

# BURTON BRADSTOCK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Autumn Term - Newsletter 2

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Sails Class** - Our new Reception children have settled into the school really well and are enjoying all the new experiences that 'big' school brings, although they are very tired as we approach the end of their first full week! We are also very proud to see our older children playing and caring for them during playtimes.

**Parking** - Due to the renovations to the house opposite the school and another house close by we are experiencing even more problems during drop-off and pick-up times due to increased volume of work vehicles. I would like to remind you that both the Three Horseshoes and the Anchor have kindly agreed for parents to park in their car parks during these times. Another scheme that would help to alleviate the number of vehicles would be to car share with another family if this is at all possible. Whereas I can understand that finding a parking space can be stressful, please can I request that you park responsibly, being mindful of the access to houses and driveways and also in a way that it is safe for pedestrians and other drivers. Many thanks!

**Learning Quests** - The school has devised termly Learning Quests that incorporate the National Curriculum objectives in a more creative way and we hope this will inspire and motivate the children. A brief overview of this term's Learning Quest, entitled 'Journeys', is attached with this newsletter. This is just a brief summary and not an exhaustive list!

**Parent/Carer Meetings** - Don't forget our meetings arranged next week where the class teachers will be discussing classroom routines and expectations with you. The dates are:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Sails and Boats classes

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Class 4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Class 3

This is an opportunity to come along and find out more about the general school and classroom organisation. There will be individual consultation times to discuss your child's progress and learning during week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October. However, if you need to discuss an issue with the class teacher before this date please make an appointment for a convenient time.



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**Pupil Absence** - If your child is going to be absent from school please notify the school before 9am (in person, by telephone or by email). We also require a written note explaining the absence for our records when the child returns to school. This can be a written letter or an email.

**Bumped Head Letters** - We take bumped heads seriously and will always send a letter home informing you if your child has had a bump to the head, however minor it may seem at the time. We ask that you return the signed acknowledgement slip back to school the following day so that we know that you have received the letter.

**Friends AGM** - We had a great turnout to our AGM this year; I think it may have been a record! Thank you to those who turned up, despite the very wet weather. It was a very productive meeting with lots of great ideas and loads of enthusiasm. As you are parents/carers of the school you are automatically members of the 'Friends' and are welcome to attend any future meeting. At the AGM the following committee members were appointed:

Chair - Rachel Brook (mother of Jaydon in Year 5) shadowed by Suzanne Moore (mother of Aurelia in Year 4 and Fynley in Reception)

Vice Chair - Laura Cox (mother of Eva in Year 5)

Secretary - Fleur Heaney (mother of Peter in Year 6 and Nell in Year 4)

Treasurer - Kerry Tancock (mother of Lily in Year 2)

Minutes of the AGM will be distributed shortly.

**Friends Facebook Page** - Keep abreast of any news from the Friends by joining the closed Facebook page. Just search 'Friends of Burton Bradstock School'. It is a closed page so you will need to send a request to join.

**Sponsored Fit-a-thon** - As you will see from the letter and sponsor form sent home with your child yesterday the Friends are already underway with their first fundraising event. Our Sponsored Fit-a-thon will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and we hope you will support us by helping your child to collect some sponsors.

**100 Club** - The school also runs a 100-club scheme and application forms have been sent out this week. If you would like to be part of this and be in with the chance of winning monthly cash prizes please return your application form by the 6<sup>th</sup> October.



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**Good Work Assembly** - We will be having our first Good Work Assembly of the year next week. It is held on Wednesdays at 2.30pm and all are welcome to come and join us and celebrate their children's learning.

**Bethany** - Please see the letter below from Bethany in Year 6. You can see a photograph of the haircut on our Twitter feed, which can be accessed from our school website. Well done, Bethany. What a great thing to do!

*Hi my name is Bethany. I am donating a minimum of 30cm of my hair to the Little Princess Trust. I am also collecting donations from family members and friends and I am aiming to raise £250 or more which will be going to the Little Princess Trust with my hair. This will go towards making a wig for a child who has lost their hair due to cancer or other illnesses. Each wig costs £500 to make and the children receive them free of charge. If you would like to donate please put your donation in an envelope with my name on the front and bring it into school. Thank you!*

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Staple,  
Headteacher

