



Inspire and Aspire



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BURNSTUMP 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

September to November

- **30th September - Doves and Eagles' school trip to Sherwood forest**
- **2nd October** - Welcome lunch for parents to have lunch with their child
- **7th and 8th October** - Provisional dates for Parents' Evenings
- **9th October** - Harvest Service at St Paul's Church, Daybrook
- **17th October** - PTA Break the Rules Day
- **20th October - 2nd November** - Half term
- **3rd November** - return after half term
- **7th November** - Dress down for a chocolate/sweet donation
- **13th November** - 3:30-4:30 Early Christmas Craft Afternoon PTA (Free)
- **21st November** - Dress down for a tombola/raffle prize donation

Headteacher's Message

What a super start to the new school year we have had! The children have come back refreshed and ready to learn. There is a calm atmosphere in school and children are demonstrating excellent learning behaviours. New members of our school community, even our youngest children, have settled into school life brilliantly and are demonstrating the Burntstump way! Well done everyone!

Our new school lobby and the 'Learning Hub' are now functional and the building work is complete. Thank you for your patience and support during the work.

Just a reminder about school attendance:

- 8:45 am - 8:55am - School opens and children are let on-site and into classroom. Classroom doors are closed at 8:55am
- 8:55 am - 9:05 am - Registers are taken.
- If children arrive after 9:05am, they will be marked as late. If your child arrives after 9:30am, they will be marked as late after the register closes and will receive an unauthorised absence for the morning.
- Absences must be reported to the school office please by 9:30 on each day that your child is absent. Home visits will take place when a child's absence is unknown.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!

With my warmest wishes,
Mrs Sarah Annable
Headteacher

We aspire to be a generous, caring and safe community.



'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Matthew 7:12

'Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous.' Joshua 10:25

Website

We are in the process of updating the pages of the website so thank you for your patience. All information you need will have been shared through the welcome meetings so do ensure that you have received the PowerPoint shared by your child's class teacher.

Sports After-school Club

This half term, Mr Thomas is offering an EYFS and KS1 after-school club.

Sports clubs will be alternated every half term so that KS2 also have the opportunity to enjoy this provision.

Please ensure that the reply slips are completed and note that places are allocated on a first-come basis.

Parent Communication

The start of the school day (8:45am) is a very busy time for staff as they meet and greet the children, oversee learning tasks and take the register. Therefore, this time of day is not suitable for meetings to be held. Should you have a quick message, this can be passed on to the staff member on meet and greet, the class teacher at drop off or via the office.

Should conversations need to be held with a member of staff, please email or ring through to the school office who will happily forward this to or inform the class teacher so that they can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Candle Making Worship

On Monday, we held our annual candle making worship. This is the candle that we then light in our daily worship in school to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and that we are all part of our community. Thank you to all of those who were able to join and don't worry families - we put plenty of wax in for all of you!



Safeguarding

This term, the children will look at the NSPCC Talk PANTS lesson.

Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Further information can be found on the NSPCC website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Reception Child Places

Now is the time that many parents are making important decisions about the education of their child. If you know anyone requiring a Reception school place for September 2026, then please encourage them to arrange a visit to our school for a tour.

Applications open in September each year and close on 15 January.

Further information can be found on the government website.

<https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/how-to-apply>

Uniform and Wet weather Clothing

Thank you for your continued support with school uniform at the start of this term - the children are looking really smart. Just a reminder that earrings (if worn) should be a small stud and not hoops. If children are wearing hoops, they will be asked to take them out. Please ensure that the children wear the correct PE uniform and not hoodies as a jumper.

It is vital that children are prepared for the changing weather so can we ask that your child comes to school with a coat.

The children will be outside for break times and for learning, so it is important that they are dressed appropriately, especially if it is lightly raining as they will still be outdoors.

House System

In school, we have chosen to introduce a 'house' system to further foster our sense of belonging and community. The house system will also be used as a vehicle to introduce competitive sports within school. Every half-term, the children in either EYFS/KS1 or KS2 will be invited to join an afterschool competition (non-compulsory) where the houses can compete to win the house cup for the half term. The first competition will be a hockey tournament held on Wednesday 15th October from 3:30-4:30. Our Burntstump families are welcome to come and watch.

In addition to this, the children can earn tokens for their house. These will be placed in a pot and, every half-term, the winning house will receive a reward.

As part of the new house system, the children have been asked to design a shield which will be the shield for their house for this next year. The chosen shields can be seen below. Thank you for all the wonderful designs that were sent in.

Newstead



Thoresby



Sherwood



Rufford

