

# Burhill Flyer

Friday March 23rd 2018 #25



## This week in school

Spring has sprung according to the school calendar (I wish someone would tell the weather) and it is time for our Spring concerts. Performances this week have included whole key stage singing - an incredible rendition of "Somewhere Only We Know" (...mascara warning!), recorder ensembles, a couple of class groups on the steel pans and drums, and some amazing solo piano performances - with Flo Butler singing a beautiful song from Les Miserables whilst accompanying herself on the piano. We also saw how far our dance classes have taken the children - the year 5 and 6 group was characterised by elegance and poise. As a snapshot of the music and dance education our children are receiving - just as a part of our creative curriculum, I could not be prouder of my staff and their dedication to the arts. I understand there is a rumour that there will be a parents' choir next time???

## Easter Raffle

Thank you to all of you that have bought raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle in aid of St Mary's in Uganda - a school like ours with about 350 pupils - we are SO close to being able to provide them with their first ever water tap. We will be out in force selling again on Monday next week, and then we will draw the raffle on Tuesday in school. The prizes have been very generously donated by members of the Burhill family, staff parents and friends, and include Tunnocks Tea Cakes kindly donated by Game of Thrones actor James Cosmo M.B.E.

I must also thank the superb raffle crew made up of year 6 pupils who have been out in all weathers this week to support me.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Please do look out for a letter coming home **on Monday** – electronically - about a vacancy for a parent governor here at Burhill. Thank you to those parents who have asked about the role and expressed an interest. The brief table below sets out the main dates of the process, but please do look for the letter on Monday for more details and also for a nomination form.

26.3.18	Parents' letter with nomination forms sent home via pupil post.
17.4.18 - noon	Last day/time for returning nominations.
23.4.18	Ballot paper sent to parents
2.5.18 - 5.30pm	Date of the candidates' meeting if needed
8.5.18.- 1.00pm	Date of count of ballot papers
11.5.18	Date of publication of result

## Supervise your children

Please remember that at pick up it is NOT ok to just let your children off to play without your supervision. Yet again, there are year 2 children climbing on the theatre roof, and on the shed roof after school (2 different parents have told me about this) which is incredibly dangerous. This is a broken bone waiting to happen.

## Staffing Update

We have a couple of staff leaving at Easter, both to start exciting new opportunities.

Miss Chessman – Nursery Teacher – is leaving to move to Gloucestershire. Emma has been a huge part of the success of our Early Years Team and we wish her well. I am delighted to say that Mrs Julie Kirwan is our new Nursery teacher.

Mrs Kimmins – Year 6 TA- is leaving to start life as an Art Technician at a local high school. Sarah has been very influential in the Art curriculum for the upper school and we wish her well in her new chapter.

As yet, we have not recruited a replacement. If you have experience as a TA and are interested in helping us hold the fort in Year 6, do please let me know.

## Burhill Ball

A huge thank you and a great big stonking well done to the Burhill Ball committee ... their “Day At The Races” themed event took place last weekend. I must say everyone scrubbed up very well, and much fun was had as usual. This time I sold racehorses to parents in exchange for some superb prizes, there was a race game to keep the punters occupied before dinner, and even a fastest jockey actual physical race- (a bit of decorum might have been lost!) to quicken the pulse before the meal was served. All great fun, and of course, much money was raised to help pay for all those great extras that our children enjoy. Thank you also to Mark Middleton who gave his services as MC for the final time (I will ignore the rude jokes Mark!) and of course to the parents that worked their socks off to put the event on.

The ball has been a great success and we will be handing out silent auction prizes this week. Please make sure you pay promptly for the silent auction prizes and we hope to have a grand total for you next week.

## Easter Holiday Club

Kids Club are running an Easter club at Hershams Youth Centre in Arch Road. This will run from 8am to 6 pm from the 4th to 13 April. They 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 they do a whole range of activities from cooking, arts and crafts such as block painting, t-shirt dying. They are creative with junk modelling and there is lots of outdoor fun and heaps of games. If you are interested please email [Kc01childcare@gmail.com](mailto:Kc01childcare@gmail.com) for a booking form or call Nina 07803 618 039 for more information.

## Socks etc

Please can I ask parents to send in any spare socks / tights (boys and girls all sizes) – we are running short of our spares.

Please wash and return any that are borrowed from school.

## Bye-bye Boys

We say a sad farewell to the Raben brothers today - they are moving to Portugal to start a new life there (no doubt fed up with our weather!). Zach and Sebby, you two have been nothing but joy, and we will miss you!

## Dates coming up

STRICTLY PAMPER EVENING - 7.30pm Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March (sold out!!)

End of term - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm

Have a good weekend

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