



# School News

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Thank you for joining in our Maths Week activities!

## Anti - Bullying Week 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November – All Different All Equal



**Anti-Bullying Week** shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.

Next week, on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, **Mrs O' Brien** will launch our Anti-Bullying week with a special assembly where we will be reminding children about the **definition of bullying** and exploring **anti-bullying strategies**.

Children will also take home **an Anti-Bullying wristband** and **our school Anti-Bullying newsletter**.

At Burdett- Coutts we have defined **bullying** as a combination of the three elements below:

1. **Bullying goes on for a while, or happens regularly.**
2. **Bullying is deliberate. The perpetrator wants to hurt, humiliate or harm the victim.**
3. **Bullying involves someone (or several people) who are stronger in some way than the person being bullied. The person doing the bullying has more power; perhaps older, stronger, or has some 'hold' over the victim (e.g. a secret) or is possibly in a group.**

### Bullying is not:

- **A one-off fight or argument;**
- **A friend sometimes being nasty;**
- **An argument with a friend.**

**All Different All Equal** is the Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme for Anti-Bullying week. The aims of the week are to:

- **Empower children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique.**
- **Help children and young people to understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying.**
- **Encourage parents and carers to work with their school and talk to their children about bullying, difference and equality.**
- **Enable teachers and school support staff to celebrate what makes us 'all different, all equal' by celebrating difference and equality and taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves.**

### Our pledge for Anti-Bullying week:

**This week is Anti-Bullying week and we have learnt that we can and should celebrate our differences but also understand how important it is to work together and appreciate how those differences help us all to be a better community. One that works together to prevent bullying**

### Thought for the week

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## Burdett-Coutts' Christmas Fair!



The **Burdett-Coutts' Christmas Fair** will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017** from **3.45pm – 5pm**. Last year's Christmas Fair was a memorable day for all the families, children and staff at our school.

We are very pleased that the '**Friends of Burdett-Coutts**', our Parent-School Association, are organising the fair!

Similarly to last year, our playground and ground floor hall will be transformed into a festive market. We will have a range of stalls including:

- **Santa's Grotto** – everyone who visits Santa will get a present!
- **Cake Stall** – with lots of delicious cakes and cookies
- **Sweeties stall** – full of lovely treats
- **Food stall** – delicious food for everyone
- **A children's tombola** – with fabulous prizes
- **Face painting** – fun for all the children
- **Refreshments** – tea, coffee and soft drinks
- **Bric-a-brac** – you never know what you might find!
- There will also be a **raffle** with amazing prizes and **much, much more!**

**We need your support** by way of **donations** for the fair and also **volunteers** for the day. We will need your donations by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

We are hoping to receive:

- **Empty 500ml and 1litre plastic bottles for Christmas decorations.**
- **Second hand toys in good condition – if you're clearing out your child's old toys – DON'T THROW THEM AWAY – give them to us!**
- **Christmas gifts and decorations, eg: un-used tinsel/Xmas decorations, gift packs of food/tins or un-opened gift sets etc.**

Please bring all donations to the school office. Do not donate any products/food containing **coconut or nuts** due to pupil allergies.

We will also need **volunteers** on the day who are willing to do any of the following:

- **Arrive at 2.30pm to help out**
- **Set up and decorate stalls and price all items clearly**
- **Ensure that all items sold are in good condition and that food items sold are fresh**
- **Run the stalls for the duration of the event**
- **Clear stall area of all rubbish and unsold items at the end of the fair**

If you can help, please speak to **Karen** or **Jackie** in the **office**.

## Christmas Sparkle Day! Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December



On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, pupils are invited to come to school dressed in their Christmas outfits, sparkly clothes, Christmas colours or Christmas jumpers. **We would appreciate a donation of £1 to raise money for the Friends of Burdett-Coutts!** Thank you for your support!

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## Parents' meetings!

We look forward to seeing parents and carers at the **parents' meetings**. 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.

The dates of our parents' meetings for KEY STAGE 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) is **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 3.40-7pm**.

EARLY YEARS & KEY STAGE 1 (Reception, Nursery, Years 1 & 2) is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 3.40-7pm**.

