities to do and treats to buy - so come along, from 12 until 3, and entry is free.

### Christmas Cards

The school post boxes will be up from Monday onwards. There is one in early years and one for the rest of the school. If your child wishes to send cards to their school friends (what a lovely tradition - sadly dying out) then please check that they have put the child's **first name AND surname AND class on the front of the envelope**. The child can then post them in the box in school, and year 3 children are given the job of delivering them throughout December. **Last date for posting cards is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Children in Need

Our spotty fundraising day for the BBC Children in Need appeal raised donations of £883.55. Thank you all for your generosity.

### DBS Clearance

Please could our DBS cleared parents/volunteers make sure they sign the DBS register (main register at the school office and a further duplicate copy at Breakfast/After School Club) in good time before we break up for the Christmas holidays so that your DBS clearance with us doesn't lapse.

### Shoes/Boots

As the cold weather really beds in I just need to remind parents that boots are not part of our uniform policy. On snowy days of course we accept that boots are necessary, but other than that inside school we have very warm classrooms, and we expect normal school shoes to be worn. Some children walk to school in boots and change into school shoes once they arrive - this is of course fine.

### Burhill Ball 2018

Preparations for the highly anticipated Burhill Ball are underway. Keep your eyes peeled!

## Parenting help

Our Children's Centre are once again running The Parenting Puzzle - an absolutely excellent course for any parents in need of a little support, anyone who has burning parenting questions, or who would like some help with tears and tantrums. I really can recommend this course. It will be run at the Children's Centre, one morning per week, starting on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan for 10 weeks - so it is a substantial help. There is crèche support available, so this is available to parents with smaller children too. There are 2 or 3 places still left on this course, so please do contact Sally Ruby at the children's Centre if you would like to join. Her email address is [sruby@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:sruby@burhill.surrey.sch.uk) or alternatively pop into the CC office.

## A polite request

If you are concerned about your child - about school work, friendships or behaviour, can I ask that you make an appointment with the class teacher first before coming to see me? I try to make myself very available every morning to talk to parents, and I am happy for you to talk to me about anything, but most things are easily resolved by the class teacher - who knows your child SO much better than me. If the issue is still unresolved, please speak to the key stage coordinator next, and then come to me or Mrs Adams if the matter is still unresolved. I would also urge you never to use social media to air your concerns - no child's issues are ever improved by talking on social media before you talk to us!

## Dates coming up

Event	Year group	Date	Time
Christmas Fair	Whole community	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	12 noon until 3pm
Year 1 Christmas open morning	Year 1	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	9am-10am
Choir perform at Vanson Court		Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	11-12
Reception Nativity for parents and toddlers	Reception	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	9.30am
Reception Nativity – adults only	Reception	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	9.30am
Reception to Theatre	Reception	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Morning visit
Christingle service at St Peter's Church	Year 3,4,5,6	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	6pm
Nursery AM Nativity	Nursery	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	9.30am
Nursery PM Nativity	Nursery	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	1.30pm
Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day	Whole school	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	
KS1 concert for parents and toddlers	Year 2	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	9.30am
KS1 concert- adults only	Year 2	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	9.30am
Christmas parties/celebrations etc	Across the school	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	afternoon
End of term		Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	1.30pm