

# Burhill Flyer

Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 #30



## This week in school

A short week thankfully blessed by good weather. Many children came back from what seemed like a very long Bank Holiday weekend with pink cheeks and tired eyes. But making the most of weather like that is so important.

Year 6 pupils have had their final week of preparation for SATs. At Burhill we made a decision quite some while ago that our method of preparing children for their SATs tests in year 6 would be to give them the very best possible curriculum, filled with the most memorable learning experiences, and delivered by the best teachers we could find. Now that differs quite considerably to the approach some other schools take. In many other primary schools the approach is to repeatedly test the children, from year 3 upwards, but intensively in year 6. The idea there is to make sure children know how to pass the test. Because so much time is taken up with tests, such schools often need to offer booster classes to fill in any gaps in learning a child might develop. Now obviously the proof of the pudding is in the eating, but I am convinced that our way avoids unnecessary stress on either the pupils or the teachers, and offers them the best possible transition to secondary school.

## Parent Governor Election

Please see the separate email that came home today announcing the result of the recent parent governor election

## FINAL REMINDER

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PLACES FOR SIBLINGS OF CURRENT USERS ONLY

This is a reminder to return your completed siblings request form for EBBC/ASC places from September 2018 to the school office no later than 5.30 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Greene will notify parents by email week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May regarding their numbered place on the waiting lists.

## Leaving? Giving up a place in EBBC/ASC?

Please may I request that if you know your child is definitely leaving the school at the end of the school year or you are definitely dropping some or all of your EBBC/ASC sessions from September, that we receive your notice as soon as possible in order for your places to be offered to children on our waiting lists. Your notice must be put in writing to Mrs Greene at [reception@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:reception@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)

## T-Shirt Day

Well done to the organisers of our T Shirt Day - in aid of Cancer Research. It was a nice day for it, and everyone looked suitably comfy in their favourite shirts. Total money raised £739.06 !

## Quiz Night

Thank you to the excellent quiz night team who organised a blistering evening of trivia to challenge our tired brains. My own team - despite having more quizzers than any other - came nowhere! It was a really good night, and I'm sure raised a few pennies for the FoBS coffers. Thank you to the hard working team - the bar, food, and the set-up and clear-up were really slick. Thanks also to Heather for writing the questions and Liz for reading them out. Congratulations to Quizzy McQuizzface, our proud winners!

## **Dorking Halls**

Thank you Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Umney, Mrs Leeds and Mrs Shelley for your help in making sure our choir did well at Dorking Hall s- the annual music festival we have been going to for the last few years. I am always proud of the achievements of our children - in whatever sphere - but to hear them singing so well in comparison to the other schools - I was especially thrilled. Behind the scenes was interesting - the children have to wait for a fair while between rehearsal and performance in a side room. There is not an awful lot of room, but I have to say, in comparison to the other local schools we shared a room with (who shall remain nameless!) our children were calm, well behaved, sensible, polite and smartly turned out. Proud Mrs T moment...all the hard work is paying off.

## **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!

## **Royal Wedding Lunch**

On Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) we will be having a small celebration to mark the Royal Wedding. For those children having a school meal there will be a special themed biscuit as part of their meal. If your child is having packed lunch that day, can I suggest you put in a small treat, and point out to your child that it is for the celebration lunch.

## **Litter picking**

One of our mums (Charlotte) and a small team of helpers are coming to school on Saturday 19th May at 9 am to do a blitz style litter pick. If you can help, please do come along at the same time. Bring your own stout shoes and gloves- we will provide the bags. Thank you in advance.

Dates coming up

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 above

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

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

*Mrs T*