

We are really proud of the learning that goes on in our school, however we decided that as it has been nearly five years since the new National **Curriculum** was introduced it was time to take a step back and reflect on *what* we are teaching the children and perhaps more importantly, *why*? At our **INSET** day on Friday Teachers and LSAs worked together to begin this process of review by asking ourselves some key questions. In particular:

- Do we create a culture of high challenge and low threat?
- Do we provide opportunities for repetition in order to make learning “stick”?
- Do our subjects interleave and relate to each other?
- Do all children access the same quality of curriculum?
- Are the resources we use of high quality?

We then began to think about *how* our children learn and the **principles** that sit behind our curriculum, in other words what skills and qualities do we want the children to have by the time they leave us at the end of Year 6? Using this as a starting point we can then decide what and how we need to teach the children in order to achieve this. Our work and research on this will continue throughout the year and will share our findings with you along the way through the School Development Plan and on the website.



Thank you to everyone who donated goods for our **Harvest Festival**. Mrs Mariah Mills from the Merrow Food Bank has sent us this message:

“On behalf of the volunteer group and the clients at the Merrow branch of the North Guildford Food Bank, I would like to thank everyone at Burpham Primary School for the Harvest Festival food donations we received. Your generous donations will ensure that our storeroom is kept fully stocked and enable us to continue to provide food to those in our community in need of temporary help.”

Jo White
Headteacher

Terracycle

Please note that Terracycle have added **new recyclable items** to their oral care programme – these are dental floss plastic containers and its outer product packaging (but not the dental floss string itself).

DBS Clearance & Volunteers Record of Attendance

Any parents/carers who hold DBS clearance for Burpham Primary School need to volunteer at least once every term to keep their DBS clearance valid. You will also need to have signed our Volunteers Record of Attendance once a term so we have proof that you have been in to help. Therefore if you have not already volunteered this term and wish to keep your clearance active then please ensure you come into school to help before the end of this term (Friday 20th December). You will need to contact your child's class teacher to find a mutually suitable date for you to come in to help. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office team.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you so much for all the help you gave your children raising money for our sponsored walk. We have made over **£2000** which will be spent on our wildlife area. We are in the process of planning exactly what we would like to purchase and as soon as we have finalised our shopping list we will let you know.



Class Zone



This week the Puffins and Wrens welcomed a Storyteller to their room to help bring the story of 'Room on the Broom' to life. The children acted the story out using fabulous voices before preparing some props to use in their retelling of the story. What amazing imagination! We created wands and witches hats, dogs and cats, and even a huge dragon.



Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the second **Olympic Times Tables** Challenge of 2019-20 and especially Year 4 who had so many children not only taking part but also getting all of their answers correct. A special mention to Ryan H who has become the youngest pupil to achieve the silver award.

Olympian		Bronze		Silver		Gold		Time
Harriet M	Yr 4	James S	Yr 5	Ryan H	Yr 3	Timmy J	Yr 6	2:00
Leo G	Yr 4	Amelia B	Yr 4					
Leo P	Yr 4							
Ruby B	Yr 4							
Poppy S	Yr 4							

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on Thursday 28th November

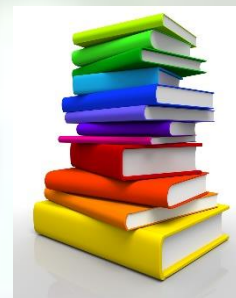
Children in Need



Thank you to everyone for your donations to Children In Need. We raised £441.21 and the children really enjoyed taking part in the Joe Wicks special Children In Need exercise program.

From the PSA

The Sun has teamed up with Collins Big Cat to give primary schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland **FREE BOOKS**. We have registered for the scheme which opens on Saturday 23rd November. We have until Saturday 8th February to collect **3,500** tokens.



In return for our tokens we will receive a mixture of over 100 fiction and non-fiction books. We don't endorse parents buying any particular newspaper but if you are already buying The Sun please do save the tokens for us and if you know of any other Sun readers in the wider family/community, please ask them to start saving them too!

Please hand any tokens in to the front office where there will be a collection box.



