



Bursley Academy Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER NO.4: NOVEMBER 2019

Message from the Principal



Welcome back.

Ground has been broken! The builders are on site and as you can see they are already making great progress towards our exciting new project. Thank you to our parents and local residents for your patience and understanding whilst the build works take place. I promise it will be well worth it in the end when we have fantastic new facilities for the children and a large car park for staff/visitors to reduce congestion.

I have been particularly impressed by the Y5/6 assemblies and have received some amazing feedback about our schools performance in The Bradwell's Got Talent event at the Bradwell Community Centre before half Term. Make sure you check out the beautiful little clip of them singing and signing on Facebook.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, if you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate in calling into school to speak to myself or a member of the Bursley team.

LAUNCH OF NEW READING CHALLENGE

This week, we will be launching our new reading challenge where classes will be competing against each other to be crowned '**Reading Champions**' by Christmas. Each class will create a wish list of prizes which may range from an own clothes day to a movie afternoon with popcorn. The class that wins will receive their favourite prize at the end of this term.

Teachers will check reading diaries and every time each child has read three times and had their diary signed by an adult, they will receive a reading ticket. If they read 6 times a week, they will receive 2 tickets. These tickets will then be placed in the class jar, counted each week and scores for each class announced in celebration assembly.

Each class will have a reader of the week, (the child that has read the most that week) and a star reader from each class will be announced at the end of the challenge.

Classes will compete against each other in year groups. Teachers are already becoming extra competitive!

Good luck to all!



Fund Raising

A massive thank you to everyone who donated food to our harvest collection. This has made a real difference to our local community.



Poppies

Our Prefects will be selling poppies and other related merchandise this week in aid of The Royal British Legion.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

If you would like to take part in this project there are empty boxes available in the entrance hall. Completed boxes should be returned to school by **Friday 8th November** to allow us to arrange collection.

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

A reminder that we are inviting the children to come to school in their pyjamas and bring along a bear/cuddly toy in exchange for a £1 donation. We will have a number of Pudsey Bear themed activities during the day and each class will share together at the end of the day.



Thank you once again for your continued support.

CALLING ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN DUE TO START RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2020

A reminder that parents need to apply on-line for a Reception place (even if your child already attends our Nursery). The on-line portal is now open. More information and access to the portal can be found on the following link.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

Please speak to the office if you have any queries.

Emergency School Closure

If the school has to close for any reason, we will post notices on the school gates, Twitter, Facebook and text parents. You can also get this information from our local radio stations and the Emergency School Closure page on Staffordshire County Councils Website.

Please note that in the event of an emergency closure due to the weather, Bursley Way Out of School Club will still be running providing there is no issue with the school building.



It's cold outside!

A reminder that children will still go outside to complete their P.E lesson during the winter months and therefore require jogging bottoms and a warm P.E top.

Don't forget to send your child with a hat, scarf, gloves & a warm coat. All named!



Wellington Boots

In bad weather please send your child to school in wellies or snow boots as we will still send them out to play if conditions aren't dangerous and they have appropriate footwear. School shoes will also be required.



Up to date information

It is vital that the school has your latest contact information. If you have changed address, telephone number or e-mail address, please contact the school office immediately. If you do not receive texts or e-mails, then the information we hold on our MIS system is incorrect.

Headlice

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of cases of head lice throughout the school.

Could I please ask you to thoroughly look through your child's hair each night and if you find signs of head lice, treat them immediately. If you do discover head lice please treat the whole family, using either a specialised treatment or by following the Wet Combing Method.



If you do use a specialised treatment, please remember to check the instructions carefully as some require multiple applications.

TERM DATES FOR 20/21

To help parents plan, please find the holiday dates for September 2020 to July 2021 on the back of this newsletter.

Parents are strongly advised to avoid taking their children on holiday during term time. Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a holiday.

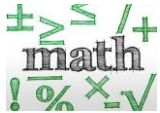









The Governors at Bursley Academy have indicated that the Principal is to classify any holidays taken during term time as unauthorised absences.

Parents wishing to take their child on holiday during term time must send a written request to the head teacher before any holiday arrangements are made. Each request will be considered individually.



In almost all circumstances permission to take leave is not granted; the pupil still goes on holiday, the absence will be **unauthorised**. In such cases the school may issue a Penalty Notice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – AUTUMN TERM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
4 Return to school	5	6	7	8 Y3/4 RF Class Assembly 9:15am Y5/6 Trip to cinema Own clothes day for Miss Rushton's class	9	10
11	12 Y5/6 Maths Parents Evening 	13	14 Whole School 'Learn with me' Maths morning for parents 9:30-10:30 	15 Y3/4 LS Class Assembly 9:15am Children in Need – wear pjs & bring a teddy bear to school 	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Y3/4 EJ Class Assembly 9:15am	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 Methodist Church Christmas Service
2	3	4	5 Filming of performances for Nursery & Reception	6 Filming of performances for KS1, Y3/4 & Y5/6 	7	8
9 Performances Nursery 9:30 Y5/6 1:15pm Reception 5pm KS1 6pm	10 Performances Reception 9:30am Nursery 1:15pm KS1 2:15pm KS1 6pm Y3/4 7pm	11 Performances Y3/4 5:30pm Y5/6 6:30pm	12 Performances Y3/4 1:30pm Y5/6 5:30pm 	13	14	15
16 Bursley Stars to UHNM 1pm 	17 Christmas Extravaganza 3:30pm-4:30pm 	18 Christmas Dinner Day 	19 KS2 Panto Crewe Lyceum 	20	21	22
23 Holiday	24 Holiday	25 Holiday Santa comes 	26 Holiday	27 Holiday	28	29

Autumn Term 2019

Term Time: Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October

Half term Holiday: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Term Time: Monday 4 November - Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2020

Term Time: Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February

Half term Holiday: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Term Time: Monday 24 February - Friday 3 April

Holiday: Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020

Term Time: Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May

VE May Day: Friday 8 May

Half term Holiday: Monday 25 May – Tuesday 2 June

Term Time: Wednesday 3 June - Friday 17 July

Holiday: Monday 20 July – Wednesday 2 September

Autumn Term 2020

Term Time: Thursday 3 September – Friday 23 October

Half term Holiday: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Term Time: Monday 2 November - Friday 18 December

Holiday: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2021

Term Time: Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February

Half term Holiday: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

Term Time: Monday 22 February - Thursday 1 April

Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April

Good Friday: 2 April & Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April

Summer Term 2021

Term Time: Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May

May Day: Monday 3 May

Half term Holiday: Monday 31 May – Tuesday 8 June

Term Time: Wednesday 9 June – Tuesday 20 July

Holiday: Wednesday 21 July – Wednesday 1 September

Inset Days 19/20 (Pupils not in)

- *Monday 2 September*
- *Tuesday 3 September*
- *Monday 1 June*
- *Tuesday 2 June*
- *Monday 20 July*

Inset Days 20/21 (Pupils not in)

- *Tuesday 1 September*
- *Wednesday 2 September*
- *Monday 7 June*
- *Tuesday 8 June*
- *Wednesday 21 July*