



School News

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Working together in Faith, Hope and Love!

Ascension Day

Ascension Day, is also known as the *Feast of Ascension* and is one of the important Christian festivals celebrated all over the world. This day marks the last appearance of Lord Jesus Christ to his followers after His resurrection at Easter. Ascension Day falls on the Thursday, exactly 40 days after Easter.

This year that will be on **Thursday 25th May**. Every year, we have celebrated our Ascension Day on our school roof. Please let **Karen Baker** know if you would like to attend our assembly on the roof at **11am** next week. (NB : you will have to walk up several flights of stairs as we do not have a lift) .

The assembly will be led by our vicar, the **Reverend Graham Buckle**.

International evening – Friday 19th May @ 5pm

Every year the school hosts an International Evening. This is a fantastic **FREE** celebration of our community's diversity, with many parents and carers bringing wonderful home-made dishes from their home countries. As well as the **amazing food, we have performances of music and dancing from around the world**. The event is always very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Parents and children are warmly invited to bring a cultural dish or their favourite food (no nuts, coconuts or almonds please) to share after school on Friday 19th May.

Please bring your dish to the ground floor hall at 4.45pm. It will be served from the hatch after the performances.

Parents and children may dress in their national dress if they want to!

This year, the *Friends of Burdett – Coutts*, our home-school association decided that every class should choose a country from the pupils in our community and **on Friday 19th May, your child will either dress in the colours of the country's flag or in the country's national dress.**

Prizes will be given to the children for the efforts on Friday evening at the International event.

As our school community speak over 40 **languages**, we had several countries to choose from! Apologies if your country is not represented this year. Our final decision was as follows:

Class	Country	Teacher
Nursery - Carle	Bangladesh	Mrs Baker
Reception - Jeffers	Somalia	Miss Roberts
Year 1 - Burningham	England	Miss Talbot
Year 2- Browne	Egypt	Mrs de Kock
Year 2- Fine	Italy	Miss Henning
Year 3 – King-Smith	Iraq	Mr Brickell
Year 4 – Colfer	Morocco	Mrs Lee
Year 4 - Rowling	Pakistan	Miss Rhodes
Year 5 - Blackman	Portugal	Miss Gray
Year 5- Lewis	Jamaica	Mrs Sweeney
Year 6 - Morpurgo	Albania	Miss Matthey
Year 6 - Pullman	Afghanistan	Mrs McMullan



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NO Hand Fidget Spinners please!



Dear parents and carers,

Fidget spinners are proving to be a disruptive influence at Burdett-Coutts.

The aim of the spinner is to improve pupils' concentration through turning the spinner and manipulating the tool in their hands. However, the teaching staff have noticed that a spinner has the opposite effect: that the children become more focused on the spinner and **do less work**. For this reason, please do not send your child to school with a spinner.

If a spinner is used during the school day, it will be confiscated and parents / carers will need to collect it from the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Dyer

Summer Fair update

12-3pm Saturday 8th July 2017

On Tuesday 16th May, parents and staff met to plan the summer fair. Future meeting are as follows in the ground floor hall:

- **3pm Thursday 8th June**
- **9am Monday 12th June**
- **3pm Tuesday 20th June**
- **9am Wednesday 28th June**
- **3pm Tuesday 4th July**

Completed Actions:

- ✓ Texts were sent out to remind parents when to attend the meeting.
- ✓ Staff have been assigned stalls.
- ✓ **Pete** has spoken with the Horticultural Hall to loan the tables.
- ✓ **Narissa** has uploaded the minutes onto the website.
- ✓ **Vanessa** addressed all of the envelopes to businesses requesting donations for the fair.
- ✓ **Nadine** has secured the use of Grey Coats' school barbeque and two of their children's games.

Parents were asked for further suggestions or improvements that they would like to see at this year's fair. These included:

Improvements/Suggestions:

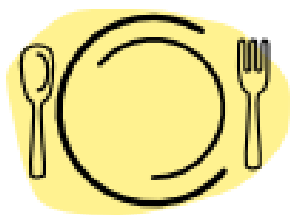
- Parents who are making the food must inform the school office about their dish by Wednesday 5th July so that an appropriate label can be made.
- Photographs of the fair will be taken to record the event for the school website.
- A handout to be created to publicise the days of the Summer Fair planning meetings. Parents handed out the leaflets at the gates this morning.
- Summer Fair posters to be designed.
- Parents to visit the local businesses. requesting donations for the raffle.
- Reiterate the danger of allergies – no nuts, almonds or coconut.
- Ensuring that no gelatine is used/present in any food/sweets etc.
- More seating outside to encourage people to sit outside and not to congest the hall.
- Continue with the separate times for the older and younger children to use the bouncy castle.

