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**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

Dear Parents,

### **Open Morning**

Just before the half-term break, I hosted a successful Open Morning for prospective new starters. It was nice to meet some of our current families and to welcome potential new ones to the school. The Governing Body has asked me to run a similar event in the near future in order to get the word out that Burneston is a great place to be a learner (which it is!) We would love to see more children benefit from our unique educational offer so if you know of any parents who are considering options for next September, do let them know that we're here and that we're doing great things.

### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a sign-up sheet for upcoming parent/teacher consultations, due to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November. These sessions provide a great opportunity for staff and parents to talk about the progress of the children and so I encourage everyone to sign up for a slot. Please complete and return the reply slip as soon as possible.

### **Poppy Appeal**

The British Legion helps serving members of the Armed Forces, ex-Service men and women and their families and dependants all year-round. Each year the nation expresses its unequivocal support for The Royal British Legion's work through the Poppy Appeal, coinciding with remembrance events during the second week in November. As usual, we will be supporting the work of the British Legion by selling poppies, wrist bands, bracelets and wooden crosses from the school office during the next couple of weeks.

### **Fireworks**

The teachers have been busy sharing safety messages in each of our daily collective worship sessions (assemblies) and elsewhere. I know that many of our children will be heading to the Kirklington and Bedale displays (both on Saturday 4th November 2017 from 6:30pm) so wrap up warm, grab a pair of gloves (the children may pester you about this, given our recent assembly stories!) and do talk with your children about the firework code...!

### **Autumn Diary Dates**

14/11/17 – Parent Consultations (Kites)  
15/11/17 – Parent Consultations (F/K/O)  
16/11/17 – NSPCC Assembly & Workshop  
17/11/17 – Children in Need  
22/11/17 – Bedale Swimming Gala  
02/12/17 – FOBS Christmas Fair  
04/12/17 & 11/12/17 – Bikeability (Y5/6)  
14/12/17 – Nativity Performance  
15/12/17 – Christmas Jumper Day  
18/12/17 – Craft Day (Owls)  
19/12/17 – Christmas Lunch  
20/12/17 – Christmas Party (Falcons)  
21/12/17 – KS1 Christmas Party (Kites)  
22/12/17 – Carols Around the Tree



### **Speak Out, Stay Safe**

As part of our commitment to educate our children about how to stay safe, we have arranged for the NSPCC to visit the school in a couple of weeks to add to our PSHE curriculum. The NSPCC will present an assembly to the whole school and run a workshop for children in Years 5 and 6 to share information about how our children can keep themselves safe from harm and where to find help if they have any worries. If you would like more details about the NSPCC programme, visit their website – [nspcc.org.uk/schools](http://nspcc.org.uk/schools) – or ask a teacher for information.

### Harvest Thanks!

Anyone who joined us at St. Lambert's during the last week of the half term will know that our children filled the church with singing, readings and smiles. I'd like to thank Reverend Stephen for leading the service and to all the parents who contributed so generously to the collection for the local Food Bank.

### Dinner Money

Hot school dinners are taken by the vast majority of children at this time of year and provide a great boost to energy levels for the afternoon session. For those who pay, the charge for this half term is £84 (40 days/8 weeks at £2.10 per meal) and is now due.

### Football

Just before the break, we took a team of footballing Falcons to Bedale for an inter-school tournament. We played a handful of games in wet and (very) windy conditions and showed great sportsmanship, determination and teamwork. Goals were a little thin on the ground but a dearth of success was not due to a lack of trying (or for Sam and Robbie trying to play in every position across the whole of the pitch!) I'd like to thank the parents who kindly helped with transport and who gamely supported our children in the wild conditions and congratulate our squad of Bobbie, Tilly, Amelia, Thomas, Joe, Jamie, Sam and Robbie for making us proud.



### Thank you, Friends!

The Friends of Burneston (FOBS) ran a very successful school disco before the break so – on behalf of staff, children and parents – I'd like to thank them for their hard work. They have also been beavering away in support of our Bags2School collection. We'll get an update on the money raised from that appeal very soon but thanks to them and to any parents who donated items to this appeal.

### The FOBS Christmas Appeal!

The FOBS are now preparing for the Christmas Fair and need your help to put together a hamper for the raffle. Each class has been given a theme and the FOBS would be grateful for any donations on that theme. Owls will be collecting *Christmas* themed items, Kites will be accepting *International* donations and Falcons should bring in anything with a *Yorkshire* flavour. There will be a box in each classroom for donations of food, gifts or similar items. Any tombola items would be very welcome too. Please send items into school by 24<sup>th</sup> November so the FOBS have time to organise the hampers. Thanks! The Christmas Fair is our BIG fundraising event so we would be really grateful for your help. Thanks again for your valuable support.

### On The Buses!

I was recently made aware that some children and parents have had to hang around for ages for the bus each morning... and so the wonderful Mrs Craddock has been liaising with Proctors and the Local Authority in order to improve the situation. The result is a new bus timetable for the morning pick up. This will run from Monday so please take note. There will be no change to the afternoon timings.

#### Bus Timetable

8.15am – Melmerby

8.20am – Wath

8.25am – Kirklington

8.30am – Carthorpe

8.35am – Arrive at Burneston

### Woodland Fun

Just before the break, the Owls enjoyed their last woodland session of the year at Camp Hill. They had a fantastic time, taking Science experiments outdoors, developing their creativity through mud sculptures and learning about working together as a team, as evidenced by some fantastic den building. They are very much looking forward to getting back in the woods in the New Year! The staff and children would like to express their thanks to Martin at the Woodman Pub for supporting the school with transport, to Mr Hirst and Mrs Beaty for accompanying them and to Mrs Baker for preparing school lunch a little earlier in the day.



kindest regards,

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