



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a great day today, so much going on. The Hedgehog class assembly was superb, some brilliant explanations of how to calculate maths problems, some wonderful pieces of writing and eating chocolate in front of the school! I would like to thank Miss Luddy and Mrs Raw for their work with the children, they spoke really clearly and presented some excellent work. We then had Mother's Day lunch which was also a success. We are so lucky to be able to put this on, it is a lot of hard work and my thanks go to June, Hazel, Sue and Kim for organising this event. For those of you who could make both or either of the events, thank you for coming, I hope you had a good time. The children will all be coming home with a posy of flowers today which Badger Class have made this afternoon with help from volunteers from the Church. Many thanks to the volunteers who also supplied all the flowers and foliage.

Since I last wrote we have had some wonderful events. Children from Badger class took part in a Tag Rugby tournament and every child played brilliantly, well done! The whole of Key Stage Two went to a choir festival at Burwell Village College (Primary) on Monday, the singing was fantastic, the children were fantastic and the effort and enthusiasm was wonderful to see.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and understanding regarding the snowy conditions last week. Although we had to close the after school provision we were able to keep the school open and I really appreciated the positive comments about our approach. World Book Day was probably the coldest one on record but a big success and the book sale in the afternoon raised a substantial amount – thanks to Aga Opalka and Suzanne Northfield for organising this.

On the subject of fundraising for the school, organisation for the proposed 10k route is progressing; anyone who feels they could help be part of a committee would be appreciated. This could be a huge fundraiser for the school. On the day we would need as many marshalls as possible, perhaps even 30 so if you could be part of this team on the day that would be very helpful. If you are keen to help out then please let me know, particularly with any suggestions for event parking!

One of the key roles we have at school is to monitor attendance. We do this regularly and follow a rigorous procedure which means liaising with the Education Welfare Officer who may have to be involved if attendance falls below a certain percentage. Letters regarding attendance below 95% may be going out on Monday but we try to take a very pragmatic view, particularly if we know that there was a valid reason for absence. Your support and communication is valued in this matter.





I hope you found the parent consultations useful. The atmosphere was really good and I was very pleased to have so many positive feedback forms. If you have yet to complete a parent questionnaire, please come in, fill it in and place it into the box in the foyer. The teachers work hard to prepare parent evenings and we hope you find them useful, informative and helpful.

The children are really -Y6 have online access to ***timestablesrockstars*** which has been a great way for the children to develop their mathematical fluency in this area. A Parentmail about how to use it has gone out today; the children are really enjoying using it.

A few reminders of events coming up – Monday next week we have the class photos, Easter lunch and the Spring Concert are at the end of term and Quiz and Chips night is next Friday. Could you be the team to knock the staff team off their perch? They have won twice in a row now; I have to admit to not being on the winning team and often get reminded as I walk past the Quiz and Chips trophy in the foyer. Regardless of the result it is a brilliant night and hugely enjoyable.

Lastly, spring is finally here, today has been glorious and the children have loved being outside. Have a great weekend and see you next week.

Richard Brown

Highest year group attendance to date: Year One 95.55%

Governors:

The Governing Body plans to meet on

Thursday 22nd March @ 6.30pm

Wednesday 9th May @ 8am (Budget ratification)

Friday 6th July – Governor morning from 8.45am

***Do you have a concern or query about your child, or would you just like someone to talk things over with?
Come along to one of the our Parent Drop-ins and chat to the experienced Family Workers.***

No need to book - Just turn up.

Tuesdays 1.30—3.00 pm

27th March, 24th April

There are other drop-ins regularly at Burwell, Bottisham, Fen Ditton, Teversham, Kettlefields, Soham and Isleham - please ask for details.



Dates 2018

Spring Term 2018

Monday 12th March – Class & Group vista photos

Tuesday 13th March—GenR8 Assembly

Thursday 15th March—2 teams of Yr 5/6 players to re-arranged Quicksticks hockey tournament

Friday 16th March—Badger Class Sharing Assembly and ‘Book Look’

Friday 16th March—PTFA Quiz Night—Memorial Hall

Monday 19th March—Badger Class to lecture ‘It’s a Gas’

Wednesday 21st March—trainee teacher supporting Mrs Neish in Badger Class until 8th June

Thursday 22nd March—Music Ensemble & Workshops for KS2

Thursday 22nd March—Governors Meeting 6.30 pm

Friday 23rd March—Sport Relief—more details soon

Friday 23rd March—PTFA Film Night

Tuesday 27th March—Locality Drop In session 1.30—3.00

Tuesday 27th March - Easter Service 2.15pm—Little Wilbraham Church

Thursday 29th March - Spring Concert 9.15am

Thursday 29th March – Easter Lunch

Thursday 29th March – School closes

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April—School opens

Friday 20th April—PTFA Cake Sale after school

Tuesday 24th April—4 Year 5 pupils to Maths Challenge at Bottisham Primary

Thursday 26th April—National Child Measuring Programme—Yr R & Yr 6

Monday 30th April—Hedgehog Class trip to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studios

Monday 7th May – May Day holiday

Wednesday 9th May—Governors Meeting 8am

Thursday 10th May—Group of Yr 4 to mini tennis

Monday 14th –Thursday 17th – KS2 SATS

Thursday 17th May—Census Day

Monday 21st—Friday 25th May—‘Creative Week’

Tuesday 22nd May—Sports Morning

Wednesday 23rd May—Yr 6 to Problem Solving event & BBQ at Teversham School

Friday 25th May—Open Morning & Picnic Lunch

28th May—1st June—Half Term

Monday 4th June – Staff Training day

Tuesday 5th June—Swimming starts for KS2 children

Thursday 7th June—group of Yr 5/6 pupils to Quadkids athletics

Thursday 7th June—New Parents Evening

Week beginning 11th June - Phonics Screening Check Week

Tuesday 12th June—Mr Baker from BVC to visit Yr 6 children

Friday 15th June – Father’s Day lunch

Thursday 21st June—Yr 3/4 to Youth Games

Friday 22nd June—Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly and ‘Book Look’

Saturday 23rd June—School Fete

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd July—Yr 6 to BVC

Tuesday 3rd July—‘Move Up’ Afternoon

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July—KS2 Play—more details nearer the time

Friday 6th July—Reports sent home to parents

Friday 13th July—Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and ‘Book Look’

Tuesday 17th July—Day of Trips—no nursery provision

Thursday 19th July—Leavers Service 9.15 am

Tuesday 24th July—School closes

Dates 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September—Staff Training Day—tbc

Wednesday 5th Sept—School Opens

Wednesday 3rd October—Hedgehog Class to Ely Cathedral Schools Day

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th October—Half Term

Monday 29th October—Staff Training Day—tbc

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th November—Badger Class to Aylmerton Field Studies Centre

Wednesday 19th December—School closes

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January—Staff Training Days—tbc

Monday 7th January—School opens

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February—Half Term