



# Burneston C.of E. Aided Primary School

Dear Parents

## Welcome message from Mrs. Maxine Price – Acting Headteacher

I have been amazed and delighted by your very positive children and their wonderful attitude to school. Lots of exciting things are planned for this term and I hope that you will be able to share a number of them with us. I look forward to meeting you soon and I would encourage you to contact me should you have anything to discuss. Being a ‘Shared Head’ means that I am not always in the building but the staff team at Burneston can always contact me to meet with you, should you require it.

## **Falcons Visit to York**

The Falcons enjoyed a super visit to York last week. With the very kind support of Mrs Smith, Mrs Spence and Mrs Atkinson, we travelled to Northallerton Station and caught a train to York in good time to enjoy a fantastic workshop with the professionals at York Museum. We learned all about life from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and handled some very, very old artefacts along the way.



After some activities, lunch and a good look around the museum, we returned to school, full of prehistoric knowledge. We are grateful to the children for working hard, behaving admirably and being cracking ambassadors for Burneston School. We are also incredibly appreciative of our super parent helpers, including anyone who offered but didn't get the chance to help ferry children to and fro. Thank you to Mr Hayman and Mrs Bartram for leading the visit.



## **Woodland Owls**

The Owls class had their first outdoor session on Wednesday in the Woodland Kingdom at Camp Hill. We had a great time exploring the area using all our senses, challenging ourselves on the gym circuits and collecting items that were straight, fluffy, green, yellow, beautiful, smooth, rough and round. We are busy making them into a collage today and are looking forward to our session next week.

## **Curriculum Statements**

Along with this letter, you should find a curriculum statement from your child's teacher detailing what the class will be up to over the next few months. We know that the children enjoy visits and visitors so if you think that you could enhance our curriculum and the learning experience of the children, please let us know!



**CHANGE OF DATE: Our Harvest Celebration will now take place at 9.30 a.m. on 19th October at Burneston Church.**

## Wicked Wicks!

Last week, the Owls, Kites and Falcons came together each day to take part in a massive exercise challenge with hundreds of other schools across the country, led by sweaty health guru, Joe Wicks. The children (and staff) lunged, jumped and stretched during the live streaming event, thoroughly enjoying Joe's instruction. Well done to Mrs Goude for suggesting and overseeing this activity.



## School Council

A school council is a group of pupils elected to represent the views of all children in a bid to improve day-to-day school life. At our school, we have enjoyed the support of a very active school council, aided by the wonderful Mrs Burniston and others. This week in assembly, we reminded the children about what a school council does and asked for potential new school council members to step forward. Pitches were made, elections were held and council members chosen by the children in each class.

We hope you will join us in wishing Olivia, Joseph and Amelia (Falcons), Isobel, Kit, Owen and Lola (Kites) and X (Owls) the very best of luck in their new roles.

## Friends of Burneston Gathering

The Friends of Burneston (or FOBS) are gearing up for another year of fantastic work in aid of the school and its children... and they need your help! Over the years, the FOBS have organized fundraising activities that have raised £1000s to support our children. They have also run social events for children and parents, with previous triumphs including the Christmas disco, Bingo nights, a Fashion Show, the development of the library and a host of other activities. As a Burneston parent you are automatically a member of FOBS so why not support the odd event here and there? There is no expectation that you should show up to every event... a bit of help here and there is all that is required. If you'd like to learn more, call into the school office or – better still – come along to a very informal meeting at the Kirklington Pub on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm. You'll be very welcome!

Lisa Oakeley, Charlotte Goude,  
Ruth Buchan and Gavin Hayman

## Reading

Many parents set aside time throughout the week to read with their children. We really notice the difference this makes and we are very grateful for your help. As it is the start of new academic year - and if you haven't managed to fit a regular reading slot into your day – we'd like to encourage and support you to do this. If you would like some tips or advice on reading with your child, please just ask!

## .Essential Kit

As the weather begins to turn autumnal, we would like to remind parents that children should have a change of clothes ready for playtime. The Owls have really enjoyed their first Woodland Owl session of the year but aside from this regular outdoor activity, we encourage all of our children to go out in all weather. This being the case, they need wellington boots and overalls (and a good coat, obviously!)

With all the running, jumping and whatnot, the children also need a water bottle for use in the classroom. Staying hydrated is vital to maintain concentration and we remind the children to take a drink at regular intervals so please help us by sending your child into school with a bottle.

## Done something awesome? Tell us!

We know our children are wonderful and we also know they get up to all sorts of amazing things outside of school. For example, Robbie (Falcons) wowed the class last week when he showed us his Great North Run medal, awarded following an epic 19:45 run. Do encourage your child to tell us about their extra-curricular achievements so we can celebrate them at school and inspire others!