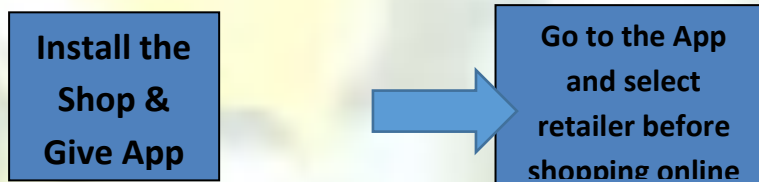
A quick reminder that the **Christmas Fair is on Saturday 30th November from 12.30 to 3.00pm**. For more information please see the PSA Christmas Fair Guide that was sent recently via ParentMail or it can be found on the website under Parent Information/PSA/PSA Newsletters.



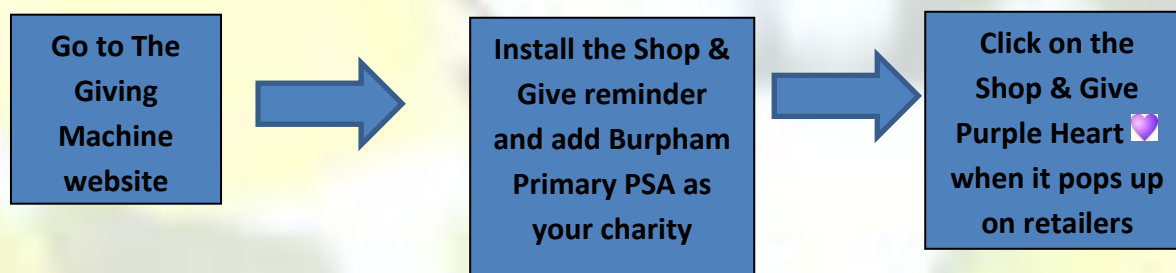
Do you do any Christmas shopping online?

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!



A reminder that we are having a **Bag 2 School** collection on **Friday 6th December 2019**. For those of you who aren't aware, this is a collection of unwanted, good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, handbags 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. We are sending home a bag with every child on Wednesday (20th November) Please don't return your filled bags until 6th December as unfortunately we do not have any storage space at school.

From the Office

A parent witnessed a small incident on 12th November (during Parents Evening) where another car drove into a black Range Rover parked outside the school. If you own a black Range Rover and would like more information please contact the office team.

School's Phone Number

Please note the school phone number is **01483 572510**. You will always need to call this number to get through to the school office. Please **do not use ring back** as this may direct you to the fax number and although this will ring at your end it won't ring at the school and therefore your call will not be able to be answered.

Merrist Wood Festive Animal Fun Day

This event is an interactive day to see and handle the many animals they have, story time with Santa and also catch up on some Christmas present ideas with local craft stalls, not to mention enjoying a glass of mulled wine to keep you warm.

Details of the event and tickets can be found on their website.

<https://merristwoodevents.co.uk/festive-animal-funday/>

For more details see the attachment to this blog.

Guildford Rocks – New Website for Parents



If you're looking for something to do in and around Guildford with your family then head to www.guildfordrocks.co.uk. You'll find the latest events, groups, attractions and fun activities for families, plus lots of free things to do. You can also follow @guildfordrocks on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to keep up to date with all the latest news and events going on in the area.

Woking Swimming Club – New Members Trials

Woking Swimming Club are holding trials on Friday 22nd November 2019 at Woking Pool in the Park for children born September 2010 to August 2014. For trial requirements and to reserve a space for your child please email wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com

Holiday Clubs

Energy Kidz will be bringing their fun-packed Holiday Clubs to **Boxgrove Primary School in Guildford** this coming Christmas Holidays. Across the week, our Holiday Clubs will be treated to a variety of festive activities as we celebrate our Winter Wonderland theme!

Parents may wish to take advantage of our limited time offer of 10% OFF all Winter Wonderland Holiday Club bookings. Enter our discount code: **EBWINTER19-1** whilst making your booking by midnight, Sunday 1st December to claim a super saving this holiday period.

The countdown to Christmas starts with Energy Kidz Winter Wonderland Holiday Club coming to your local school this December! Our fun packed schedule will allow children to build up their excitement in the lead up to the big day as well as starting 2020 off with a bang with our New Years Party...

Book Now at www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/. For further information, please contact us at info@energy-kidz.co.uk or alternatively give us a call on 0333 577 1533.