



# School News

Ready, Respectful and Safe

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## Happy January

Joyous felicitations to all of our families! I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful break and you are refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

On behalf of all the staff and myself I would like to thank you for your best wishes and generosity at Christmas and I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2019.

Yours faithfully,

*Mrs Dyer*

***“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”***

We have three school values: **Friendship**, **Compassion** and **Service**. Last term we focussed on **Friendship**. This spring term we will be exploring **‘Compassion’**.

‘Compassion’ and ‘sympathy’ have much in common and both are stronger in meaning than simply ‘feeling sorry for’ someone.

The words have their roots in the idea of ‘suffering with’ someone, putting yourself in someone else’s shoes and experiencing what they experience. **This leads to a desire to act, to do something.**

It is not about ‘doing good’ from a position of strength or ‘remembering those less fortunate than ourselves’. Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others. Notice the qualities that Paul links together – he says:

*‘clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’*

Colossians 3:12

## Thought for the week

**“I can do all things through HIM who gives me strength.”**

## Spring Term Coffee Mornings



We have a range of coffee mornings during this spring term. We hope that you will find a topic that interests you. Come to one or better yet, come to all!

**Venue:** The First Floor Hall

**Time:** 9-9.30am

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Our School Curriculum** - with Mrs Dyer

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**SEN & The Local Offer** - with Mrs Camplin

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**Computing & Internet safety** - with Mr Carden

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Behaviour Policy** – with Mrs Dyer

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Religious Education Policy** - with Miss Henning

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Behaviour Policy** - with Mrs Dyer

## Word of the week

Every week, our school features a word of the week in order to improve and enrich your child’s vocabulary. Words of the week so far this term ...

**... Resolution**

**... Curiosity**

The words are displayed around the school together with a sentence that includes the

**word of the week.** Ask your child if they know the word of the week!

## **Snow Action Plan – Information for parents and carers**



Winter is here and this season brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service.

We will endeavour to open the school every day to make sure that children and their learning come first.

However, if the School's Leadership Team feels that the weather would put children and adults at risk, we will take appropriate steps to minimise this. The steps taken may include:

- Opening school as normal whilst **delaying registration**
- **Closing** the school when it is not safe to open
- **Checking the current weather conditions** according to the local weather forecast
- Checking the forecast conditions up to **school closing times**
- Consulting the **road reports** and reports on public transport so that we can judge **whether teaching staff will be able to attend school**
- Noting the **availability of non-teaching staff** (teaching assistants, office, premises and catering)
- Assessing the **possibility of injury** and whether it is **safe to move** around the school site.

### **How we will know if the school is closed:**

As a fundamental principle every effort will be made to keep the school open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend.

However, our school may close due to '**unavoidable**' circumstances eg: that it is **no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite.**

**There are 2 ways you can find out about our decision if we decide to close:**

1. **We will send a text at 6am** so please make sure we have your most up to date number (sometimes when the service is busy it can take a while for the messages to be delivered to your phone)
2. **We will update the school website with information about the school closure:**  
[www.burdettcoutts.co.uk](http://www.burdettcoutts.co.uk)

### **How does the school prepare for adverse weather conditions?**

- **Articles in the newsletter** to inform and advise parents and carers
- Holding **snow weather coffee mornings**
- By **gritting and clearing access points** the night before and early in the morning before school
- Writing and publicising the **snow action plan**

### **How can I support the school during adverse weather conditions?**

- Make sure that your child is wearing **warm clothing** – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- Provide your child with a **packed lunch** from home in case school meals cannot be provided.
- If you are a working parent/carer or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a **back-up plan in place** with another family member or parent and inform the school.

### **School closure will be the last resort and only in case of extreme circumstances.**

Every effort will be made to keep the school open at all times, but the **safety and welfare of the pupils, staff and parents will be paramount** in making any decision.

Many thanks for your support in helping our school remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

### **Thought for the week**

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## Black History

We are continuing to learn about inspiring black people from history throughout the year. During January, pupils will be learning about the contributions and achievements of: **Dr Martin Luther King**.



### Dates for your diary Spring 2019

*Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school*

Dates	Events
<b>January 2019</b>	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts (PSA) meeting <b>ALL WELCOME!</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	National Handwriting Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wellness Kickstart Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: KS1 Music sharing assembly 1pm: School Council at St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Presentation 9am & 3pm: Headteacher's talk in the Ground Floor Hall 3.45pm & 4.15pm: Class Teacher presentation in your child's classroom
<b>February 2019</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am: SEN & Local Offer Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day 9am: Safer Internet Coffee Morning
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: King-Smith Class (Year 3) Assembly

Dates	Events
<b>February 2019 (cont)</b>	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St Valentine's Day 9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Pullman Class (Year 6) Assembly
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS</b> Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Religious Education coffee morning for parents & carers
<b>March 2019</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	St David's Day 9.15am: Blackman Class (Year 5) Assembly
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Fine Class (Year 2) Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RED NOSE DAY</b> 9.15am: Donaldson Class (Year 1) Assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers  Proms for Praise at the Royal Albert Hall
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am: Colfer Class (Year 4) Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Jeffers Class (Reception) Assembly
<b>April 2019</b>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am: Morpurgo Class (Year 6) Assembly  <b>Last Day of the Spring Term</b> <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm</b>

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