



This time of year is probably one of the busiest (and rewarding) in a primary school as the children prepare for the upcoming carol services and nativity plays. It always brings a smile to my face when I hear the children practising their singing and I am very grateful to all the staff who work so hard at this time of year to pull everything together, whilst still managing all the other demands of the curriculum. I hope you will agree that it's all worth it!

It was lovely to see so many of you come along on Saturday to support our annual Christmas Fair. I am extremely grateful to everyone who helped make it such a success. We will let you know how much money you raised and how we are going to spend it very shortly.

A reminder if you didn't see the parentmail regarding parking enforcement that was sent round recently from Guildford Borough Council, that no cars should be stopping on the double yellow or zig zag lines in the morning, even if it's just temporarily. Please can I ask you also to be mindful of leaving your engines idling as the fumes are toxic and not pleasant for the children to have to walk through.

Jo White  
Headteacher

### Guildford Children's Business Fair

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, a number of children from Burpham Primary School took part in the Children's Business Fair at Holy Trinity Church in Guildford. We are so proud of all the children who took part. Here is an email we received from the organiser Sam Rogerson:-

Saturday's Children's Business Fair was a fantastic success. Huge thanks, as ever, for your support. Burpham pupils really have been the backbone of the event's success. They were all a total credit to Burpham as always. You have an impressive set of gritty, creative entrepreneurs there.

- **Zoe and Lola** - won the Judge's Choice prize for their amazing cupcake business - We Bake, You Create
- **Sofia and Daniela / Josephine** - the brilliant Flame Fox returned for their fourth fair and all but sold out of their beautiful Gingerbread cookies.
- **Sophia / Charlotte** - back for their second fair, these two's fantastic energy helped sell lots of their bath bombs.
- **Lada** - returned with sister with their innovative popcorn business, Space Pop.
- **Sam / Jaiden** - excellent team, launched their heart-themed business Light Hearted, with older brother, Joe.





## Attendance

A reminder to parents that it is our policy to inform parents if their child's attendance dips below 90%, *even if we know* there are valid reasons for this (e.g. sickness/agreed exceptional circumstances). Every half-term I meet with the Inclusion Team (formerly Education Welfare Team) and have to account for every child whose attendance is less than 90% and to show evidence that we are informing you and monitoring trends.

To clarify, if your child's attendance is less than 90% we have to code any future absence as "unauthorised" on our registers, *unless* we have supporting evidence e.g. GP appointment card/copy of prescription. Please note, we do not expect to see Doctor's letters as the surgery will charge you for this. If however your child is under a consultant you could show us a copy of the appointment letter, for example.

Our [attendance policy](#) is on our website or you can request a paper copy from the front office.

## Class Zone

### Big Art on a Friday Afternoon

The Wrens and Puffins have been welcoming the Jays to Early Years this half term. We have been working together to make our very own 'little book of marks'. Every child has made their own sketch books by selecting from a wide variety of paper and collaging, tearing, folding and fringing to make each page different. We have then been adding to the books each week with a different mark, using the work of contemporary artists for inspiration! We have worked like Heather Hanson and used our bodies to make spiral marks and have been 'wowed' by the work of Miguel Endara and his amazing drawings with dots.







## Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the last **Olympic Times Tables** Challenge of 2019. The children continue to impress us with their incredible enthusiasm and determination to succeed. As soon as the results are announced, there is a queue to sign up for the next challenge! Congratulations to Ryan H in the Kingfishers who achieved his gold award on his very first attempt!

Olympian		Bronze		Silver		Gold		Time
Charlie	Yr 3	Emily S	Yr 4	Max K	Yr 5	Ryan H	Yr 3	
Louis A	Yr 4	Daniel V	Yr 3			Timmy J	Yr 6	2.22
Ayaan A	Yr 4	Jacob R	Yr 5					
Joanna N	Yr 4	Rose H	Yr 5					

Oliver G	Yr 3	Annie F	Yr 5		
Ventsi Y	Yr 4				
Diana F	Yr 4				
Chloe T	Yr 4				

**The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

## Christmas Jumper Day



On **Friday 13 December** we are taking part in **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. We're asking pupils to bring in a £1 donation or whatever they can give, to help transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world.

There is no need to buy a new jumper – you can simply decorate an old jumper and create your own sparkly masterpiece!

If you would like to find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, simply head to <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day#>!

