The Burpham Blog Autumn Term Issue 5

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I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who shared photos and memories of their families from World War I for our **remembrance display** and also to Catherine May for initiating and organising this and the beautiful poppy field which all the children contributed to. Poppies have just about survived the stormy weather and although a little less red than before they still serve as a poignant reminder of all those who served their country.

It's that time of the year when in a primary school our thoughts turn to the festive season. We have made the decision as a school that we will be a **glitter free** zone as we cannot ignore the damaging effects that plastic is having on our environment. I am sure we will still find plenty of ways to make the school sparkle!

Our Sponsored walk raised a massive **£2688.80** this year! Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the children for their resilience and cheerfulness on the day. All money raised will go towards improving the school – more information to follow on our next projects.

The weather has been kind to us and the contractors are making great headway with the MUGA as you can see from the photos.





Jo White, Headteacher

Parking

We have received several complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking in Churchfields and Howards Ridge. Please do not park in either of these locations. Parents who have been parking in Howards Ridge are making it difficult for the older residents to get by in their cars and would definitely prevent emergency vehicles and refuse collecting lorries getting passed. Please either walk your children to school or use Sutherland Memorial Park if you need to bring your car. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Class Zone

The Wrens and the Puffins have loved getting to know Boris the Robot in our **Heartsmart** sessions. Boris is unique and through his story we have been finding out about his big heart and what makes him special. We had great fun building a Boris out of junk and although he has been made out of old bits and bobs, he certainly isn't rubbish!



Olympic Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the November Olympic Times Tables Challenge. We are delighted that so many children are signing up every month to try and improve their scores. Here are the children who scored 100% in their challenge this month.

Olympian		Bronze		Silver		Gold		Time
Freya C	Yr 3	Caleb P	Yr 5	Daniela V	Yr 5		Yr 5	2:17
Audrey F	Yr 4	Riley S	Yr 4			Ayaan B	Yr 6	1.57
Meagn S	Yr 4	Yousif M	Yr 5					
Lara G	Yr 2							

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on

Thursday 13th December 2018

Sports News



The boys in the Burpham Juniors Eagles team (Yr 2) won their first match on 4th November. They have been training and playing together every weekend since the start of term in September and after much resilience shown in all the matches so far, they won their first game 8-0 against Manor Croft in Egham. Well done to the whole team but a special mention to Aaron for being the top goal scorer!

PSA News



A reminder that we are having a **Bag 2 School** collection on **Friday 7th December 2018.** For those of you who aren't aware, this is a collection of unwanted, good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags/bags and belts, bedding, curtains and towels. The items donated by parents are taken away and weighed and the school receives a donation depending on the weight of the items received. This is an easy way to help raise funds for the PSA and it often mounts up to over £300 per collection! If you are having a 'clear out' in time for Christmas, please hold onto any unwanted items ready for the collection. Please don't return your filled bags until 7th December as we do not have any storage space at school. **Bags will be distributed via the children this week so please look for them in your child's bag.** Unfortunately we don't have any spare bags however you can also use black bin bags.

A message from our outgoing Chair of Governors

"I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers and the Champneys and Ivy restaurant vouchers that were presented to me at the Quiz night. I have really enjoyed being Chair of the PSA for the last 3 years and I look forward to supporting the school and PSA for several more years." Vicky

From the Office

A plea from the Office

When you are leaving us a message, writing an email or sending in money, would you please state your <u>child's full name</u> and <u>their class</u>. With 432 children in the school it really helps us! Many thanks.



Save the Date

We will be taking part in Save the Children's **Christmas Jumper Day** again this year on **Friday 14**th **December** – full details to follow.



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

Pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of each day.

To join our mailing list and for more information go to www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

December 20 & 21, 2018 St Nicolas Church, Guildford at the bottom of the High St

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