



School News

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Working together in Faith, Hope and Love!

Red Nose Day - Friday 24th March 2017



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 morning

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Packed Lunch ideas.

Lunchtime staff have noticed that some children have **huge bags of crisps, bars of chocolate or a large packet of biscuits** for their packed lunch. We want to support parents with ideas and encourage you to give your children the right balance of food that they need to keep them healthy.



What's in a healthy packed lunch?

A child at school should have about a third of their daily nutrient requirements at lunchtime. This means they need food that is going to provide them with enough energy, protein, fibre, vitamins and minerals.

A healthy packed lunch contains:

- A **starchy food**, such as **bread, rolls, pitta bread, naan bread, potatoes, rice, noodles**.
 - These foods are good for children to fill up on.
- A good source of **protein, iron and zinc** such as **meat, fish, beans or eggs**.
- A good source of **calcium** such as **milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais**.
- And one portion of **fruit** and one portion of **vegetable or salad** to provide all the other vitamins and minerals. *A piece of fruit could be a 100% juice or piece of fresh fruit, dried fruit or tinned fruit in fruit juice. A piece of vegetable could be a fresh vegetable such as carrot stick, salad or a vegetable soup or vegetable dish.*

No single food contains all the essential nutrients the body needs to be healthy and

function efficiently so it is important that the content of the **packed lunch is varied**.

Can I give my child nuts or Nutella sandwiches?

Although nuts are a healthy source of protein, we have several children with a severe nut allergy. This means that if they inhale or eat nuts they will have to be rushed to hospital. If your child brings **nut bars, nut biscuits packets of nuts or Nutella sandwiches** to school, school staff will have to remove the items from the packed lunch and store them in the office. Your child will be given an alternative lunch and parents/carers will be able to collect the nut food items at the end of the school day from the school office.

What about snacks such as crisps, cakes, pastries and sweets?

These foods should only be given **occasionally**. Children will then appreciate them more. If these foods are included in every packed lunch they might eat these first and not have the appetite to eat the other foods that will provide them with the important nutrients they need to grow and develop, be healthy and active.

At Burdett-Coutts, **Friday is crisps day**. We do not expect to see crisps in your child's packed lunch on any other day.

Did you know that?

- a YouGov poll found that a third of British children eat crisps every day.
- The other two-thirds of UK children eat them several times a week.
- Snacking on a packet a day — as so many of Britain's children now do — **can add up to the equivalent of drinking almost five litres of cooking oil per year** to their diet.

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Parents' Survey

In the past two newsletters we have **responded** to the concerns raised in the survey. We have discussed:

- **Homework**
- **The curriculum**
- **After School club**
- **Teaching**

This week's concerns are about **Parents' Meetings** and the **End of the School Day**.

Parents' queries / suggestions	School response
Parents' Meetings	
<p>Clearly defined learning goals set for the pupils</p>	<p>During the autumn and summer term years 1 – 6 parents are given <u>a summary report</u> that provides clearly defined goals for their child linked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Curriculum Standards • Your child's attitude to learning. • A measure of effort with regards to participation in class learning and home learning <p>And if staff have any cause for concern.</p> <p>In the spring term, years 1 – 6 parents receive a detailed annual report for their child. This year the spring term reports will be sent home on Tuesday 21st March.</p> <p>*Nursery and Reception parents received <u>an autumn term summary report</u> in November and they will receive a detailed annual report in July.</p>
<p>More parents evening / meetings with</p>	<p>Teachers belong to unions that stipulate that over the course of the academic year,</p>

<p>teachers and greater choice of times for appointments</p>	<p>their directed hours should not exceed 1265 hours. Teachers officially work 32.5 hours per week. In order to plan, assess and provide quality teaching, teachers already do a significant amount of school work in their own time. This is why there are only 3 parents meeting per year. We feel that we are extremely flexible about the times because for the past two years – our parents choose their own meeting time! * Parents can meet with school staff between 8 and 8.30am or 3.40 and 7.pm. The next parents' meeting date is Thursday 23rd March.</p>
<p>More parental engagement</p>	<p>We are always striving to improve our parental engagement; that is why we have a Parent-School Association; weekly class assemblies; Parent surveys and coffee mornings.</p> <p>This is how we have engaged with parents so far over this school year:</p> <p>Autumn Term Academic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspire Maths workshops, 22.09.16 & 03.10.16 • Reading workshop, 16.11.16 • Parents' evening, 17.11.16 • Anti- Bullying assembly, 18.11.16 • Learning to learn workshop, 23.11.16 <p>Autumn Term Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal blessing service, 04.10.16



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest service, 09.10.16 • MEND after school family workshops 11.10.16 , 08.11.16 & 29.11.16 • Christmas Plays, 07.12.16 & 14.12.16 • School Christmas Fair 09.12.16 • Nine Lessons service, 16.12.16 • Friends of Burdett-Coutts meetings <p>Spring Term Academic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dysfluency workshop, 08.02.17 • KS1 SATs workshops, 23.01.17 & 01.03.,.17 • KS2 SATs workshop, 27.02.17 • Safer Internet workshop 07.02.17 • Home- Learning (<i>homework</i>) policy,22.02.17 <p>Spring Term Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Friends</i> meeting to welcome new parents to the school, 18.01.17 • Parents reading to classes during book week -27.02.17-03.03.17 <p>Look out for more events during the summer term!</p>
The End of the School Day.	
End of day pick up can be a bit chaotic at the gate	Staff agree! One possible solution is for parents to collect their child/ children and leave the school playground promptly. There are several parents who remain in the playground at the end of the day, talking with other parents.
Time keeping for pick ups	School staff should escort their classes to the playground to arrive at

	3.25pm. We are aware on occasion; some school staff have brought the children to the playground at 3.30pm. We appreciate how frustrating this can be for parents who want to leave straightway and we will endeavour to improve.
Leaving children and parents outside when it's raining	Parents and pupils are never left outside when it is raining. At the start of the school day, the gates open at 8.50am . If parents arrive earlier than this time on a rainy day, it is their choice to stand in the rain with their child/ children. If it is a rainy day, as soon as the gates are opened, the children do not line up; they immediately walk into the school building so they are not waiting and standing in the rain. At the end of the school day, the school gates are opened at 3.25pm. If it is raining, may we suggest that parents do not arrive until 3.25pm so that they will not be outside in the rain and also that they leave the school grounds promptly at 3.35pm.
More play equipment in the playground	We do have lots of equipment as every year school council purchase playground games and equipment suitable for KS1 and KS2 children.



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Spring Term 2017

Dates	Events
Monday 6th – Friday 17th – Eggs and chicks in Carle class (the Nursery)	
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 8-8.30am & 3.40-7pm
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day 9.15am & 9.30am, Burningham class assembly year 1 2.30pm Mothering Sunday service
Wednesday 27 th	11am and 2pm Year 4 Easter Play – ALL parents and carers welcome
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.
Wednesday 19 th	Baroness Angela Burdett-Coutts Day!
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	
Friday 19 th	International Evening
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



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