## From the PSA



**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?**

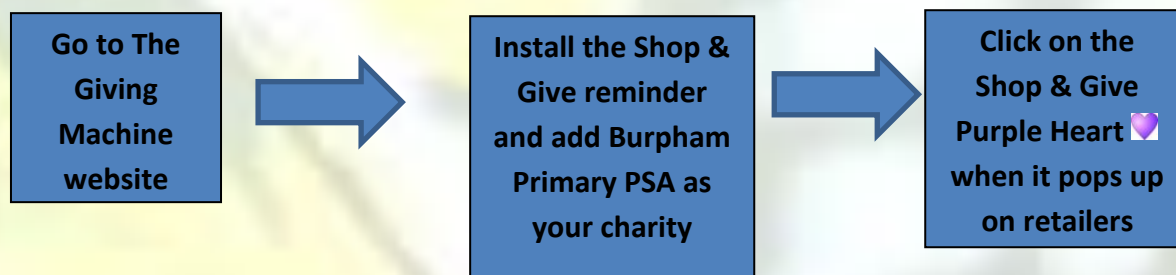
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Go to the App  
and select  
retailer before  
shopping online

**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 **Bags 2 School** collection this **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. 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. If you can't find your bag (sent home in November) then you can use a strong black bin bag instead. Items should be placed under the tarpaulin provided outside at the front of the school from Friday morning until 3.30pm at the latest.

## **From the Office**

### **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.

### **Local Talk & Discussion on Climate Crisis**

Passionate about our planet or simply keen to understand more about the climate crisis, please join us on Monday 20th Jan At 8pm in the Sutherland Memorial Hall. There will be a short presentation and then discussion. An opportunity to ask experts what we can do locally to make more of a difference. This has been organised by the Guildford Environmental Forum and the Burpham Community Association. The talk will be introduced by some of the leaders of the Guildford Youth Strike 4 Climate movement, who are current George Abbot pupils. For more details please see the attached flyer.

If you would like to know more, please contact Ali Fisher (Year 2 & Year 5 mum)

### **Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre Christmas Productions**

The Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre have two forthcoming Christmas shows that may be of interest to families in the run up to Christmas.

Arthur- A Boy to a King on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December

The Gift of the Magi on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December

See attached flyers for full details.

**Arabian Nights at the Electric Theatre**

**23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**Shows at 11am and 2.30pm**

**Exciting Workshops at 12.15pm and 3.45pm**

**AN ARABIAN NIGHTS EXTRAVAGANZA**

**WITH STORY POCKET THEATRE**

**SEE THE SHOW**

Meet Sheherazade... the greatest storyteller of them all. She has a feast of adventures and fantasies to tell involving genies, villains, heroes and princesses. Come and enjoy Ali Baba's encounter with 40 thieves along with Aladdin and his lamp, the Little Beggar and the Fisherman and the Genie. Be transported to a wonderful world of mysterious marvels with music, puppetry and theatrical magic, in Story Pocket's exciting adaptation of Arabian Nights. For ages 5+

**THEN JOIN IN THE FUN**

Two exciting and fun-filled workshops inspired by scenes from Arabian Nights will look at the ancient art of Arabian dancing and how to make 'em laugh with some slapstick stage fighting.

**Arabian Dancing**

**12.15pm to 1.15pm and 3.45pm to 4.45pm**

Learn a new routine in the style of this wonderful dance form and inspired by the show's heroine, Sheherazade. **Stage Fighting**

**12.15 to 1.15pm and 3.45pm to 4.45pm**

Slapstick stage fighting and comedy drama ideas are combined in this fun-filled workshop.

Become characters that could have been in the show and create a new scene.

All workshop leaders hold full DBS checks

Workshops for children aged 5-10 years

Tickets - Show: £10 & Workshops: £13

**BOX OFFICE: 01483 501200**

**[www.electric.theatre](http://www.electric.theatre)**

### **Furniturelink**

This is a local community furniture project. They have pre-loved items ready to take away and can help with delivery. You can also buy online and via eBay and Facebook. For more details please see the attached flyer.

### **Christmas 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/). For further information, please contact us at [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk) or alternatively give us a call on 0333 577 1533.

**Koosa Kids** are running holiday clubs for 4 to 13 year olds at St Joseph's Primary School, Guildford and will run during the Christmas holidays on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December. For full details please see the attached flyer, call 01276 21884 or book online at [koosakids.co.uk](http://koosakids.co.uk)