You can sign up for an appointment with **Mrs Lavinia Deary in the mornings** in the playground from **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. There is a **ten-minute** appointment time to discuss your child. Please be punctual!

**Key Stage 2: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 meetings will be held in the First Floor hall.**

**Key Stage 1: Years 1 and 2 meetings will be held in Fine class on the First Floor.**

**Reception and Nursery class meetings will be held in the Reception classroom.**

At this year's meetings:

- **Reception parents** will receive a set of **Phonics Flashcards** to enable them to support their children with learning their phonics.
- All new **parents/carers** will also receive:
  - Two copies of the **Home-School Agreement**: one copy to keep at home and one which needs to be **signed** and returned to their child's class teacher.

There will be one further **parents' evening** meeting to discuss pupil progress during the **Spring Term**. At this meeting, parents of children in **Years 1-6** will receive their child's **Annual Report**.

In the **Summer Term**, **all parents** will receive their child's **Annual Attendance Report**.

In addition to this, in the Summer Term:

- **Nursery and Reception parents** will receive their child's **Annual Report**.
- **Year 1 parents** will receive their child's **Phonics results** and the **school and national Phonics performance information**;
- and **Years 2 and 6 parents** will receive their child's **SATs results** and the **School and national KS1 & KS2 information**

## EYFS Playground

The Nursery and Reception playground is specially designed for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years.

At the beginning and at the end of the school day, we kindly ask that parents that they either:

- **wait at the gate with their older child/ children**
- OR
- **hold the hand of their child / children at all times.**

Please note that children of 5 years and older are not permitted in the Nursery and Reception play area and they are not permitted to use their climbing or play equipment.

## Black History

Although the UK Black History Month has finished, pupils will be learning about inspiring black people throughout the year

This month is November and they will be learning about the contributions of **Malorie Blackman and John Agard**.



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## School Plays – NEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Christmas production arrangements have been slightly amended as the church had other events planned. **We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.**

The new dates and times have been highlighted and are as follows:

- ✓ **EYFS & KS1** – Tuesday 12th December at 10am and at 2.45pm (NEW TIME)
- ✓ **KS2** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and at 2pm, (NEW DATE).

### Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2017

| Dates                      | Events   |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>November 2017</b>       |  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>All Saints Day</b>  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.15am, Burningham Class Assembly Year 1<br>World's Biggest Maths Lesson event |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 3.40-7pm<br>KS2 Parents' Evening   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.15am,<br>Anti-Bullying Assembly  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Blackman class Educational Visit – to Dulwich College to see The James Caird   |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Lewis class Educational Visit – to Dulwich College to see The James Caird      |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 3.40-7pm<br>EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.15am, Rowling Class Assembly Year 4  |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Christ the King</b>   |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>St Andrew's Day</b>   |
| <b>December 2017</b>       |  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>     | 9.15am, Cowell Class Assembly Year 3   |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | First Sunday of Advent   |

| Dates                      | Events   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 3.45-4.45pm, Years 3 and 4<br><b>DISCO!</b>  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 2 Educational Visit – to<br>Westminster Abbey   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Christmas Sparkle Day –<br>wear your Christmas jumper<br>or something sparkly!   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | 9.15am, Whole school Nine<br>Lessons service at St John's<br>Smith Square –<br><b>ALL WELCOME</b><br>3.45 –5pm,<br>School Christmas Fair |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | 1.30-3.30pm Year 6 singing<br>at John Lewis Partnership<br>Headquarters  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 10am & NEW TIME - 2.45pm,<br>EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play<br>(for parents of children in<br>Nursery, Reception,<br>Year 1 and Year 2)        |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 3.45-4.45pm, Year 5 DISCO!   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR<br/>STAFF TRAINING</b>  |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>    | 10am & 2pm, KS2 Christmas<br>Play<br>(for parents of children in<br>Years 3-6)   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 1.45-3.15 – year 5 singing at<br>the Abbey Community<br>Centre<br>3.45-4.45pm,<br>Year 6 DISCO!  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> | 10am, Christingle service<br>Last Day of the autumn term<br><b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT<br/>1.30pm</b>  |

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