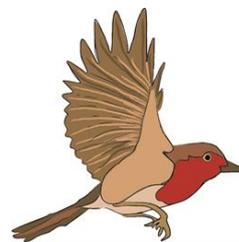


Burhill Flyer

Friday January 26th 2018 #18



This week in school

Despite the much mentioned "January Blues" life at school this week continues at our usual jolly pace. I have been delighted to see so much excellent writing coming my way - children are often sent to show me a good piece of work - and this week I was very pleased to hear about problems being solved in maths across the school in our achievers assemblies. As I walked through the building showing a parent round I was quietly reassured that children were getting on with violin lessons, Big Writes, practical maths drawn out in chalk on a carpet, piano tuition, cooking healthy snacks, and - despite the drizzle and red legs - football coaching.

Pleasant Place

Unfortunately I have now heard from 3 different parents that mornings in Pleasant Place have been far from pleasant. I hear reports of cars bumping up kerbs and parking over people's drives, double parking, and stopping in the middle of the road to drop children off. We have had Bikeability for the last fortnight, and the dropping off of children with their bikes has proven particularly troublesome apparently. Please bear in mind that although behaviour like that might mean a small saving in time for you, it presents as a dangerous and stressful environment for our families to negotiate on the way to school, and indeed we are letting our neighbours in Pleasant Place down too. Please be safe and thoughtful, and use the Hershams Centre car park safely. Please avoid Pleasant Place completely if you are a car driver.

Online dangers

To follow on from the evening session I presented last year on the dangers of online grooming, and to support the work we do to help build resilience in your children I have been asked to alert you to the following webinar. The Ofsted South East Regional Director has asked me to pass on the following. Ofsted have identified an increase in cases where on-line access has placed children in danger. Grooming, radicalisation and child sexual exploitation are often perpetrated via the internet and pose a real threat to children of all ages. Given this rise in incidents, Ofsted have worked with the Breck Foundation to offer parents a webinar to identify and consider dangers presented by the internet.

The webinar also offers guidance to parents about how to help their children stay safe. This webinar will be presented by Hilary Macdonald, Senior Her Majesty's Inspector, Daniel Lambert, Her Majesty's Inspector, and Lorin LeFave, founder of the Breck Foundation, whose son, Breck, was groomed and murdered in 2014.

The webinar will be hosted on 31 January at 19:00. You can register for the webinar via:

<http://bit.ly/OnlineSafetyWebinar>

I have heard Lorin LeFave speak on this subject before - although it is hard to hear, her story is compelling and brings home the dangers our children are facing. Do be mindful that the webinar is NOT for children's ears.

Children late for a club?

If you are dropping your child off for a club in the morning please ensure they are on time. Once the member of staff has collected their club members and gone off to start the club they cannot then leave them unattended to pop back to collect your late child. It is not appropriate to try to drop them off via breakfast club at that point - I have told the staff in breakfast club for safeguarding reasons not to allow entry to any child other than those on their list for breakfast club that day. If you have missed the start of club please take your child away again and return at the start of the normal school day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

'Flu-like illnesses

We have a few cases of an influenza type typical winter bug at the moment. The advice public health have given is as follows;

There are a number of important hygiene measures which can be put in place to minimise the risk of the illness spreading further. These include:

- Covering mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and disposing of used/dirty tissues in a bin –“Catch it, bin it, kill it”*
- Frequent handwashing with soap and water, especially after coughing and sneezing and blowing your nose*
- Making sure children follow this advice (!)*
- Cleaning hard surfaces such as keyboards, desks and door handles frequently using a normal cleaning product. (We are doing this at school with antibac cleaner)*

All symptomatic pupils and staff should be excluded from school until they are symptom free. Those who become unwell at school should be isolated and sent home.

Half term child care...

A message from Nina at Kids Club 2000

Parents it's just under 1 month till Half Term! Kids Club are running a half term club at Hershams Youth Centre in Arch Road this will run from 8am to 6 pm from the 12th Feb. We are Ofsted registered and are able to take children from 4 years old. The price is £34.50 for a full day this includes breakfast and an afternoon snack and we do a whole range of activities from cooking, arts and crafts such as block painting, t-shirt dying, we are creative with junk modelling and there is lots of outdoor fun and heaps of games. If you are interested please email me at Kc01childcare@gmail.com for a booking form or call 07803 618 039 for more information

Burhill Ball – A Night at the Races

A message from the FoBS Ball Committee;

Don't forget to bring your pounds the week of the 29th, we will be selling raffle tickets for your chance to win 2 x full ball tickets.

Please see below the all-important information as to how to apply for your tickets.

TICKET INFO

“NIGHT AT THE RACES” BALL - SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018 🎉🎉🎉🎉

Tickets go on sale SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2018 @ 4pm!!!!

Please read on for instructions to apply for tickets.....

Please DO NOT apply for tickets before 4pm - applications will ONLY be accepted after this time. (In previous years they have sold out in 4 hours so make it as close to 4pm as possible).

Each person can apply for TWO tickets at a cost of £55 each for the main ball. Tables are for 10 people. The ticket includes a 3 course meal, 1/2 bottle of wine, free day at the races ticket and a glass of bubbles on arrival - plus LOTS of fun!

There are also a small number of disco only tickets available at £15 each.

Send your email to burhillptaball@gmail.com (PLEASE DONT SEND TO THE USUAL PTA EMAIL!!)

Please specify in your email:-

- * full ball or disco
- * name of ticket holder(s)
- * name of child and class
- * email address/contact details
- * two couples you would like to sit with (if applicable &/or we'll do our best to sit everyone where they wish).

If you have a full table please state this on your email & the names of all people on your table.

Payment by cash/cheque (payable to Burhill PTA) by the end of 16th of February to the school reception in an envelope addressed to PTA Ball.

Once tickets are paid they are NON refundable.

Any questions please email us at burhillptaball@gmail.com.

Good luck!!!! 🍀🍀🍀🍀

The Ball Committee

Dates coming up

Thursday 8th Feb Mufti Day - in exchange for donations for the ball - alcohol, chocolates etc. Details, see above, from FoBS.

Friday 9th February - INSET DAY- no school for pupils.

HALF TERM = Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb

Return to school Mon 19th Feb

Have a good weekend

Mrs T