



Bursley Academy Newsletter



NEWSLETTER NO.5: JANUARY 2020

Message from the Principal

Happy New Year!



The Christmas break feels like a distant memory as we have already achieved so much since our return last week. KS1 have had a visit from the zoo, Year 3 & Year 4 have had STEM workshops about 'The Resourceful Romans' and 45 members of the school choir travelled to Sheffield Arena for this year's Young Voices Concert. As always we are extremely proud of our talented children.

We have walls! The build is progressing nicely and the new classrooms are starting to take shape. Behind the scenes we are busy making lots of exciting plans to create a fabulous learning environment for our children, including renovations to other parts of the building and grounds. Please bear with us during this period of change. Parts of the school may look a little untidy at present, but it will all be worth it in the long run.

Some of you will have seen the publication in the local newspaper last week regarding last year's results; I wanted to take this opportunity to put into context what this data actually means in terms of our school's performance.

At Bursley Academy we continually strive to ensure every pupil achieves the highest standards possible from their starting points. Every cohort is unique and, as such, outcomes can differ year on year. We know that the same high quality level of teaching and support was in place for last year's cohort as it is for every year. We maintain the highest expectations for our pupils, regardless of their individual learning needs. In previous years, we have achieved consistently high outcomes, and we fully expect this to be the case moving forward.

Should you have any concerns regarding your individual child, please contact the school so that a meeting can be arranged to discuss your child's individual progress.

As always, I would like to remind you that we have an open door policy should you have any issues or suggestions.

Thank you

Mr Wilkinson

Nursery Applications

If you have a child who would like to attend our school nursery in September (born between 1st September 2016 & 31st August 2017), application forms **MUST** be submitted by 31st January. We will be writing out to the parents of all children on the list, the first week in January, to enquire what type of space is required (i.e. full or part time) before we apply our admissions criteria to allocate spaces.



WALKING BUS

In the summer term we are looking to launch a 'Walking Bus' to assist our pupils in getting active and to alleviate congestion around the Academy. We would welcome volunteers to help run this scheme and suggestions on possible pick up/drop off points. Mrs Jesch has scheduled a meeting for parents on Thursday 27th February @ 3:30pm to discuss the project and get parents views. Feedback from similar projects in the area has been incredibly positive and we hope it will make a difference at Bursley too.

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Wednesday 12th February







£1 per child

6.30pm to 7.15pm - EYFS, KS1 (Y1/2)

7.30pm to 8.30pm - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SPRING TERM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
20 January	21	22	23	24 Mrs Pickles' class Assembly for parents 9:15am	25	26
27	28	29 Meeting for Y3 & Y4 Parents about TimesTables 3:30pm 	30	31 Mrs Nathanson's class Assembly for parents 9:15am	1	2
3 February	4	5	6	7 Miss Rushton's class Assembly for parents 9:15am	8	9
10 Nursery Parents Craft Sessions 9:30am & 1:30pm Y2 Trip to Cannock Chase 	11 Reception Parents Craft Sessions 9:30am Y1 Trip to Cannock Chase KS2 Parents Evening - English Governors Meeting	12 Reception Parents Craft Sessions 9:30am Valentines Disco 6.30pm to 7.15pm: EYFS, KS1 (Y1/2) 7.30pm to 8.30pm : KS2 (Y3/4/5/6)	13	14 Last day of school before half term 	15	16
17 Half term Holiday	18 Half term Holiday	19 Half term Holiday	20 Half term Holiday	21 Half term Holiday	22	23
24 Return to school	25 Y5 Open Day at Chesterton Community Sports College (During school day)  SHROVE TUESDAY	26	27 Walking bus meeting 3:30pm 	28	29	1
2 March Academy Photography in school – Class Photographs 	3 KS1 Parents Evening KS2 Parents Evening Maths	4	5 World Book Day 	6	7	8

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
9	10	11 Y1 Phonics Screener Meeting	12 Y4 Bikeability Rotary Music Festival 	13	14	15
16 Nursery Mother's Day Event 9:30am & 1:30pm	17 Reception Mother's Day Event 9:30am Book Fair 3:30pm to 4pm	18 Reception Mother's Day Event 9:30am Book Fair 3:30pm to 4pm	19 Book Fair 3:30pm to 4pm 	20 Mother's Day Assembly KS1 2:30pm 	21	22
23 Reception & Y6 – Height & Weight measurements by School Nurse 	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2 Live Music Performance for the children by Entrust Music 	3 Easter Bonnet Parade for Reception & Nursery at 2:30pm Last Day of school before Easter Holidays 	4	5
6 Easter Holidays	7 Easter Holidays	8 Easter Holidays	9 Easter Holidays	10 Easter Holidays	11	12
13 Easter Holidays	14 Easter Holidays	15 Easter Holidays	16 Easter Holidays	17 Easter Holidays	18	19
20 Return to School	21	22 Y4 Residential Trip to Laches Wood 	23 Y4 Residential Trip to Laches Wood	24 Y4 Residential Trip to Laches Wood	25	26

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

Holidays During Term Time

The Department for Education makes it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. There is no automatic right to any leave in term time.

Parents wishing to take their child on holiday during term time must complete a Holiday Request Form, available from the school office, and hand this in to the Principal before any holiday arrangements are made. Each request will be considered individually.

All requests for leave of absence will be responded to in writing. In almost all circumstances permission to take leave will not be granted; if the pupil still goes on holiday, the absence will be unauthorised. In such cases the school will inform Staffordshire County Council who may issue a Penalty Notice.

Please refer to the full 'Attendance Policy' on our website for further details.

Inset Days 19/20 (Pupils not in)

1. *Monday 2 September*
2. *Tuesday 3 September*
3. *Monday 1 June*
4. *Tuesday 2 June*
5. *Monday 20 July*

Inset Days 20/21 (Pupils not in)

6. *Tuesday 1 September*
7. *Wednesday 2 September*
8. *Monday 7 June*
9. *Tuesday 8 June*
10. *Wednesday 21 July*