We will be receiving your donations from **Monday 22nd May** and the last day for your donations will be **Monday 3rd July**.

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Free School Meals (FSM)



If your child is currently in the **Reception or Year 1** class, please **CONTINUE** to complete a Free School Meals form and reapply for your child's FSM entitlement.

You will be aware that pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school lunch.

However, it is **VITAL** that FSM parents continue to complete the forms because the school receives additional funding for FSM pupils. The additional funding enables the school to provide:

- Free educational visits both for day trips and residential trips.
- Additional teaching resources and tuition.
- Free music tuition.

Please see Ms Lavinia Deary in the school office if you would like to know more information about FSM. She will also be able to assist you with completing the forms.

Please note: Families on low incomes who do not renew their FSM documents are **not** eligible for a reduced rate on school trips or after school clubs.

Coffee mornings



Our parents' coffee mornings are a wonderful opportunity for parents to get together, share ideas and challenges over a cup of coffee. Parents can ask questions and get their views heard. We want you to be involved in the life of the school. It is important that we know what we are doing well at, and what we could improve so we would like to encourage as much participation at these groups as parents and carers can manage. All are welcome and these are very friendly open groups.

1. Metacognition workshop

Ideas to support your child in becoming a better learner.

DATE: Wednesday 7th June at 9am in the ground floor, with Mrs McMullan.

2. Coaching workshop

Sharing how we help the children to find their own solutions and engage them in the learning process.

DATE: Tuesday 20th June at 9am in the ground floor, with Mrs Dyer.

3. Secondary Transfer meetings for parents of pupils who are in year 5.

DATE: Wednesday 28th June at 9am and at 3pm in the ground floor, with Mrs Dyer and Mrs Lavinia Deary.

4. Supporting the More Able Child

Come and learn more about our **More Able Pupil policy** and the school's extension activities for the more able pupils.

DATE: Wednesday 5th July at 9am and at 3pm in the ground floor, with Mrs Dyer.

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Summer Term Diary 2017

Dates	Events
May 2017	
Wednesday 17 th	More able writers workshop for the more able writers in years 3 & 4
Friday 19 th	9.15am, Burningham class assembly, year 1 5-7pm, International Evening
Monday 22 nd	Year 5 educational visit to the Tower of London – class 1
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 5 educational visit to the Tower of London – class 2
Thursday 25 th	NEW DATE :11am, Ascension Day assembly on the school roof
Friday 26 th	9.15am, Browne class assembly , year 2
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
Wednesday 7 th	9am Metacognition coffee morning
Thursday 8 th	London Fire Brigade workshops for years 2,3,4 & 5
Friday 9 th	9.15am, King-Smith class assembly, year 3
Monday 12 th	Homework bookshop in school at 9am & 3.30pm
Tuesday 13 th	Year 4 educational visit to the British Museum
Thursday 15 th	Year 4 educational visit to the British Museum Corpus Christi
Friday 16 th	9.15am, Colfer class assembly , year 4
Tuesday 20 th	NEW DATE: 9am Coaching coffee morning
Friday 23 rd	9.15am, Lewis class assembly , year 5
Monday 26 th	St Stephen's Week <i>Eid al Fitr</i>
Tuesday 27 th	<i>Eid al Fitr</i>

Dates	Events
June 2017	
Wednesday 28 th	St Stephen's week: 1pm Lunchtime dance performance by Burdett-Coutts pupils
Thursday 29 th	NEW DATE: 9am, Secondary Transfer meeting for parents of pupils who are currently in year 5. The Feast of St Peter and St Paul Year 6 pupils attending the Westminster school leavers' service at St Margaret's church
Friday 30 th	The year 6 more able scientists' group attending a Science Discovery day (organised by the Mayor of London)
July 2017	
Wednesday 5 th July	NEW DATE: 9am, Supporting the More Able Child coffee morning
Saturday 8 th	'Friends of Burdett-Coutts' Summer Fair 12-3pm
Wednesday 12 th	Parents' evening for parents of children in the Nursery and Reception classes
Thursday 13 th	10am, Meet your teacher assembly (for 2017) 6pm, Year 6 production evening performance
Friday 14 th	10am, Year 6 production morning performance
Tuesday 18 th	Sports Day – provisional date
Wednesday 19 th	10am, 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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