



*Building confidence; inspiring achievement*

# BURBAGE NEWS

**Headteacher's Letter No. 2**

**October 2018**

Welcome to the October newsletter.

We are now well into the routines of the new school year and it is lovely to see the children settled into their new classrooms with their new teachers. Each team has now hosted well attended information sessions for parents and carers and we have received lots of positive feedback from the children and parents about the start of term.

Please find relevant information included in this newsletter and always remember to ask if you are unsure, need help or advice or have any queries or concerns.

## [Open Day and new starters 2019](#)

Just as our new starters in Reception have settled into school, we are already planning for our 2019 cohort. Our Open Day (October 2nd) was very well attended and it was lovely to hear all of the positive responses from the people who toured the school. If you know anyone who has a child due to start school in September 2019, please encourage them to book a tour if they were unable to attend the Open Day. We currently also have spaces for children in our Year 1 classes.

## **Our School Vision**

We have made some slight amendments to our school vision as we commence a new cycle of school improvement here at Burbage. Our previous 'vision' was written three years ago and our school has changed significantly during this period. Our new vision, reflecting our wider aims and aspirations, is copied below:

**Our Vision: BUILDING CONFIDENCE ; INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT**

At Burbage Primary School we want our pupils to grow up as happy and kind young people with empathy for all. We want our school to be a safe and supportive place where children develop resilience and independence. We want to inspire a lifelong love of learning and to nurture individuality. We want all of our children to have self-belief and aspiration, regardless of their background, ability or need. We want there to be a strong partnership between school, families and the wider community. We are all dedicated to working together to achieve this vision for our school.

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## Parents' evenings

Parents' evenings are scheduled for October 9th and 11th (this week) and you should now have received confirmation of your appointment time. If you have yet to return the appointment slip, please contact school to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. It is vital that all parents and carers meet teachers in this first term of school.

## Harvest

Our annual harvest celebration is scheduled for the afternoon of November 7th this year. Children in Year 6 will be bringing invitations home soon.

## Christmas dates

Please see the dates to the rear of this newsletter for some key Christmas events.

## INSET

Don't forget! Friday October 26th is an INSET day and school will be closed to pupils.

## Assemblies

Class assembly dates are all available on the rear of this newsletter.

## White Hall Residential

Year 6 children will be visiting The White Hall Centre during the week beginning November 26th 2018. The children will be engaging in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. Further information has been shared with parents and carers of Year 6 children. Our White Hall visits have also been booked for the following four years.

## Buxton Football

Congratulations to the children who represented our school at the recent Buxton tournament. Both the girls' and the boys' teams played very well and demonstrated good team spirit. Some of the squad is pictured below:



## Vacancies

We are currently seeking two midday supervisors to join our lunchtime team. Full details of the post may be found at [www.jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/](http://www.jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/) and applications should be done online or brought into school. If you know anyone who may be interested in these roles, please encourage them to take a closer look or call into school for a conversation.

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

[Our email address is: enquiries@burbage.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@burbage.derbyshire.sch.uk) Telephone: 01298 22278

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## New governors

*We have welcomed three new members to our governing body this term. Heather Toomey is our new Local Authority governor; Will Throssel and Jonathan Faulkner are our new parent governors. Please look out for governor correspondence to parents and carers throughout the school year.*

## School Improvement

*We are now commencing a new period of 'school improvement' following the last three year cycle. As you will be aware, our Ofsted report from earlier in 2018 identified considerable strengths in our school and recognised much progress from the 2014 inspection. A new three year school improvement plan, written by the school leadership team (headteacher, SLT, governors) is now in place and specifies the following priorities:*

*Teaching, learning and assessment: To develop consistently effective teaching, learning and assessment processes and procedures.*

*Curriculum: To create an engaging, progressive, broad and balanced curriculum for all children.*

*Leadership: To lead the implementation of the school improvement plan and to further strengthen the improvement capacity of the school.*

*Outcomes, progress and achievement: To ensure strong achievement and attainment for all pupils in all subject areas, including across the wider curriculum.*

*Behaviour and welfare / personal development: To build upon the inclusivity of the school and to provide the support necessary to enable all children to develop effectively as confident individuals.*

*Underpinning the plan is our revised '**vision**' (see page 1). As we develop our curriculum, we will be giving significant consideration to the development of eight key characteristics which we have chosen as priorities for the children of Burbage: **happiness, resilience, empathy, a love of learning, independence, self-belief, aspiration, kindness and confidence**. We hope to build on collaborative partnerships with other schools as we aim to provide the very best experiences for all of our children.*

## Celebration

**Our weekly whole school celebration assemblies (Friday) provide an opportunity to share successes and celebrate achievement. 'Stars of the week' are awarded for every class; house points are announced and special certificates are presented. If children have any celebratory news from home they wish to share, they are welcome to bring them to our Infant (Tuesday) or Junior (Thursday) assemblies. Likewise, if you would like to share your child's successes from home via this monthly newsletter, please let us know.**

### Dates for diaries (Autumn term 2018/2019)

Tuesday 9th October	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 10th October	Class Assembly: Year 3/4 (Ms Ling & Mr Posnett's class)
Thursday 11th October	School photographs (families and individuals)
Thursday 11th October	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 12th October	Governors' School Improvement Committee meeting
Wednesday 17th October	Class Assembly: Year 3/4 (Mrs Evan's & Mrs Walker's class)
Wednesday 17th October	Cross Country event—Buxton Junior School 4pm
Friday 19th October	Infant and Junior Discos (PTFA)
Monday 22nd October	Influenza vaccinations
Wednesday 24th October	Class Assembly: Year 3/4 (Mrs Simmon's class)
Wednesday 24th October	Governors' Resource Management Committee meeting
Thursday 25th October	Y3/4 - 'Ministry of Chocolate' event
Thursday 25th October	Last day of term
Friday 26th October	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Monday 5th November	First day of Autumn term 2
Wednesday 7th November	Y6 Harvest Tea event (pm)
Wednesday 14th November	Governors' Teaching Learning Assessment Committee meeting
Wednesday 21st November	Class Assembly: Year 5 (Miss Brosnan's class)
w/b Monday 26th November	Year 6 - White hall residential visit
Wednesday 28th November	Class Assembly: Year 5 (Miss Adam's class)
Wednesday 28th November	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 5th December	Book Fair arrives in school
Friday 7th December	PTFA Christmas event
Monday 17th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance 1 (pm)
Tuesday 18th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance 2 (pm)
Friday 21st December	Pantomime performance for EYFS and KS1
Friday 21st December	Last day of Autumn term 2
Monday 7th January 2019	First day of Spring term 1
Wednesday January 23rd	Class Assembly: Year 6 (Mrs Leighton's class)
Wednesday January 30th	Class Assembly: Year 6 (Mr Newton's class)
Wednesday February 6th	Class Assembly: Year 1 (Mrs Bailey's class)
Wednesday February 13th	Class Assembly: Year 1 (Mrs Lomas & Mrs Shaw's class)
Friday February 15th	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday March 20th	Class Assembly: Year 2 (Mrs Thompson's class)
Wednesday March 27th	Class Assembly: Year 2 (Mrs Hall & Mrs Bailey's class)
Monday June 17th	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday June 19th	Class Assembly: EYFS (Mrs Peters' & Mrs Fisher's class)
Wednesday June 26th	Class Assembly: EYFS (Miss Gould's class)
Monday July 22nd	INSET day - school closed to pupils