

September Newsletter



Welcome to the new school year, I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It has been lovely to see the children come back to school with such enthusiasm this week and to meet all the new children that have joined the school both in Reception class and throughout other classes too.

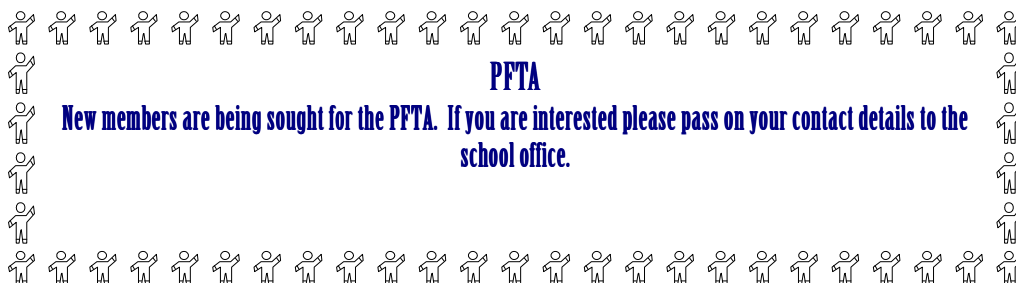
This term we also welcome Mrs Parr to the teaching staff team who will be working with Mrs Horton and Year 5 to pilot an exciting programme four mornings a week.

We would appreciate it if parents and carers could please sign in children's reading record books or homework books on a regular basis so that we are aware that homework is being shared, this is in response to feedback from parents.

Please could you ensure that your child has a coat and water bottle in school every day and that PE kits come to school every Monday and are taken home every Friday.

We already have a number of events planned for this term, so please consult the diary dates section for further information.

Sarah Smith
Headteacher



PFTA

New members are being sought for the PFTA. If you are interested please pass on your contact details to the school office.

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Some timely reminders ...

- * Please name all your child's belongings to avoid possible costly losses in the future!
- * Check your child's homework books or book bags for class topic information.
- * Remember to visit the school's website www.burghschool.org.uk for up-to-date information including details on clubs, future events, curriculum details, etc. The Y6 Blog site can also be accessed through the link.

Hometime

Please could you ensure that if you are delayed in collecting your child from school that you contact the office so that a message can be passed on to your child and arrangements can be made which do not disrupt after-school clubs and activities. Only children in Year 6 can go home independently with parents' permission, they cannot escort younger children.

Attendance

This year we are continuing to strive for improved attendance here at Burgh School. If your child is too ill to be at school then please inform the office before 9.00am. To encourage and reward children who do have excellent attendance, each term certificates and a prize will be given to all the pupils who come to school every day. We hope that this will help to motivate children and reward those who we know do come every day rather than waiting until the end of a school year. If at any time you have concerns about your child's attendance then please let us know and we will do our best to offer support.

Pupil Update Forms

Every family will be receiving a request for their contact and child's medical details to be checked and updated where applicable. Please spare a few moments to ensure that you do this and return the form by next Friday 16th September. It is really important for school to have up to date telephone numbers in cases of child illness or injury. There especially seems to be a problem with up to date information concerning the need for inhalers and how frequently they should be used. Please help us to help you.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school during the morning of Tuesday 27th September.

Parents who would like a pre-school age child's photograph taken, are invited to come into school at 9.00am when these photographs will then be taken, before the rest of the school.



Mobile Phones

If your child has a mobile phone please could you ensure it does not come into school unless absolutely necessary. Some children who travel by school bus, or Y6 children who walk home, do bring mobile phones into school in case of difficulties getting home, but **ALL** phones must be handed into the class teacher for safe keeping until the end of the school day.

School Council



and Team Captain Elections

Representatives from each year (except Reception) for the School Council will be elected shortly. So if you have a budding politician in your family, tell them to get prepared!

Voting for Team Captains amongst Year 6 pupils and Junior Road Safety Officers will also be taking place soon.

Hot School Meals

Just a reminder of how the hot school meals system operates in a normal week:



White envelopes are issued on a Monday to all pupils who are known to want hot school meals. These envelopes should be returned, complete with the child's name and meal preferences indicated, and money enclosed (£10 for a full week) **by Thursday** of the same week to ensure that a meal is ordered for the following week. Any cheques for school meals should be made payable to Lincolnshire County Council. Payment can also be arranged with the office on a termly basis if preferred.

