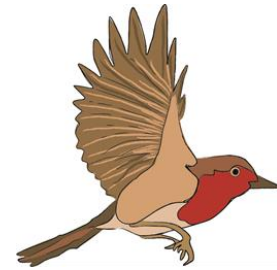


## Burhill Flyer

May 26th 2017 #33



Lovely weather this week, but such a desperately sad start to the week for our country - and especially for any of us that are worried about our own children growing up in a terrifying world. As usual we take the view that we try not to mention terrorist atrocities – we certainly don't bring it up unless a child asks us something. My advice given last time, about looking for the good people in the story, still stands, and I know has helped many families reassure their children. For your reference, this is what I sent out before;

*My advice is to avoid news coverage if at all possible, but assuming your child does see/hear something scary on TV, I would suggest you try very hard to divert the child's attention towards the ambulances/police cars etc. that are inevitably in the shot. Look at the people that are helping, and if you can, count the "goodies" already at the scene, helping. Every fireman/paramedic/police officer/passers-by is a "goodie" and his/her job is to help put the good back into the place/situation. Explain that people in those roles - all of them goodies- are there to help and that they are not alone. They work as a team. Point out that there is only one baddie- and that common sense tells us that the baddie cannot win.*

It would have been inappropriate for the whole school to observe the minute's silence yesterday – so many of them thankfully know nothing about Manchester, but the teachers and children in the older classes observed the silence in class.

### School trips

We have received some guidance from Surrey County Council today about school trips planned for London or other big cities. The advice is simply to go ahead with the planning as usual, but to reassess the risk of the trip in the week before we are due to depart, and if deemed sensible, cancel the trip last minute. We absolutely want the trips to go ahead as planned, but will be sensible about it at the time.

### Hot weather

In the (unlikely) event that the hot weather continues after half term can I ask you to remember sun screen and hats? I went out this week at lunchtime, on a blisteringly sunny day, and hardly any children (probably 5 out of 500) were wearing sun hats. We are encouraging their use, so please do help at your end. (Shade sails will be installed soon!)

### Working Party

If anyone is free on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a couple of hours between 10 and 12 we will be having a working party to clean up the chickens/planting beds/reading den area. A bit of clearing rubbish and light gardening is the order of the day. All helpers welcome!

## **Online Grooming- parents evening**

I have been increasingly aware of the threat posed by online grooming , and have undertaken some training recently which I am happy to share with you. I will be holding an evening meeting to share the training with you, and to discuss the dangers of your child playing online. Initially this evening is pitched at parents in years 3, 4 and 5. It will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall at 7pm. Only one parent from each family need attend, and this event is definitely NOT suitable for children, due to the sensitive nature of the materials used.

## **Bookers Card found**

If anyone has lost a Bookers card- key fob type- I have one in my office- found in the area I stand every morning.

## **DBS book**

Please can parents sign the DBS register in the office prior to the Half Term Holiday if they have a DBS clearance with Burhill.

## **New Clavinova**

Thank you to all who raised funds through FoBS to pay for our new digital piano “Clavinova”. Mrs Carpenter is very excited, and Mrs Webb gave us a demonstration at the end of the FoBS meeting this week. It will make a big difference to the quality of music in assemblies, music lessons and performances.

## **Mufti day**

There is a second mufti day coming up;

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June we are asking children to come to school in the colours of the Ugandan Flag- black/yellow/red (any combination) in exchange for a donation (minimum £1) to support St Mary’s school in Uganda. See below for details of the special African Children’s choir event

## **African Children’s Choir**

Don’t forget to buy your tickets for this brilliant evening (advertised to you in a separate email this week) to be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at St Peter’s Church. Some members of our own choir will be singing alongside the African Children’s Choir. Shovell (drummer from M People) will be performing , Game of Thrones actor James Cosmo will be there, and the event has been supported by local superstar Mick Hucknall. There will be refreshments available on the night, and a raffle with some super prizes, including some signed Simply Red merchandise, a signed David Walliams book, 2 VIP tickets to next seasons Ant & Dec Saturday night take away, and a bouquet of flowers from The Chelsea Flower Shop. Thanks in advance for support with hosting, cooking, helping on the night etc. Thanks too to the Burhill choir who are now diligently rehearsing for the event.

You can find more information at <https://www.facebook.com/events/254990394907005??ti=ia>  
The organisers say please feel free to share the event via Facebook so that we have full attendance and can raise as much money as possible for St Mary's and the African Children's Choir!

There is also this piece in the Hershams Hub

<http://thehershams.co.uk/the-african-childrens-choir-come-to-hershams/>

## Dates coming up-

Break up for half term- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May- usual time ( not 1.30pm)

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June 10-12, working party to clear the allotment area

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 KS2 concert performance

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm KS2 concert performance

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm KS2 concert performance

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> Roald Dahl Themed Summer Fair

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Mufti Day for St Mary's in Uganda

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June- evening performance at St Peter's of the African Children's Choir

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall at 7pm Online Grooming information evening for years 3,4,and 5 parents .

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Reception visit to British Wildlife Centre

MON	26 June	Morning Nursery Sports Day - am Reception Sports Day - pm
TUES	27 June	Year 1 Sports Day - am Year 2 Sports Day - pm
WED	28 June	Year 4 Sports Day - am Year 3 Sports Day - pm
THURS	29 June	Year 5 - Sports Day am Nursery PM - Sports Day pm
FRI MON	30 June 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY (school closed for pupils) INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Have a good half term holiday

Mrs S Taylor- Head Teacher