



School News

Issue 7: Friday 5th January 2018

Happy New Year 2018 – What are your hopes and dreams?

On behalf of staff may I take this opportunity to thank you for the thoughtful gifts and chocolates that we received at the end of term. We felt appreciated and thoroughly spoilt!

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school with such energy and enthusiasm for learning.

We would like to further inspire the children by inviting parents and carers to share their **hopes and dreams** for their child/children.

Attached to this newsletter is a sheet which asks: **“What’s your greatest hope for your child in school this year?”**

Please complete it and give it to your child’s teacher by Friday 12th January. We will be displaying the **hopes and dreams** messages in school later on this term.

Collective Worship

The collective worship value for the first half of the spring term is **service**.

Words relating to ‘servant’ and ‘service’ are central in Christian theology. Some of the most important prophecies in Isaiah speak of the coming of the ‘Servant of the Lord’ and his role as a ‘suffering servant.’

The Christian message is clear that service is not about restrictions. It is precisely in a life of service that we become most truly free. The children will be exploring different types of service; who serves us and how we can serve others in our everyday lives

Thought for the week



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45.

Walk once a week and travel tracker!



This year children and staff at Burdett-Coutts are taking part in the Living Streets Walk to School Campaign!

We are encouraging children to come to school in an active way; which could be walking, scooting, cycling or getting off the bus a stop early.

Why walk to school?

Fewer children walk to school than they did 20 years ago. In fact, just 17% of the nation’s children get the recommended hour a day’s exercise.

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and even do better in class because they arrive fit, refreshed and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

At the end of each month, children who come to school an active way at least twice a week will receive a different badge! Can you collect them all? To find out more visit: www.livingstreets.org.uk/wtsapp.

Black History

We are continuing to learn about inspiring black people throughout the year. During January pupils will be learning about the contributions and achievements of: **Katherine Johnson** and **Rosa Parks**



Does your child have a YouTube account?

YouTube is a free video sharing website that makes it easy to watch online videos.

Children of primary school age should not have a YouTube account. Please note that the school feels that having a YouTube account below the age of 13 years to be a safeguarding concern.

This is because YouTube is for users over the age of **13**, due to the fact that the parent company, Google, collects and markets user data.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) exempts children from data collection. Therefore, if your child has an account **they are in breach** of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

Potential risks of engaging social media **that is not appropriate for primary aged school children** include:

- Disclosure of private information about himself, family or friends/contacts.
- Bullying.
- Cyber-stalking.
- Access to age-inappropriate content.
- Online grooming and child abuse.
- Encountering comments that are violent, sexual, extremist or racist in nature, or offensive activities and hateful attitudes.

Dates for your diary- Spring Term 2018

Dates	Events
January 2018	
Saturday 6 th	Epiphany
Thursday 11 th	Reception Open Morning 9.15-9.45am for 2018 Reception intake parents and carers
Friday 12 th	9.15am, Fine class assembly – year 2
Thursday 18 th	9am, Science Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 19 th	9.15am, Blackman class assembly – year 5
Tuesday 23 rd	National Handwriting Day
Friday 26 th	9.15am, King-Smith class assembly – year 3
February 2018	
Thursday 1 st	9am, RE Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 2 nd	9.15am, Morpurgo class assembly – year 6
5th – 9th February – Science, STEM Week	
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day 9am, Safer Internet Day Coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 9 th	9.15am, Jeffers class assembly – Reception
12th – 16th February – Half Term	
Thursday 22 nd	9am, PSHE Coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 23 rd	9.15am, Lewis class assembly – year 5
26th February – 2nd March – Book Week	
March 2018	
Thursday 1 st	St David's Day World Book Day
Friday 2 nd	9.15am, Burningham class assembly – year 1
Thursday 9 th	9am, Collective Worship Coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 9 th	9.15am, Rowling class assembly – year 4
Thursday 15 th	Parents' Evening
Friday 16 th	9.15am, Cowell class assembly – year 3
Saturday 17 th	St Patrick's Day
Friday 23 rd	9.15am, Carle class assembly – Nursery
26th -31st March – Holy week	
Maundy Thursday 29th	Last Day of the spring term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm



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Name of child: _____ class: _____

**My greatest hope for my child in school this
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Christingle Service in St Stephen's Church



Wednesday 19th December 2017