If an envelope or a message has not been received by the office on a Friday, no meal will be ordered for the following week. Credits for meals missed due to illness or holiday absence will only be awarded if the office is specifically notified that no meal will be required that lunch time before 9.00am.

Please try to ensure that if your child does want a hot school meal that their envelope is filled in correctly and returned and handed in on time. Staff often have to waste valuable time chasing up school meal envelopes. The responsibility for making sure your child has a hot school meal ordered should be yours and your child's, not school staff.

If anyone has any queries or wants their child to start having hot school meals, please do not hesitate to talk to someone in the office.

Diary Dates

(Please note these dates are constantly being changed and updated)

Monday 19th September	Reception Class Pupils Start Full Time Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 23rd September	PFTA AGM (time to be confirmed)
Tuesday 27th September	School Photographs (including pre-school children)
Friday 30th September	Harvest Festival 9.30am, St Peter & St Paul's Church
Monday 10th October	Y5 Bikewise Day
Tuesday 11th October	Y5 Bikewise Day Y2 Great Fire of London Day
Thursday 13th October	Parents Evening (Early evening times to be confirmed)
Monday 17th October	Lincolnshire Film Awards Evening in Lincoln
Tuesday 18th October	Parents Evening (Late evening times to be confirmed)
Thursday 20th October	Y3 Class Assembly, 8.55am Break up for holidays
Monday 31st October	Return to School Secondary School Application Deadline
Tuesday 1st November	All Saints Service, 9.30am St Peter & St Paul's Church

After-School Clubs for Term 1

Just a reminder that After School Clubs start week commencing 12th September and pupils wishing to attend any of the after-school clubs must have first handed in a parent permission slip.

Parents have asked for more clubs for all year groups. We do our best to offer a wide variety of clubs free of charge over the year, thanks to the dedication of our staff team and some we fund from grants. If any parents have skills to offer and are willing to run additional clubs then please let us know. You would need to complete a criminal records check as part of our commitment to safeguarding children.


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Staff Meeting Evening	Football Y5 & Y6 3.15—4.00pm (Michael Elliott)	High Fives Y5 & Y6 3.15—4.00pm (Dawn Leetham & Ally Gray)	Indoor Athletics Y5 & Y6 3.15—4.00pm (David Hurdman)	KS1 Film Club Y1 & Y2 3.15—4.45pm (Sarah Smith & Debbie Lammiman)
	Choir Y1—Y6 3.15—4.00pm (Sarah Smith & Debbie Lammiman)	Eco Club Y4 only 3.15—4.00pm (Liz Millman & Jean Robinson)		

Well Done!

Every week 2 children from each class receive awards for “Pupil of the Week” in recognition of both their good work and non-academic excellence. Presentations are usually made in the Whole School Assembly which is held on a Friday morning. Watch this space for the names of award receivers in the weeks to come.



	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9/09/11	Children not in full time yet	Jack Bailey Charlie Webster	Alfie Stefanski Josh Noble	Jay Allenby Louis Hislop	Robyn Paul Joseph Sheldon	Iona Hunt Declan Gill	Declan Hawkins Kira Bettinson Sian Mills



**Please try to come to our Harvest Service
at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Burgh-le-Marsh
at 9.30am on Friday 30th September**

Donations of non-perishable goods (tins and packets) can be sent into the classes w/c Monday 26th September which will be passed on to Witham Lodge, the Salvation Army Hostel in Skegness.

School Terms and Holidays 2011/2012

Term 1	Thursday and Friday Monday To Thursday	1st and 2nd September 2011—Teacher INSET Days 5th September 2011—Pupils back in. (Staff Twilight (Evening) Insets Monday 5th and Tuesday 20th September) 20th October 2011
October Holidays		
Term 2	Monday To Friday	31st October 2011—Pupils back in. 16th December 2011
Christmas Holidays		
Term 3	Tuesday Wednesday To Friday	3rd January 2012—Teacher INSET Day 4th January 2012—Pupils back in. 10th February 2012
February Holidays		
Term 4	Monday To Friday	20th February 2012 30th March 2012
Easter Holidays Bank Holidays—Good Friday 6th April and Easter Monday 9th April		
Term 5	Monday Tuesday To Friday	16th April 2012—Teacher INSET Day 17th April 2012 1st June 2012
June Holidays Bank Holidays—Monday 7th May and Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June (Queen's Golden Jubilee)		
Term 6	Monday To Thursday	11th June 2012 To 19th July 2012