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# BURNTSTUMP BUGLE

*In our Burntstump community, everyone, adults and children, knows that they are valued as God's children. Their gifts are discovered, valued and nurtured so that all can flourish to live life in all its fullness.*

## CALENDAR DATES

### February - March

- **6<sup>th</sup> February** - NSPCC Number Day - Children may come in 'number themed' outfits
- **9<sup>th</sup> February** - Great Athletes Day
- **13<sup>th</sup> February** - PTA Break the Rules Day
- **13<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term
- **16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Half Term
- **23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Return to school (Monday)
- **5<sup>th</sup> March** - Kestrels and Eagles trip to Southwell Minster
- **12<sup>th</sup> March** - Parent Lunch
- **17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' Evenings
- **23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Easter Service at St Paul's Daybrook (**Monday at 2:30pm**)
- **26<sup>th</sup> March** PTA Easter Disco
- **27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break the Rules Day
- **27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break up for Easter

## Headteacher's Message

Although this is the first newsletter of the year, the start of the year already seems a long while ago! We have already had a busy start to the year with our fantastic skateboarding workshop and the 'Ready, Steady Music' workshop. The children had a great deal of fun!

We have completed the review of our Behaviour Policy and discussed this with the children. This will be sent out to parents and be available on the website once this has been ratified by the school governors.

We are already very excited about the wider curriculum opportunities we have on offer this term with the school trips, 'Great Athlete's' day and 'West End in Schools' day'. Many of you have asked about the swimming pool and I can announce that it is back BUT this will be later in the year when the weather warms up a little!

Following the success of our 'Intraschool' sports competitions last term, I am please to confirm that these will continue with our next competition being held after school for KS2. A huge congratulations to Sherwood House who won the most tokens and had their treat afternoon - a great effort kids!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Sarah Annable  
Headteacher

We recognise and respect difference.



'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' John 13:34

## Robins' Learning

The Robins class have had a great start to the term after returning from their Christmas break. We have kick started our topic on 'nursery rhymes and traditional tales' with a fantastic trip to Perlethorpe, whereby we acted out the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'The Three Little Pigs' in the woodland. The children were so engaged and could remember the key parts of both stories. We also enjoyed making our own woodland mixtures, engaging in a sensory activity and building dens for the woodland animals. We have also been learning about how to keep safe during our PSHE lessons, and a visit from the fire fighters helped us to learn that we can ring 999 if we ever have an emergency. The children loved stepping up into the big fire engine and having a look at the things inside.



## Doves' Learning

This half term the Doves' children are learning all about different habitats. They had a fantastic visit to Perlethorpe where they learnt more about woodland animals.

We have also had a visit from the fire fighters to finish our topic on 'The Great Fire of London'. They taught us how to ring 999 if we have an emergency. The children loved looking at how big the fire engine was and how different it is from the ones back during the time of the great fire!



## Kestrels' Learning

This term, the children have had a fantastic time in PE learning about the different shapes and balances. They worked brilliant as part of a team and really showcased their learning in the way they could demonstrate and articulate the shapes that they have made.



## Eagles' Learning

For our work on comparing Hinduism, humanism and Christianity, we were able to explore some Hindu artefacts of puppets used to tell significant stories from the Hindu faith. We enhanced our spiritual experiences in RE with fairy lights ad sitting together to explore our thoughts and be present in the 'NOW' with God. As part of our D&T, we have been learning to prepare food through chopping, grating and mincing. We are excited to make Spaghetti Bolognese soon!!





## Skateboarding

The children throughout the school had a fantastic time learning how to skateboard. Some of our children definitely demonstrated hidden talents in this! Mrs Francis even had a go; luckily, she managed to stay on!!! What a great opportunity for the children to explore new skills!



## Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held later in the Spring term. Please look out for communications about this after half-term.

## PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA for all of their support with fund raising and joining us on school trips. Your fundraising has supported a variety of trips already this year.

## Reminders

A gentle reminder that the start of the school day is **8:55am** and the end of the school day is **3:30pm**. Please ensure you are on time for collecting your child. If you are going to be more than a couple of minutes late, please ring to inform the school office.

Children must be collected from clubs on time if they are to continue attending.

All children should be wearing the correct school uniform - this must be named. Please see the school website or ask a class teacher for specific information relating to this. This includes no earrings on PE or swimming days.

## Safeguarding Updates

A reminder that should you have concerns about a child our DSLs in school are Mrs Annable, Mrs Pink and Mrs Francis.

As the use of AI continues to grow, we are sharing an information poster to help you to support your children in using AI safely.

Unfortunately, due to difficulty in recruiting PTA members to come and support the free craft afternoon, this couldn't take place. The PTA are always looking for new members who may be able to offer support in a range of ways, so do contact school or Gemma Cregan to find out how you can help.

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, we are taking part in Dress Up for Digits - dressing up as a number for the day.

