



School News

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Working together in Faith, Hope and Love!

Book Week

Next week (beginning 27th February) is Book Week!



This means that throughout the week we will once again be celebrating everything that is wonderful about books.

Thursday, 2nd March is also World Book Day. On this day -

- As part of the activities, **children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as one of their favourite book characters**
- Children will be coming home with **World Book Day book tokens** that they will be able to exchange in their local bookshop



Where do you like to read? On the bus, behind your sofa, with your dog?! **We would like children to bring in a photo of themselves reading in an unusual place!** There will be **prizes** for the best entries!

- We are hoping that some parents/carers will be able to come into school to read a story to the children too!

Mrs Lee
Assistant Headteacher



Shrove Tuesday and Lent

Lent is the period of six weeks, (40 days, not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar.

During the 40 days of Lent, Christians remember the time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his work for God. During this time Jesus was tempted several times by Satan, but was able to resist. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.

Fasting – Lent is a time of giving things up. For Christians, it is one way of remembering the time Jesus fasted in the desert and is a test of self-discipline. Some Christians just give up something they really enjoy such as cakes or chocolate.

Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday 28th February. In western Christian churches, the day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This is also known as Pancake Day. This day was traditionally the last chance to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 1st March. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday in western Christian churches and ends on Easter Sunday. On Ash Wednesday many western Christian churches hold services during which Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrongdoing (penitence) and mortality. The ashes come from burning the palm crosses from the Palm Sunday of the previous year.

What are you giving up for Lent?

Thought for the week  Matthew 5 44-45

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Red Nose Day - Friday 24th March 2017



24 March

Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become something of a British institution!

What is Red Nose Day?

- Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by Comic Relief that takes place every two years
- It's the day, when people across the land can get together and do something funny for money at home, school and work.
- Last Red Nose Day the UK public raised an astonishing £99.4 million to help people living incredibly tough lives both here in the UK and Africa

We're taking part in Red Nose Day 2017 because:

- Pupils learn valuable life skills
- Pupils gain understanding and empathy for others in the world
- It brings the whole school community together
- Our school can really make a difference to people's lives

Since last year, the money raised has helped **...over 860,000 children** in Africa to be given life-saving vaccines.

...over 43,000 people with a mental health condition in the UK to get the support they need.

...over 310,000 children, young people and their families, at risk of abuse, violence and exploitation internationally, to lead safer lives.

Did you know...

- £3 could pay for a counselling session for a child who has lost their parents to Ebola in Sierra Leone
- In the UK, £10 could help a young person caught up in gang culture to turn their life around with professional mentoring

Comic Relief is a registered UK charity which aims to create a just world, free from poverty and we are proud to be supporting this worthwhile cause.

If you would like your child to take part in **Red Nose Day**, you should donate **£1 on Friday 24th March** and your child can:

- **Wear red clothing instead of their school uniform**
- **Wear a red wig instead of their normal hairstyle**
- **Wear a red symbol on their face eg; red rosy cheeks, red star on their cheek etc.**

OR WHY NOT

DO ALL THREE!

Red Noses are on sale in the playground in the mornings!

Phoning home with good news!



REMINDER: The parents/carers of one child from each class will receive a special phone call to inform them about their child's amazing work / behaviour / milestone moment!

This is something new that we are doing to celebrate the positive work that happens at school

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Parents' Survey

Thank you for sharing your great ideas through the parents' survey.

In each newsletter we will respond to the concerns raised. This week's concerns are about **After School Clubs** and **Teaching**.

Parents' queries / suggestions	School response
After School Clubs	
Subject led after school clubs	<p>During the spring term, we offer the following ten clubs after school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework • KS1 boys and girls Football • Athletics • KS2 girls Football • KS2 Gymnastics • KS1 Science • KS2 boys' Football • KS2 Basketball • Years 5 & 6 Campanology • Dance <p>There is also a lunchtime ICT club.</p>
Extra-curricular opportunities ie ; Art club; Science; Chess; karate and Lego club	<p>We currently provide a Science club. We are investigating scope for an art club.</p> <p>If any parents play chess and would like to run a chess club, please see Jackie in the office.</p>
Teaching	
Inform about weak points in order to improve the progress of the child	<p>We have two parents meetings every term. The parents' meeting gives parents/carers an opportunity to discuss their child's attitude to learning and progress with the class teacher. It is a great opportunity to share and exchange information so that together we can ensure that every child achieves their potential. At the autumn and summer meetings parents receive a report summary and at the spring term meeting, parents receive an annual report detailing their</p>

More information about my child's progress	<p>child's progress and attainment.</p> <p>Additional information has already been provided, however for more clarity – please come to the SATs coffee morning on Wednesday 1st March OR the Spring Term Parents' Evening on Thursday 23rd March for a more thorough explanation. Essentially, if your child is:</p> <p>* Working towards – WTS – your child is below average</p> <p>*Working at the expected standard – EXS your child is working at the national expected standard for children of their age - this is equivalent to a B or C grade pupil</p> <p>*Working at a greater depth – GDS - your child is above average and has the potential to be an A or an A* pupil.</p>
Information about the weekly topics	<p>Every term, parents receive a class curriculum newsletter. This provides information about class trips; the PE / swimming day; assemblies; the homework collection day and it also details the information for the term in every subject.</p> <p>Topics this term are as follows: Nursery & Reception - Up in the air Year 1 – Where in the world is Barnaby bear? Year 2 – Pirates and Animals Year 3 – China Year 4- The UK Year 5- London and Westminster since 1066 Year 6 – Ancient Greece</p>

