

Welcome back to a new term! The children have been keen to get back to their learning and are already becoming immersed in their new topics. Class **newsletters** are now all on the website (on the class pages) along with the long term curriculum, do take a look to see what your child will be learning this year.

Thank you for your support in keeping the children looking smart in school, please take a moment to read the parentmail sent out recently for some reminders and also an update regarding Smart watches.

Mrs Jo White
Headteacher

MUGA

I am delighted to say that our Multi Use Games Area is finished and the children are using it! Every class has been timetabled to use the MUGA for at least one PE session and it is also open at break and lunchtimes for organised games. Each year group has one allocated lunchtime slot and we have chosen to give Year 6 an extra slot as they are in their final two terms at Burpham.

Watch out for a special addition blog on the MUGA and we will also be inviting you all in to come and **view** it before half-term. Date and details to follow.

As part of a **review of lunchtimes** in general we are working with Healthy Schools UK and we will be making gradual changes over the course of the year including “zoning” the play spaces. We listened to feedback from the children about the sorts of equipment and areas they would like and changes are already in place with children being able to use the new pathways to switch zones during lunchtime. Next week we should be ready to open up the “wild” area so that the children can play amongst the trees too.

Thank you to those of you who completed our lunch survey. Feedback from this will be coming out shortly with further information on next steps for improvement.

Educational Acronyms of the month!

In schools there are so many acronyms – have you come across these starting with A?

ADHD – Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder = neurobiological condition marked by persistent inattention, hyperactivity and sometimes impulsivity. Did you know 3.62% of 5 – 15 boys and 0.85% of girls have ADHD? Famous people with ADHD include comedian Rory Bremner, singer Justin Timberlake, Musician Will.i.am and Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps. Find out more at www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder = is the name for a range of similar life-long conditions, including Asperger syndrome, that affect a person's social interaction, communication, interests and behaviour. Approximately 1 person in every 100 is autistic with more boys than girls diagnosed. Famous people with ASD include singer Susan Boyle, naturalist Chris Packham, actor Dan Aykroyd and “I’m A Celebrity” contestant Anne Hegerty. Find out more at www.autism.org.uk Parents and carers may wish to have a look at Cygnet – a parenting programme for those with children with ASD aged between 5 and 19. For more information go to www.sendteachingschool.co.uk

Special Dates in January

Wednesday January 23rd – **National Handwriting Day**. Why not put down that laptop and pick up a pen to write a letter or a card to someone you know?

Saturday January 26th – **Big Garden Birdwatch**. Get out and about to spot our feathered friends – go to www.rspb.org.uk for a free pack and more info.

Thursday January 31st – **Young Carers' Awareness Day**. The purpose of the day is to raise public awareness of the challenges faced by young people because of their caring role, and to campaign for greater support for Young Carers and their needs. Please see Mrs Jill Beaumont our HLSW for more information about Young Carers and how we support them at Burpham.

Class Zone



The Kingfishers had a go at painting like Michelangelo. They lay down on the floor and painted on to paper on the underside of the table, pretending they were painting the Sistine chapel. The children said it was fun but hard!





Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection after the Reception and Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performances. Your generosity raised a huge £450.41 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

PSA News



Shopping online?

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 £1530 for our school!

From the Office

SCL Winter Games Holiday Club

SCL are running an exciting 'Winter Games' themed February holiday club at Bushy Hill Junior School. For full details please see the attached flyer.

MultiSports Guildford

Please find attached a flyer from MultiSports who offer weekend sports for boys and girls aged 4 – 16 of all abilities.

Half Term Dance Classes at Spectrum

Please find attached a flyer from Synergy Dance regarding dance classes over half term.

SCITT Teacher Training

Please see below details regarding an information evening regarding Primary School Teacher training.



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SURREY SOUTH FARNHAM SCITT

Would you like to find out more about how to get into teaching? Come along to an information event to meet our team. We will be at **Holy Trinity Pewley Down School, Guildford** on **Thursday 24th January (5.30 – 6.30pm)**.

To register or look for other local events please visit www.ssfscitt.org.uk ('news and events')