



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are enjoying their new learning and taking part in our new after school clubs. Everyone has been really excited to bring home the weekly school newspaper and has been talking about the discussions that have come from these relevant news articles.

In light of the recent cold weather please can we ask that all children wear a warm coat to school and where possible bring a hat, scarf and gloves to wear at playtime and lunchtime. As always, please ensure all clothes are labelled so that they can be returned to their owner if lost. If you have any spare items of school uniform or PE kits please send them into the school office. We are always looking for spares and all donations will be very gratefully received.

We are currently developing our use of Facebook, please like and share our page!

Kind regards,

Mrs Hughes

Attendance updates

Whole school academy target: 96%

Whole school attendance Thursday 3rd January– Friday 18th January 2019: 94.65%

Nursery: 89.02%

Reception: 96.67%

Year 1: 96.96%

Year 2: 94.71%

Year 3: 92.17%

Celebrations!

Platinum Award: Vinnie, Grace, Damian

Gold Awards

Nursery:

Reception: Elsie, Oliver, Isobel

Year 1: Damian, Romey, Sophia, Kloe

Year 2: Olivia D, Hunee-Rose, Scarlett, Imogen, Billy

Year 3: Caitlin, Jake D, Conor, Tia, Damian

This term we will continue to 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/ carers 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, subject work or for the demonstration of one of our PUPAC values. The children are continuing to work hard to further develop their STAR behaviour and during the assembly we ask all visitors to support us with our expectations for behaviour. Please ensure all mobile phones are on silent. When arriving for assembly please enter via the gate to the side of the school office where you will be signed in at the hall doors by a member of staff.

Diary Dates**Term 3**

Thursday 7th February: Parent Workshop—Reading Reconsidered: 9.30am at Hawkes Farm Academy and 6pm at Burfield Academy. Details to follow.

Reception Pop in and Play sessions— Tuesday 5th February at 9.00am and Thursday 7th February at 2.15pm

Nursery Pop in and Play sessions—Tuesday 12th February at 9.15am and Wednesday 13th February at 9.15am

Thursday 14th February— last day of school for pupils

Friday 15th February— INSET day

Monday 18th February— Friday 22nd February— Half term

Term 4

Monday 25th February— term 4 begins, school open to pupils

Thursday 7th March: Parent Workshop—Mastery in Mathematics: 9.30am at Burfield Academy and 6.00pm at Hawkes Farm Academy

Tuesday- 12th March—Parents evening 3.20pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 13th March—Parents Evening 4.20pm—7.00pm

Thursday 28th March: Parent Workshop—Responsive Teaching for writing: 9.30am at Hawkes Farm Academy and 6.00pm at Burfield Academy.

Friday 5th April—Last day of term 4

Monday 8th April—Wednesday 24th April—Easter Holiday (School reopens Thursday 25th April)

General updates:

- Thank you for supporting us with the use of the drop off zone. Please ensure that all cars stick to the speed limit when driving within this area. We also ask that you do not cross the road area but wait until you have a parking space before exiting your vehicle.
- If you send grapes into school as a snack or part of your child's lunch box, please ensure they are cut in half lengthways.
- We are currently liaising with Tesco who have very kindly offered to make a regular donation to support us with the purchase of new books for our school library. Tesco run a Book exchange in their town centre store and are always looking for donations of books for the grown ups within the community to enjoy. Please drop any unwanted books you may have at home in to the store or to the school office. The funds raised from this book exchange will form part of the donation made to the school.
- We ask that you do not send lip balm into school with your child as there may be children in school with allergies. If it is prescribed by your Doctor please call in at the school office to fill in a Medicine form. If you have any concerns or questions please discuss these with your child's class teacher.

Friends of Burfield Academy updates**Upcoming events**

Tuesday 29th January—Bag2School clothing collection day

If you would like to join the Friends or volunteer to support at any events, please contact a member of the team.

