

Burhill Flyer

Friday October 20th 2017 #7



This week in school

Well, I can hardly believe we have come to the end of this first half term....the shops are already full of festive things (It's too soon to mention the actual word – Christmas) and winter definitely draws on. When we return to school after the break we will notice the nights are drawing in and the days will be chillier - probably.

Sleepover

90 lovely sleepy bundles stayed over last night-accompanied by lots of wonderful staff (so forgive any errors as I write this bleary eyed). As usual it was a great occasion - such an opportunity for team building and the strengthening of independence in our children. I was, as usual, entirely impressed by the dedication and hard work of the team that stayed, and of course, the children bowled me over with their resilience and their sense of fun. I was happy to read a bed-time story to the whole group - we always watch out for those who fall asleep sitting up at that point. The hot chocolate and biscuits were very well received, and we thoroughly enjoyed the whole adventure. I can guarantee they will be too tired to tell you tales of the evening tonight - early nights all round Hersham I think!

Year 6 French

The Falcons were the last year 6 class to attend the French Market Place activity at Three Rivers Academy on Monday. The students 'bought' items talking totally in French from year 8 students and were complimented on their French accents.

Hallowe'en- no thank you

Just a reminder that we do not "do" Hallowe'en at school - we don't celebrate it, or involve our learning around it in any way. Please do not use school to share Hallowe'en treats etc - we have made a conscious decision to avoid this festival - as the values of the occasion are not in line with those we work so hard to support all year.

Chr!\$*^^@s Cards

It's that time of year again! Your lovely children have been busy this week creating their cards. After the difficult experience last year, FoBS are using a new company - Chameleon Create. Our experience of them so far has been very positive and we are quietly confident that this year's ordering process will go without a hitch.

Card artwork **will be coming home in book bags today.** If you would like to place an order, you will find a registration code and instructions on the back of the artwork. You will need to register online by **30 October**, and return the artwork to school by no later than **31 October**. Once the company has received your child's artwork back it will be scanned and you will receive an email inviting you to go online and place your orders. These must be placed by **15 November**. Chameleon estimate that they will despatch completed orders out to school at the end of November. FoBS will of course keep everyone updated as and when possible. Please note that this year's ordering process can **only** be completed online - we will **not** be able to accept cash or cheques as payment for orders.

Setting Parental Controls

We are often asked for more advice on setting parental controls on mobile devices. These filter and block certain content and can help you protect your children from the things they should not see or do online. The report found that many parents put this off because they think it will be difficult...**but it is very easy and quick to do!**

www.internetmatters.org has created a guide to parental controls including 'How-to' guides to setting up the controls on the major networks, devices, services and entertainment providers in your home, including some of the most popular:

📱 iPhone

📱 Android

📱 YouTube & Netflix

Protect your children by activating simple parental controls around the home.....click on the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>

Burhill Ball

Ladies - book your hair appointments, gents - polish your shoes, get your babysitter sorted because the Burhill Ball is on its way. Save the Date: [17 March 2018](#). More details to follow. Why not join the Burhill Ball 2018 Facebook group to keep up to date.

Remember remember...

Burhill's fabulous Fireworks Night on Friday 3rd November is fast approaching!

Early bird discounted tickets will be on sale at drop off and pick up from Monday to Thursday after half term.

Tickets will also be available at breakfast and after school club for children that attend.

Early bird prices: Adult £4.50, Children £3.50

On the gate prices: Adult £6, Children £4

Under 2s free

Cash or cheques made payable to 'Burhill PTA'

Gates will open at 5pm, dance performance at 6pm and the fireworks display will take place at 6:45pm.

There will be lots to keep you entertained before and after the fireworks with food and drink stalls, games, arts and crafts, Laser Quest, glow-in-the-dark stall, and live music throughout the evening from covers band, Mylar White.

Laser Quest is new this year - arrive early to avoid the queues!

We hope to see you there for a great night of whizzes, pops, bangs and family fun!

The secondary school admissions system is nearly closed

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 31 October 2017.

Parents who miss the deadline reduce their chances of getting one of their preferred schools, so please apply online by visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

Dates coming up

Half term is the week beginning Mon 23rd October. We are back to school on Monday 30th October.

'Flu vaccinations Tues 31st Oct

Wednesday 1st Nov - 3.15-5.30 pm parent consultations

Thursday 2nd Nov - 5.00-7.00 pm parent consultations

Thurs 2nd and 3rd Nov - Individual Pupil Photographs (Tempest Photography)

Fireworks Friday 3rd November

Monday 6th Nov 8pm PTA meeting

Tuesday 14th Nov - 8pm year 6 leavers group in hall

Friday 24th Nov - Mufti day in exchange for donations for Xmas fair (this is NOT Xmas jumper day, so please no Xmas themed mufti- let's save the excitement for later in the term!)

Have a good week

Mrs S Taylor