The Burpham Blog Autumn Term Issue 2

9th October 2019

I have just returned from a great evening at High Ashurst with Year 6, they are having a wonderful time and I know you are going to enjoy hearing all about it on their return! As part of our work on the curriculum this year we are going to be reviewing all our trips to make sure they offer the best opportunities for the children and value for money. As always we welcome visitors to school who can share their experiences/knowledge or special skills with the children, so if you would like to get involved or know someone else who might, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Jo White, Headteacher

Crisp Packet Re-cycling

As you know we are part of the **Terracycle recycling** scheme and recently they have made an adjustment in how we need to send in the crisp packets. They now have to be sent in in boxes that are approximately 50x50x40cm (but not bigger than 70x60x60cm).

We also have to fit in 5kg worth of crisp packets (about 1,000 crisp packets) which is quite a squeeze. The supermarkets don't have deliveries in this size box so we are now on the hunt for boxes.

Please could you keep a look out for boxes either from online deliveries or perhaps from deliveries at work or someone has recently moved and has left over boxes.

We get £10 for every 5kg we sent in and it saves so many crisp packets going to landfil so it would be a shame to have to give it up.

Parents can contact Anke who organises the collections on burpham.recycling@gmail.com.

Parking

Sadly the school has already received several complaints from local residents about Burpham parents blocking driveways and parking in Churchfields. May I remind parents that you should not park in Churchfields as the spaces are for residents and their visitors only. Please be thoughtful and use Sutherland Memorial Park if you need to drive to school.

Time Table Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the first **Olympic Times Tables** Challenge of 2019-20. Please do encourage your child/children to take part in this challenge if they are not already doing so. Knowing their times tables fluently is a skill that will help enormously with so many areas of mathematics not only at Burpham but also secondary school. The aim is to improve their score each time they sit the challenge and to develop resilience to keep on trying until they succeed. The guidelines and practice papers can all be accessed from the curriculum/maths section of our website.

Olympian	Bronze		Silver		Gold	Time
	Abi Barathy	Yr 4	Anya Gao	Yr 5	Timmy J Yr 6	2:17
			Sophie Lennon	Yr 5		

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on Thursday 24th October

School Council Elections 2019-20

Voting for the new school councillors of 2019-20 took place last Thursday. All the children in Years 1-6 took part in a secret ballot to vote for their class school councillor and the results are as follows:-

Robins – Poppy C
Finches – Thomas W
Owls – Emile T
Nightingales – Finlay H
Kingfishers – Annabel W
Woodpeckers - Oliver G
Jays – Leo G
Doves – Emily S
Falcons – Emma D
Kestrels – Rose H
Ospreys – Dani V
Eagles – Ayla I

It was a very close contest and a huge thank you to all the candidates for putting themselves forward. Congratulations to all the new school councillors. We will be having our first meeting every soon to discuss some exciting projects Mrs White would like us to get involved with.

Sponsored Walk

What a lovely time all the children had last Thursday when they took part in our annual sponsored walk! As always we were so impressed with the resilience of all the children who walked around the school for a whole hour to raise money to enhance our outdoor spaces. It was great to see the older children supporting the younger ones and encouraging them to keep on going. Thank you so for sponsoring your child – we would be grateful if all sponsorship money could either be handed into the office or paid online using Scopay by this **Friday 11th October**.







Class Zone

Year 1 have been busy learning all about seasonal food. They spent two weeks exploring autumn fruits and vegetables with their senses and learning where bread comes from through the story of The Little Red Hen. To finish the topic, the children had a special cooking and craft day. After examining Van Gogh's painting 'Wheatfield with Crows,' they painted their own versions of the famous scene. They were then able to make their own bread and take home a delicious slice to eat. Everyone also had the chance to take a close look at some seasonal squashes. The children did an amazing job using pastels to sketch what they saw.







The Jays made Dragon nests in the wildlife area to support our English writing - a description of a dragon's nest!

The Jays have also been carrying out science experiments on 'how can we prove that sound exists'











Do you shop online?

Please sign up to The Giving Machine and remember to use it when shopping and raise money for our school at *no* cost to you!

Shop on your phone or tablet?



Shop on your PC?



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 £1880 for our school!

From the Office

Burpham School Website App

As well as being able to look up information about the school using our school website, we also have a



School App which is free of charge to download onto your phone or tablet. To download this useful App you simply use Google Play or App Store, browse the name "School Jotter" and then search for Burpham Primary School or GU4 7LZ and then download the App. Many of our parents have the App and we've received a lot of very positive feedback and it's very easy to look up term dates to find out what's going on in school. It would

be great if all parents signed up to use this free App, so if you are having problems downloading it, please do not hesitate to contact the office team for help.

If you are looking for **half term holiday courses** for your child there are several flyers attached to this blog with information of where and when these are taking place.

PE for Grownups!

Feeling the need to get fit after the excesses of summer? Come along and join us at Circuit and Fitness Training in the School Hall! We are not fitness fanatics, have a comradery of ailments, lots of chat, and bad music. And of course, socials throughout the year.

WHO? Any parents / carers of Burpham School kids.

WHAT? All levels of fitness accommodated.

WHEN? Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

WHERE? School Hall. Meet outside the main doors or come straight in.

COST? FREE! There is a collection pot for anonymous voluntary donations. Each year we raise money to donate sports equipment to the school.

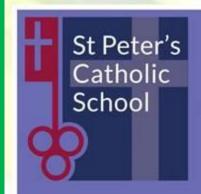
Hope to see you there!

More info: Contact James Morris, Steve Reeves, Haider Bahrani via the office - or find us in the playground at drop-off / pick-up.

George Abbot Teaching Assistant Training Programme 2019-2020

If you are interested in working in your local primary or secondary school in the classroom as a Teaching Assistant there is an information event on Tuesday 5th November at George Abbot School. Full details are attached to the blog.

St Peter's Catholic School Annual Open Evening and Open Mornings



Open Evening Thursday 17th October 2019 From 6pm to 8pm

Open Mornings Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October at 9am

> All families are welcome. No booking is required.



St Peter's annual Open Evening takes place on Thursday 17th October from 6pm to 8pm.

- The Headteacher's talk will start at 6:15pm, 6:45pm and 7:15pm in St Cecilia's Theatre.
- Tour guides are available throughout the evening from the Dining Hall.
- Demonstrations and displays will be available in their classrooms, Sports Hall, Drama Studio and the Gym.

Their Open Mornings will take place on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October and will start promptly at 9am. The guided tour will take a maximum of one hour.

Pre-booking is not required for any of these events and there will be directed parking onsite to avoid congestion on the nearby roads.

Any questions can be directed to their Admissions Department admissions@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk or telephone 01483 557574.

Burpham Job Vacancy

The Anchor & Horseshoes Pub in Burpham has a vacancy for a level 2 food safety certified part time chef. They will also consider someone with experience and is willing to obtain the certificate. For details contact lisajanedawson@hotmail.co.uk

Burpham Church

Burpham are holding their next Messy Church for children on Saturday 19th October from 4.30 to 6.00pm. For full details see the attached flyer.