



The St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Burgh-Le-Marsh

September Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

I'll avoid all the usual clichés regarding how quickly the summer has gone and begin by saying, "Welcome!" to the 213 returning children and their families. To the 30 new children joining us in Reception, "Welcome to our school!" We are sure that they and their families will soon feel part of our school community. All of our children have begun the academic year with their typical enthusiasm towards their learning. Do have a look at our website (www.burghschool.org.uk) as it begins to be updated over the forthcoming weeks to find out what the children are getting up to in their classes.

As noted on the July Newsletter, there have been changes to our staff team since the end of 2017-2018. We have welcomed Mr. Anderson to our school as Deputy Headteacher (and Year 4 Classteacher). Mrs. Walton moves to Year 6 alongside Miss Millman with our double Y6 cohort, whilst Mrs. Kirk is ensuring that the children in Year 3 are supported and challenged as they move into Key Stage 2.

There are lots of reminders on this Newsletter. We endeavour to continue to keep our school community informed throughout the year, but if you have any questions or concerns then do come and speak to us. For example, if you have a query regarding your child's learning then their Classteacher is the first point of contact. If it's administrative, then just contact the office. I'm also usually around and about to speak to.

2018-2019 is already shaping up to be a fantastic (and very busy) year!

Mr. Hurdman
Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Dates may change and be added to!
Look out for text messages and letters.
Please visit our website too.

Friday 14th September
11+ Verbal Reasoning (Y6)

Friday 21st September
11+ Non-Verbal (Y6)

Friday 28th September
Individual Photos
(8:45am with pre-school children)
5pm Family Photo Evening

Friday 5th October
9:30am Harvest Celebration in Church
(non-perishable gifts welcome)

Monday 8th October
Y2 History Day
Great Fire of London

Tuesday 9th October
Y3 History Day
Ancient Egyptians

Monday 15th October,
Thursday 18th October
Parents' Evenings

OUR SCHOOL TIMETABLE (1) – ARRIVE ON TIME!

Parents (and children!) are reminded that the school starts at 8:45am – this is the time that we expect the children to be in class ready to learn. Gates open at 8:35am (remembering that Mr. Allsop can only open one set of gates at once) to allow the children time to hang up their bits and pieces in the cloakroom and head to class. **The gates will be shut accordingly (i.e. around 8:45am). Late arrivals must be signed in by their grown-up at the office.** Please note that such a 'late' may count towards a child's unauthorised absence figure. Lessons finish at 3:15pm, after which the children will be dismissed as usual.

OUR SCHOOL TIMETABLE (2) - BREAK TIME

To maximise learning opportunities for all children across the school in the morning we have tweaked morning break times slightly. The children still get the same amount of lesson and break time, but Monday-Thursday break is at 10:30am-10:45am for younger children, whilst Y4, Y5 and Y6 now have break from 10:50am-11:05am. This term we are also trialing a whole school break on Friday from 10:50am-11:05am. Lunch time remains unchanged at 12:15pm-1:15pm, with older children eating first.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW TEAM CAPTAINS! Green: Tegan, Layton, Cruz, Lois Yellow: Macey, Finley, Jamie, Ella
Red: Eddy, Jasmine, Archie, Maisie Blue: Robert, Phoebe, Oscar, Millie

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'IMPACT' AWARD

At the Leavers' Assembly at the end of 2017-2018, Pastor Colin presented a new whole school award from the Baptist Church called the 'Impact Award'. This is to be awarded yearly to someone who demonstrates our school's core values. Teachers nominated from their classes and all staff voted. The eight nominees were Dakota, Violet, Lily, Joseph, Faith, Jessica, Leighton and Sarmara. The inaugural winner was Leighton! Well done to Leighton and the nominees for setting such a fine example for everyone!

PARKING (1) – NEAR MISS!

As you will have seen via TXTRound, at the end of week 1 there was almost a very serious accident involving a young child at our school and a car. A parent pulled up on the road opposite school. The child exited the car on the opposite side to school (no path), ran around the back of the car (unsupervised) and into the road, nearly being collected by another car pulling off safely on the other side of the road. Please allow enough time to drop children off and collect them safely and on time. Thank you!

PARKING (2) – PERMITS & THE STAFF CAR PARK

On the July Newsletter we reminded parents that all parking permits for the school car park (which is for staff and visitors) would cease to be valid from September 2018. We have only authorised one vehicle this school year. Please respect the two longstanding 'PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY SIGNS' and refrain from pulling into the car park to drop off/collect children at the start and end of the school day. Thank you!

Applying for a Primary school place for September 2019?

Applications can be completed from Wednesday 14th November 2018 and must be received by Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Starting Secondary school in September 2019?

Applications must be completed by Wednesday 31st October 2019. Parents with children taking the 11+ are advised to wait until results are available before submitting applications.

Detailed information is available at

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>

'LOCKDOWN'

Did you know that schools have a 'lockdown' procedure? This covers all sorts of situations from the extreme (thankfully rare) events which make the news headlines, to those more likely to be experienced in Burgh-le-Marsh such as farm animals on the loose. Yes, it has happened! Like fire drills, we have to rehearse the procedures from time-to-time. Don't be alarmed if the children come home one day talking about how they had to sit against the board with blinds shut in 'lockdown'. Unless we tell you otherwise, it was a practise! We do have to do these sorts of drills unannounced to ensure that we know how the children (and adults) will react. Thankfully our children are always incredibly mature and sensible when it comes to these sorts of activities!

ATTENDANCE- APPOINTMENTS & HOLIDAYS

If your child requires a medical appointment in school time, we will obviously authorise this, but we do need to see evidence of the appointment (e.g. the letter/reminder slip).

Holiday requests continue to be received. We are unable to authorise them, except in the most exceptional circumstances. All parents will receive written reminders of this in the forthcoming weeks. Unauthorised absence (which may take into account late arrivals) will be reviewed by our Education Welfare Officer, potentially resulting in parents being asked to attend an attendance panel meeting and/or a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority in respect of this.

The guiding principle behind the Government legislation (schools don't make the laws) is that term times are for education. Children and families have approximately 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Of course, absences to visit seriously-ill relatives or for a bereavement of a close family member are usually considered to amount to 'exceptional circumstances', but for the funeral service and travelling time only, not for extended leave. We do take into account absences for important religious observances, but only for the ceremony and travelling time, again, not for extended leave. This is intended for one-off situations rather than regular or recurring events.