



School News

Issue 2: Thursday 19th September 2019

Our three school rules: **Ready, Respectful and Safe**

Jeans for Genes Day



Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder.

On **Friday 20th September**, every child is invited to take part in our fundraising event by wearing jeans – blue, black or white - ***no ripped jeans please*** and donate **£1 to the Genetic Disorders UK charity**.



Please note that your child must still wear their uniform from the waist up – so shirts and ties with sweatshirts are expected.

Monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day fund the work of the charity and provide grants to organisations for projects that aim to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders.

Launch of the Parliamentary Review



On **Thursday 26th September** at 9am in the ground floor hall, parents and carers are invited to a special coffee morning to launch our feature in the **Parliamentary Review**. The Parliamentary Review is a brochure which showcases several schools. It aims to demonstrate how schools/headteachers have become outstanding leaders in their field and how they have responded to challenges within education, sharing best practice as a template for reform.

Please come and watch our choir perform; enjoy our refreshments and collect your copy of the Parliamentary Review on Thursday morning. At the end of the day, every family will receive a copy of the review.

Word of the week

Every week, the 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 ...

Gratitude Opportunity

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.

Thought for the week

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13

Our class visit



On Thursday 12th September Curie class (Year 6) went to the Imperial War Museum. In the First World War section we watched videos, saw medals and even went into a trench.

We learned lots of facts about life for the soldiers and what trenches looked like. Did you know that if you injured a pigeon you would be sent to prison as they were messengers?

We had a fantastic and informative trip.

By Bethel and Michal



Ready, Respectful and Safe

Parents and carers please remember to leave your child at the gate if your child is

in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Reception and Nurse parents and carers may escort their child across the playground and take their child into Einstein classroom.

Children are encouraged to walk calmly across the playground. **We thank you for supporting this calm start to the school day.**

Please continue to remind your child about the three school rules:

Ready, Respectful and Safe

- ✓ We are **READY** to learn, we arrive to school on time, we have our equipment ready, we show that we are listening.
- ✓ We are **RESPECTFUL**, we listen when others speak, and we respect the property of our friends and the school.
- ✓ We are **SAFE**, we move around school in a safe manner, we follow instructions to keep ourselves safe on school trips, we use equipment safely and we stay safe online.

Meeting the teacher at the end of the school day

If parents and carers would like to meet with their child's class teacher at the end of the school day, **please wait until every child has been dismissed and then they will meet with you inside the school building.**

Alternatively, parents and carers can make an appointment in the school office. Thank you for your understanding and recognising that **teachers have to watch and dismiss every child safely at the end of the school day** and this is the reason that they cannot talk in detail with you in the playground line.

Friends of Burdett-Coutts

If your child is a pupil at Burdett-Coutts, then you are automatically a **member** of

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our parent-school association – **The Friends of Burdett Coutts**.

The **Friends of Burdett-Coutts** met last week. They reelected **Mrs Rachida El-Mahoun** and **Mrs Alison Seedat** as the Chair and Secretary. Thank you both for your community spirit which benefits our children.

The **Friends** plan our two major fundraising events – the Christmas and summer fairs. They also help and support our community event, the International Evening which we hold every two years. The focus for the autumn term is the **Christmas Fair**.

Future meeting dates for the autumn term are:

- Monday 7th October
- Monday 28th October
- Monday 4th November
- Monday 11th November
- Monday 18th November
- Monday 25th November

We hope that you can attend the next meeting at **9am on Monday 7th October**.



Autumn Coffee Mornings

We have a range of coffee mornings during this autumn term. Thank you for coming to yesterday's coffee morning with **Dreams Art on their local drama projects and programs**. **This half term, please try and attend:**

- The launch of the Parliamentary Review on Thursday 26th September
- Maths – supporting your child to learn their times tables on Thursday 3rd October

All coffee morning are held in the School Hall, from 9-9.30am.

After half term we will publish the dates of further coffee mornings on **supporting your child in the Early Years, Phonics, Reading and Writing**.

Midday Meal Supervisor job

We have a vacancy for a member of support staff at lunchtimes in the role of **Midday Meals Supervisor**. The role is for **Monday-Friday 12.00-1.30pm**, supporting in the Lunch Hall and playground with pupils from 3-11 years old.

Essential skills:

- ✓ experience of working with children or young people (paid/unpaid)
- ✓ knowledge of basic health & safety and First Aid
- ✓ effective communication skills
- ✓ ability to work as a part of a team and follow directions from line manager
- ✓ ability to form good relationships with young people
- ✓ ability to follow school's behaviour policy in order to keep children and young people happy and safe at lunchtime
- ✓ initiative to engage children in outside games and support play

Desired skills:

- First Aid Certificate
- DBS certificate on the Service Update
- knowledge and understanding of the welfare and social needs of pupils age 3-11 during the midday break
- friendly yet assertive manner with groups of pupils

If you know someone reliable and lovely who may fit the criteria for this role, please tell them to drop in to the school office and ask **Karen** for more information and an application pack, or direct them to our school website to download a pack:

www.burdettcoutts.co.uk/about-us/vacancies

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
AUTUMN 2019

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
September 2019	
Friday 20 th	World Peace Day
Thursday 26 th	9am: Coffee morning – all welcome – ‘Parliamentary Review’
Friday 27 th	9.15am: Al-Khalili Class Assembly Year 4
October 2019	
Tuesday 1 st	Start of Black History month Photographer in school for individual photos
Thursday 3 rd	9am: Coffee morning – all welcome – MATHS – ways to support your child with learning their tables
Friday 4 th	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Friday 4 th	9.15am: Curie Class Assembly Year 6
Tuesday 8 th	6.30pm @ St Stephen's church: St Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals service
Wednesday 9 th	Whole school harvest service at church
Friday 11 th	9.15am: Galileo Class Assembly Year 1
Sunday 13 th	10am: Harvest family service at St Stephen's church – all welcome
Friday 18 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM BREAK Monday 21st – Friday 25th October	

Monday 28 th	Autumn term 2 begins – children back in school
November 2019	
Friday 1 st	All Saints Day
Friday 1 st	9.15am: Snow Class Assembly Year 2
Saturday 2 nd	All Souls Day
FRIENDSHIP FORTNIGHT Monday 4th – Friday 15th November	
Friday 8 th	9.15am: Newton Class Assembly Year 3
Wednesday 13 th	No Pens Day!
Sunday 24 th	Christ the King
Friday 29 th	3.45-5pm: Burdett-Coutts Christmas Fair
December 2019	
Sunday 1 st	First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday 4 th	10am & 2pm: KS2 Christmas Play (for parents in Years 3-6)
Friday 6 th	Nine Lessons Service at St John Smith Square
Monday 9 th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wednesday 11 th	10am & 2pm: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play (for parents of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
Thursday 19 th	LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

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