It is encouraging that parents commented favorably about the following things:

Communication

- **Great communication with parents**
- **I'm greeted by the Headteacher at the gate every day**
- **Informative**
- **Newsletters**



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- Leadership engagement with parents
- Curriculum**
- Diversity
 - Good variety of outside professionals coming into the school to inspire learning
 - Students receive a variety of experiences
 - Opportunities to sing at amazing venues!
 - Good policies
 - The school provides opportunities to learn outside the classroom
 - Class assemblies
 - School activities
 - Education is well balanced and seems to provide a lot of positive opportunities to learn different things (such as Spanish) outside the core curriculum

Teaching

- Pupils make friends quickly
- Teachers help pupils with booster
- Engaging teaching & teachers
- The teachers are easy to talk to
- My child makes good progress at Burdett-Coutts
- My child is happy at the school
- Teachers are approachable and supportive.
- Teachers are very attentive, we are informed about school events and cultural visits
- SEN is great and extremely helpful
- My child is taught well at Burdett-Coutts
- I feel that the school has made some positive changes within the last few years and I would recommend this school to other parents
- Teachers are well organised
- Parents are informed of pupils' progress.
- My children are making good progress due to fantastic teaching. Thank you!
- Children are listened to and allowed to put together performances, for example in assembly and also in confidence
- good values
- It encourages religious education.
- It is very good how they recognise children who need extra support and are on hand to give it.

Dealing with issues / complaints

- My concerns are always dealt with
- When I have concerns about my children , the school is immediately available and supportive
- Both teachers and members of staff are always ready to solve issues

Homework

- The school teaches children how to deal with bullying and the importance of working hard through homework and other activities
- Homework is good

- My child receives appropriate homework for their age

After School Clubs

- Before and after school clubs are good
- Range of after school clubs
- The wrap around care provided by the after school and holiday club is excellent particularly with homework support

Staff

- One cannot fault the leadership – the staff team reflect and add to the qualities (positive) of the Headteacher
- Staff are very welcoming
- I like the staff, the way they deal with things and the expectations at school. They encourage the student
- The way they share information with parents
- I like that Burdett-Coutts is child centred , (children always come first)
- The staff are very approachable and friendly and also supportive.
- They support families as well
- The friendliness of the staff – from the office to the teachers to the volunteers – always willing to make time for you
- Members of staff are approachable
- Teachers are approachable and friendly which helps my child's confidence
- Staff are helpful

Learning environment

- Environment is always clean
- It is a very warm atmosphere
- It's a great friendly environment. My children are happy and well looked after
- Friendly safe environment for the pupils
- The constant improvements – particularly the lovely new flooring in the playground

Behaviour

- Well behaved pupils
- Uniform
- I am happy with the rule that Nursery has to wear uniform as well as the other students
- Discipline

School Meals

- Great school meals!

Recommendations

- Continue to keep up the good support with helping children with SEN to thrive in their learning.

General

- I don't think that there is much to be improved - it's a good school!

Spring Term 2017

Dates	Events
February 2017	
Friday 24th	9.15am & 9.30am, Lewis class assembly year 5
Monday 27 th	February – Friday 3 rd March Book week
Tuesday 28 th	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
March 2017	
Wednesday 1 st	9am, KS1 SATs meeting for year 2 parents and carers. Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day – non-uniform day
Friday 3 rd	Launch of Geography competition
Monday 6 th – Friday 17 th	Eggs and chicks in Carle class (the Nursery)
Wednesday 8 th	What is Coaching? Coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 10 th	9.15am & 9.30am, Rowling class assembly year 4
Friday 17 th	9.15am & 9.30am, Fine class assembly year 2
Monday 20 th	Geography Exhibition all day in the first floor hall
Tuesday 21 st	Year 5 & 6 choirs participating in Proms for Praise at the Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 23 rd	Parents' evening <i>times to be confirmed</i>
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day 9.15am & 9.30am, Burningham class assembly year 1
Friday 31 st	9.15am & 9.30am, Carle class assembly Nursery Last Day of the spring term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm
E A S T E R H O L I D A Y S Monday 3 rd April – Monday 17 th April	

Summer Term 2017

Dates	Events
April 2017	
Tuesday 18 th	First day of the summer term.
Friday 28 th	School closed for Staff Training Day
March 2017	
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 2 nd	KS1 SATs testing period begins
Monday 8th – Friday 12th KS2 SATS week	
Thursday 25 th	Ascension Day
Saturday 27 th	Start of Ramadan
H A L F T E R M Whitsun half term holiday Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	
June 2017	
Monday 5 th	First day of summer term 2
Thursday 15 th	Corpus Christi
Monday 26 th	<i>Eid al Fitr</i>
Tuesday 27 th	<i>Eid al Fitr</i>
Thursday 29 th	The Feast of St Peter and St Paul
July 2017	
Saturday 8 th	'Friends of Burdett-Coutts Summer fair 12-3pm
Thursday 13 th	Year 6 production <i>evening</i> performance
Friday 14 th	Year 6 production <i>morning</i> performance
Tuesday 18 th	Sports Day – <i>provisional date</i>
Wednesday 19 th	Year 6 Leavers' service at St Stephen's church
Thursday 20 th	Last Day of the summer term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

Thought for the week



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