



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 2 at Burfield Academy! The children have all settled back into school life well following the half term break. Please take a look at the diary dates overleaf as term 2 is often very busy, especially with Christmas fast approaching.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our open afternoons and Parent Consultation Evenings last term. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work with their families. If you missed this opportunity please speak to your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

Next week we are holding the first in our series of parent Workshops, How Children Learn. This will be an extremely informative session led by myself, Mr Meek and Mr Swain on the way children learn and will discuss why we teach the way we do. This will be held at 9.30am at Burfield Academy and at 6pm at Hawkes Farm Academy. Both sessions are open to parents from both academies so please attend whichever time slot is most convenient for you.

From time to time you may have a concern or question regarding your child's schooling, In the first instance please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to talk through your concern and provide you with the necessary information and reassurance. If you require further clarification please speak to either Mrs King or Miss Marshall our Assistant Headteachers. Mrs King oversees years 2 and 3 while Miss Marshall oversees the Early years and Y1.

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to Parent Mail and downloaded the App. This will from now on be our main method of communication with all parents, along with our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hughes

Attendance updates

Whole school academy target: 96%.

Whole school attendance 15th October —2nd November: 96.78%

Nursery: 99.15%

Reception: 98.25%

Year 1: 97.64%

Year 2: 93.52%

Year 3: 96.8%

Celebrations!

Gold Awards:

Nursery: Maisie, Matilda

Reception: Charlie, Vinnie

Year 1: Hunee-Rose, Billy, Scarlett, Jacob

Year 2: Lily, Lillianna, Luke, Charlotte, Jack

We now hold our Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.20pm. Parents and carers of the children who achieve the platinum award are invited to celebrate with us at the next celebration assembly. Each week we also welcome parents into our weekly celebration assembly to share a special celebration with the children who are chosen to receive a certificate for their effort/ attainment in maths, English, topic work or for the demonstration of one of our PUPAC values.



Diary Dates

Term 2

Thursday 8th November: How Children Learn Workshop, 9.30am @ Burfield Academy and 6pm @ Hawkes Farm Academy

Friday 9th November 9.30am: Open morning for prospective new Reception parents

Saturday 10th November 9.30am-12.30pm: STEP Hailsham Schools Open Morning at Freedom Leisure

Thursday 15th November 2pm: Open afternoon for prospective new Reception parents

Friday 16th November: School Photographs

Friday 16th November at 3pm: Children in Need Cake Sale

Monday 19th November 2pm: Friends of Burfield Academy meeting

Monday 26th November: Friends of Burfield Academy Bag2School collection (information posters to follow)

Wednesday 5th December: Friends of Burfield Christmas Present room (morning)

Wednesday 12th December 9.30am: Nursery and Reception Nativity

Thursday 13th December 2.00pm: Nursery and Reception Nativity

Thursday 13th December: Learning in the Early Years Workshop, 9.30am @Hawkes Farm Academy and 6pm @ Burfield Academy

Friday 14th December 3pm-4.30pm Friends of Burfield Christmas Fair, Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th December 2pm: Years 1,2 & 3 Christmas Carols

Tuesday 18th December 9.15am: Years 1,2 & 3 Christmas Carols

Wednesday 19th December: Last day of term 2

Term 3

Thursday 3rd January: Day 1 of term 3

Reminders and updates:

- Please remember to drive carefully around the drop off zone. Please do not leave your car until you are parked in one of the parking bays and do not walk cross the drop off zone roadways. While dropping off and collecting children from school please remember that all children including siblings remain the responsibility of their parents or carers. Please remind all children to dismount from bikes and scooters once they enter the academy site and to walk these to the bike/scooter parking zone.
- As the weather is very quickly changing please ensure all children have a warm and waterproof coat and a suitable pair of school shoes. As the temperature has suddenly dropped many of the children are already bringing hats, scarves and gloves to school. Please ensure these are all labelled clearly.

Clubs

- All school based clubs start at 3pm and finish at 4.15pm. Please collect children at the end of club from the main office.
- Breakfast club runs daily from 7.45am-8.35am. There is a range of healthy breakfast options for the children along with games and activities.
- Further afterschool club information to follow