

**Welcome back** to a new term and a new school year. It has been lovely to see the children again and Mrs Marsden and I have enjoyed their enthusiasm on the gate! Our new Year R intake are all settling in so well and it was great to meet some of you at the coffee morning on Friday.

As we are so limited for space on site in the mornings, please could I remind you that if your child is scooting or biking to school then they need to hop off before they enter the school site, this way we can avoid any unnecessary collisions! As ever please, unless absolutely necessary, avoid driving down Burpham Lane in the mornings/at the end of the day. This means we can keep our neighbours happy and ensure that the taxis can easily get on and off site safely. Thank you for your support in keeping the children safe.



At the end of term **Surrey Young Carers** visited Burpham Primary School to present us with an Angel Award, celebrating and recognising the wide-ranging care and support we give our young carers “who go above and beyond for their families”. To achieve the award, schools must meet eight standards, checked by Surrey Young Carers staff and young carers including having a carers’ champion, a support group, training for staff and assemblies to raise awareness and help all pupils understand the issues young carers face. If you would like to know more about how we support Young Carers in

school or would like some more information please contact our Young Carers Champion and Home School Link Worker (HSLW) Jill Beaumont [hslw@burpham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@burpham.surrey.sch.uk) or take a look at our website <https://www.burpham.surrey.sch.uk/information/staff-organisation-chart/home-school-link-worker>

*Jo White, Headteacher*

## **Safeguarding (Smartphones)**

Please see below a link to an in-depth guide on protecting children on their smartphone. It's a **visual guide** that offers parents advice on ‘Safe Smartphone Use’ for their children:

<https://www.tigermobiles.com/blog/how-to-protect-your-children-on-their-smartphone/>

Some of the apps the site recommends are paid for and you would need to satisfy yourselves as to whether they are worth investing in but the guidelines themselves are really clear and definitely worth a look.

## **Penalty Notices**

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days, they will be liable to receive penalty notices. Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 payable within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid within 21- 28 days. If the penalty notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer per child, so a family with 2 parents/carers and 2 children will receive 4 penalty notices.

## Uniform

Thank you for your supporting our uniform policy and for encouraging the children to take pride in wearing it. Just a few reminders please:

- Hair which is shoulder length or longer should be tied up with a simple **headband** or tie in school or neutral colours.
- If your child wears **earrings** and cannot easily remove them for PE, please take them out before they come to school. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings or tape them up. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced please do so in the summer holidays as it will mean that for the first six weeks after piercing, they are unable to take part in any PE lessons.
- Could you make sure that any **nail varnish** which the children wear at the weekends is removed before school on a Monday.
- Children should wear **shoes** rather than boots.
- As the weather gets cooler tights may be worn but these should be navy or white.

## School Council Elections

We are very proud of our School Council at Burpham Primary School as it represents the views of all our pupils. It not only gives children the opportunity to make their voices heard but also to be part of a team that develops new ideas to make our school even better.

Elections are held every year in the Autumn term and all children in Years 1-6 are invited to stand if they are interested. The elections are a great example of democracy as all children have a vote at our polling station using ballot slips to decide who they would like to represent them. Your child's class teacher will be talking about the elections, explaining what being a school councillor involves and handing out job descriptions and application forms to all children who express an interest in applying. Both forms can also be downloaded from the School Council section of the website.

**Shortlisting date: MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Election Day: THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**



## PSA Newsletter

Keep a look out for the PSA newsletter which for the first edition will be coming home in your child's book bag. It contains lots of information on dates and upcoming events.

## From the Office

### Christ's College Open Evening

Thursday, 26 September from 5.45pm (No booking required)

Presentation from the Principal at 6pm and 6.30pm

### Morning Tours

Monday, 30 September - Friday 4 October at 8.45am

Please call 01483 537373 to book your place for the morning tours.

### Guildford Big Draw

Guildford Big Draw are hosting a number of FREE family friendly arts activities in Guildford this October, as part of the national Big Draw festival. Please click on the link below for more information:

[www.guildford.gov.uk/bigdraw](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/bigdraw)

**Shalford Infant School** are looking to recruit some **Nursery staff**. Please follow the links for further information or go to **Eteach**.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/early-year-practitioner-1064653?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-assistant-1064646?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

**Surrey Arts** would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at our open evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

5.15- 6.30pm

South West Winds - Woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4)

Prima - String players (beginner to grade 2)

Opus - String players (grade 2- 4)

6.45 - 8.45pm

South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - Strings, Wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+)

All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne school and the open rehearsal and first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just bring along your instrument! For more information, please contact Alison Harding - [Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk)

**1<sup>st</sup> Jacobs Well Scouts**



The Scout and Guide HQ next to the Village Hall in Jacobs Well has suddenly got a lot busier over the last couple of years with Beaver and Cub Scouts. We have managed over the last 2 years to find volunteers to start 2 Beaver scout and 2 Cub scout units, and I am pleased to say that all are happy and numbers are growing, so much in fact that we are starting a Scout troop this year. It will be about 20 years since the Village had a full Scout group, and although we have lots of eager recruits we need adult volunteers to make it happen.

I can imagine you are now thinking, I can't be a leader, I know nothing about Scouts, I don't have the time, but Scouts has changed a lot in recent years, the values are still the same but if commitments mean you can't be there every week, that's okay, you know nothing about Scouts, there is full training available to suit you. The group can also only exist if it has 'backroom' helpers, to assist with fund raising, general maintenance, and paperwork etc.

We really do not want Scouts to disappear again from Jacobs Well, so if you think you may be able to give some time to grow the present Group, please contact me for more information

Carol Shirtliff

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