

Burhill Flyer

Friday December 8th 2017 #13



This week in school

As you can see from the length of this newsletter there is an awful lot going on in school at the moment. Teachers are juggling to make sure learning carries on, and everyone is working hard to cram it all in. We think it is so important to keep learning as our focus throughout this most festive of months. A great example of this is the Christmas cards that the children make. Across the term each child makes 2 different cards. One for the PTA fundraiser that you can buy multiple copies of and one special one that they bring home to you. You might have noticed over the years what high quality these designs are. For each and every class, the teacher has to consider which art objectives the class need to cover and fit the art work for the card around that. This week a class teacher brought me her plans for the special card to be made by her class. We discussed the objective “to use print making to represent textures and patterns in art work” and how she could improve the printmaking skills of her class by using the design. It’s all about the learning!

Christingle Service

Calling all parents in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please don’t let your child miss out on this fabulous event at St Peter’s on Thursday 14th December at 6pm. Sadly I have heard some pupils say that they would love to come but their parents won’t let them. I hope those parents might reconsider - especially any in year 6 - IT IS YOUR LAST ONE! We start in the car park at school, children dressed for the cold, many bedecked in fairy lights and Christmas hats, carrying their lit Christingle. We then parade down to church - quite a spectacle as you can imagine - and arrive for a special candle light service led by the children. Honestly, it’s magical! I urge you to come.

Christmas fair!

A huge well done to Dori, Raf and their trusty team who worked so hard to make our Christmas fair a big success. There was a good range of things to do - and yet again I have heard nothing but praise for the fair; especially for Santa’s Grotto (thank you Emma, James and crew) and for Elfridges (thank you Sara and Jack). This morning, in the staff room, one of our new teachers told me she had been blown away by the Christmas Fair - seeing how much the parents got involved, how much effort they make, and how we came together as a community. I agreed with her. You are a lovely lot.

Well done choir!

I should just like to say how proud we are of both our choirs. In the last week they have performed at 4 main events: Squires, the Christmas Fair, the Hersham community Centre and at Paul Vanson Court. They behaved perfectly and we are so impressed with the amount of children that put themselves forward to sing solos!

Our Nursery - places next year

We are changing the way places are organised for our own Nursery next year.

We will be offering mostly full time (30 hrs) places - exact timings to be confirmed - **and some part time places**. The part time places will be 2 and a half full days - either Monday and Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning.....or Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday all day. Parents wishing to apply for a full time – 30 hrs- place will need a code. Parents will have to show their eligibility by logging into an HMRC web site and obtaining a 12-digit eligibility code which they will have to provide to the school before the school can allow them to access 30 hours. Our Nursery application form will shortly be available on the school website. Please share this information with friends and neighbours.

Message about Dance

Dance Club next term

Please go to www.minidanceperformers.com and visit the information page for instructions on how to register for dance next term.

Anna Bungay. Dip RBS(TC)

Applications for Reception 2018

The closing date for Reception applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2018**.

SurreyCC encourage online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Want to be on TV?

Channel 4 are currently looking for families who are about to renovate their period property and would like to appear in the Channel 4 series Old House, New

Home: <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/george-clarkes-old-house-new-home>

Christmas Cards

The school post boxes are up! 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 18th December**

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.

Burhill Ball 2018

Please see attached to this flyer a poster for the Burhill Ball 2018

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 8th 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 or alternatively pop into the CC office.

Dates for St Peter's

Rev Fletcher at St Peter's has asked me to share the following dates with you;

Carol Service 6.30pm, Sunday 17th December

Nativity Play Service 4pm, Christmas Eve (All children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or kings)

Crib Service 5.30pm, Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 11pm, Christmas Eve

Family Communion 10am, Christmas Day

Dates coming up

Event	Year group	Date	Time
Reception Nativity for parents and toddlers	Reception	Monday 11 th December 2017	9.30am
Reception Nativity –adults only	Reception	Tuesday 12 th December 2017	9.30am
Reception to Theatre	Reception	Thursday 14 th December 2017	Morning visit
Christingle service at St Peter's Church	Year 3,4,5,6	Thursday 14 th December 2017	6pm
Nursery AM Nativity	Nursery	Friday 15 th December 2017	9.30am
Nursery PM Nativity	Nursery	Friday 15 th December 2017	1.30pm
Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day	Whole school	Friday 15 th December 2017	
KS1 concert for parents and toddlers	Year 2	Tuesday 19 th December 2017	9.30am
KS1 concert- adults only	Year 2	Wednesday 20 th December 2017	9.30am
Christmas parties/celebrations etc	Across the school	Wednesday 20 th December 2017	afternoon
End of term		Thursday 21 st December 2017	1.30pm

Have a good week-end Mrs S Taylor