

I'm going to keep it brief this week as there is so much else for you to read in this blog! Needless to say that after all the Christmas activities and performances we are all starting to feel very festive. I would like to thank the children for all their hard work this term and take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and peaceful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2019. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Mrs Jo White
Headteacher

Class Zone

Early Years were inspired by natural objects found on a treasure hunt this week. We used what we collected from around our school to make the most beautiful art work together. Maybe we have inspired you to get outdoors and have a go too!



Roar



Ariella, Imi, Ava and Caitlin (AKA Popcorn) went to Wakefield to represent the school in the **Lions**

#Roar2018 7 billion ideas. We went by minibus to Wakefield Place where we met up and were given a goodie bag with a Roar day tshirt, wrist

band and some sweets. Then we went to the seed store and played a game where we had to build a tall structure to hold a marshmallow with spaghetti, sting, sellotape and scissors. We did really well, our structure wasn't the biggest but we had lots of fun! After the game, we set up our stall with our poster, our jingle and our model. We presented our idea three times to three different judges and to other people who were interested. We had loads of fun and we got a medal and a certificate at the end of the day. We didn't win but we were still really proud to have been to the finals.

By Ariella, Imi, Ava (Ospreys) and Caitlin (Woodpeckers)

Christingle



We had a great time at the church for our **Christingle** service. First, we went in the church hall and made a Christingle from an orange, some ribbon and some sweets on sticks. In the church, we sang some Christmas carols and lit our candles. It was a lovely afternoon. *From Year 3*

Thank you to the Revd Jo Levasier and her team of volunteers for organising and running the sessions for both Year 3 and Year 4.

Nativity

We are so proud of the Wrens and Puffins for their performance in 'A Little Bird Told Me' this week. Every child spoke clearly and sang beautifully in front of a packed audience. Please take a look at the photographs to see all the stars of our show!





Thank you to everyone who came to see the performances of **Straw and Order**. I am sure you will agree that it was a hilarious and different take on the traditional Nativity story. All the children enjoyed themselves and performed brilliantly! We were all very proud of them. This has definitely got Christmas off to a good start. We will be putting some photographs on the year group pages very soon.





Your generous donations at all of the Christmas performances raised **£450.41** for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Sports News



Some of the Year 6 girls took part in a netball tournament at a local sporting venue. They did very well and played together as a team. They hadn't played a match before as a team so we were especially proud of their efforts.

PSA News



A huge 'thank you' to everyone who donated to the **Bag 2 School** collection on Friday 7th December, especially as it was such a rainy day! With your help we raised **£216.00** for the PSA fund.



Shopping online this Christmas?

Please remember to use The Giving Machine and raise money for our school at **no cost to you!**

Shop on your phone or tablet?

- Install the Shop & Give App
- Select Burpham Primary School PSA as your charity
- Go to the App and select retailer before shopping online

Shop on your PC?

- Go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary-portal/view/burpham-primary-school-psa/
 - Select Burpham Primary School PSA as your charity
 - Install the Shop & Give reminder
- Click on the Shop & Give Purple Heart  when it pops up on participating retailers

Please note that Amazon is the only retailer that the Shop & Give Purple Heart  reminder **doesn't** pop up on your PC so please remember to shop via The Giving Machine website for Amazon.

Thank you to everyone who uses The Giving Machine. We have raised £1480 for our school!

From the Office



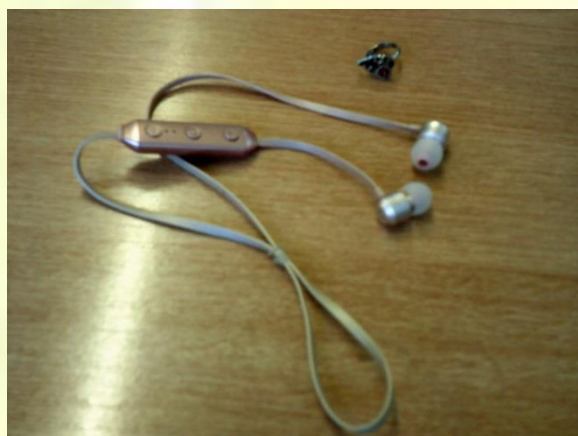
Christmas Jumper Day

A big thank you to everyone who donated £1 to Save the Children on Christmas Jumper day. Together we raised **£327.06** for the charity.

Volunteers Holding DBS Clearance Record of Attendance

In order for Parent Helpers to keep their DBS clearance active, volunteers need to come in to help at school at least once a term. If you have volunteered for the PSA or helped in the classroom this term but have not signed the Volunteers Holding DBS Clearance Record of Attendance then please pop into the office by Wednesday 19th December so we can carry forward your DBS clearance to next term. Please note if helpers do not keep their DBS active they will need to reapply in order to help in school in the future. Many thanks.

Lost Property



As usual we will be recycling any items that are un-named and still remaining in the lost property cupboard on the last day of term. Please come and have a look before then if you have lost any items. If you recognise either of these items in the photo to the left then please collect them from the school office team.

We still have a few plates, cake tins and Tupperware boxes left over from the Christmas Fair. They are in a box on top of the lost property cupboard.

Applying for a Reception Place

In an effort to reduce the number of late applications received, Surrey County Council have asked us to remind parents with children due to start Reception in September 2019 that the closing date is **15 January 2019**.

SCC encourage online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Lego Masters

Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the little plastic bricks?
Is the LEGO MASTERS build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?
The producers of the popular Channel 4 series LEGO MASTERS are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition. If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email build@tuesdayschild.tv

Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.



Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

"Being a parent is one of life's greatest joys, but it is also one of its biggest challenges"

Come and join us for **Parentalk – The Primary Years:**
a course for Parents with children 3-10 years
Everyone Welcome!

A course which provides time for discussion and sharing experiences as well as some video input to help Parents with family life.

For Parents with children from 3 to 10 years

When?: Tuesdays January 22nd, 29th, February 5th, 12th, 26th, 5th, 12th March

Where: Burpham Church, New Inn Lane, Guildford

Time: 7.45pm – 9.45pm

Cost: £10 per family

Please contact 01483 825533 or
parishoffice@burphamchurch.org.uk to register.
www.burphamchurch.org.uk

