



*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

### October to November

- **5th, 6th and 7th October** - Provisional dates for Parents' Evenings
- **8th October**- Harvest Service at St Paul's Church, Daybrook
- **13<sup>th</sup> October** - Parent Welcome Lunch
- **16th October** - Break the Rules Day
- **16<sup>th</sup> October** - Black History Gallery 3pm
- **16<sup>th</sup> October** - Enterprise team sell goodies to raise money for our child 'Rahana' in Ghana
- **19th October - 1st November** - Half term (2-weeks)
- **2nd November** - return after half term
- **6th November** - Dress down for a chocolate/sweet donation
- **20th 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 such a productive atmosphere around school I have been blown away! 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!

You will have had communication regarding staffing updates but I want to take this opportunity to again welcome Mrs Quin (Doves teacher and SENDCo). All enquiries regarding SEND should be sent via the office so that they can be forwarded to her. We also welcome Mrs Orange, our cleaner and caretaker who brings with her a wealth of experience.

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 9:30am 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

**What have we been up to so far over the past two weeks?**

Since returning to school, our children have had the joy of playing with our fantastic mud kitchen! Already we can see how popular this play area is and how engaged our children have been at playtimes and lunch times whipping up a storm in the kitchen. We have loved seeing the mud pies, cakes and wonderful creations that they have made. Thank you so much to one of our lovely Burntstump families that poured so much love into building it for us, it is so appreciated and we hope that it will last for years to come! Thank you also to all of the donations of pots, pans, trays and utensils!

The Robins have had a busy couple of weeks at school, exploring, playing, making new friends and learning all of our routines. They have all settled in beautifully and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

The children particularly enjoyed our listening walk around school, tuning into sounds before engaging in our daily phonics sessions. We found out that the kitchen was very noisy in school!

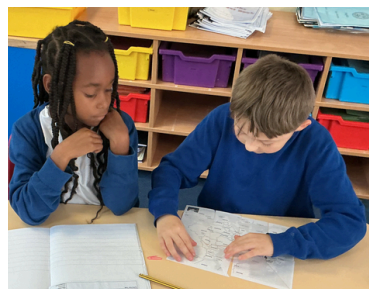
We have had lots of opportunities to play in all of the different areas in our classroom. The writing table and painting area have been very popular and the children have really taken pride in their creations.

Kestrels have had an exciting start to their humanities learning this week with the introduction of Europe. We have learned that Europe is a continent and that we live in Europe.

We have also found out that it has 47 countries and begun exploring where these are on a map.

Doves have had a brilliant time retelling the story of Cinderella and recording these. We hope to share these with you soon!

This week in our RE lesson, we have been deepening our understanding of Sikhism - thanks to our resident expert Charandeep. We are exploring inspirational people from different religions and so needed to know about how Guru Nanak inspires Sikhs. Eagles are so lucky that they could ask Charandeep about his lived experiences of being a Sikh and how he is personally inspired. We were able to exercise our curiosity about Sikhism by asking him questions and this showed maturity and respect from all of the Eagles. Thank you, Charandeep - you inspired us.



### **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.

### **After-school Clubs**

Following the announcement that the sports premium, which enabled Mr Thomas to run an after-school club is no longer available, we are exploring what we, as staff can offer. We will keep you informed of any provision which we can provide. In the meantime, our wrap-around care does have a 1hr activity although this does come at a cost. See further in the Bugle for more details.

### **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 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.

### **Parent Communication Cont...**

As we continue on our journey to become paperless, we would like to remind our families to download the Arbor App and to ensure that push notifications are turned on.

The app and email will be our primary means of communication and we do urge you to check these regularly.

SMS (texts) will only be sent in case of emergencies such as a medical emergency, school closures etc.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our school to become more environmentally friendly and save money!

### **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 Burntstump families - we put plenty of wax in for all of you!



### **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 2027, then please encourage them to arrange a visit to our school for a tour.

We also have 'stay and play sessions'. Our next session is on 13<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30 - 10:30am.

Please spread the word and share our Facebook posts!

### **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.

Earrings need to be removed for PE. 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.

## **Safeguarding**

To start the term, all staff have undertaken safeguarding training and first aid training. All our staff also underwent emergency first aid training and this included using epipens and dealing with anaphylaxis.

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/>

## **Allergies**

Please ensure that you complete the allergy information sheets that were emailed out at the start of the year should your child have an allergy of any kind (including asthma) so that we can update the care plans in school.



## **Wraparound Care**

Clubs Complete run our wraparound care at school. Should you require this provision, please do contact them.

There will be two members of staff running the provision and it is a great way for the kids to have fun while parents work.

There will be a taster session soon which we will share with you once dates have been provided.

