



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

A new school year is underway after what was hopefully an enjoyable, relaxing and well-deserved break. It is wonderful to see all of the children throughout the school begin the academic year showing so much enthusiasm towards their learning! A special welcome goes to our new Reception children, along with the children in other classes who are starting life at Burgh School this term. We are sure that they and their families will soon feel part of our school community. Do have a look at our website (www.burghschool.org.uk) to find out what the children are getting up to in their classes.

There are new faces and changes amongst our staff team too. Mrs. Bowmar and Mrs. Pitwell join the teaching team in Y5B and Y3 respectively. Miss Millman is looking forward to teaching the children in Y6 this year, whilst Miss Leetham moves to the mobile with Y2. Out of the classroom, Miss Newman leads our midday team, to which we also welcome Mrs. Mountford.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to personally thank children, parents and staff for all their support as I take on a different role at the present time. Working together, I know that this will be a happy and successful year for the children at our school!

Mr. Hurdman
Acting Headteacher

START OF SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS

Please name all your child's uniform, including bags, lunchboxes, bottles and shoes (yes, shoes have been known to get mixed up). Get into the habit of checking that names haven't washed off too.

PE kit must be in school EVERY DAY, regardless of your child's 'typical' PE days.

Long hair should be tied back at school anyway, but it must certainly be tied back for PE lessons. Please make sure that if your child has long hair, they have a bobble to tie it back with.

Earrings – only one stud in each ear may be worn and they must be either removed or covered with 'micropore' tape for PE lessons.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:35am – Gates open for the children to come into school.

8:45am – Children should be in school by this time.

10:35am-10:55am – Usually break time for Reception-Y3.

11:00am-11:15am – Usually break time for Y4-Y6.

12:15pm-1:15pm – Lunchtime.

3:15pm – School ends (after-school clubs may run).

Unfortunately we are unable to supervise children before 8:35am or after 3:15pm (unless your child is at a club). Please ensure your child arrives by 8:45am and is collected on time at the end of the school day (or after their club).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Dates are subject to change. Look out for text messages and letters and visit our website too.

w/b 11th September
After-school clubs begin

Friday 15th September
11+ Verbal (some Y6 children)

Friday 22nd September
11+ Non-verbal (some Y6 children)

Friday 29th September
Wrates Photographers in school

Friday 6th October
9:30am Harvest Service in Church

Thursday 12th October
Y2 Great Fire of London Day

Wednesday 18th October
Parents Evening

Thursday 19th October
Parents Evening

Friday 20th October
End of Term 1

Please see our website for more term dates.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

All parents and friends of the school are welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival in the church at 9:30am on Friday 6th October. All the children will be contributing to the service through songs, readings and poems.

We are supporting the church in the collection of non-perishable food items. These may be brought to school during the week of the service.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS & FAMILY PORTRAITS

Wrates photographers are in school on the morning of Friday 29th September. During this time, they will take individual photographs of all the children and also with any siblings also in school. If you would like photographs of your school children with pre-school children, please come to the main school entrance at 8:45am. Proofs of any pictures taken will be sent to parents. There is no obligation to purchase photographs.

The PFTA has also arranged a 'Family Portrait Evening' from 5pm on Friday 29th September. More information about this will follow from the PFTA. Some families choose to use this opportunity to take a photo of their Burgh School children with siblings attending school elsewhere (e.g. Secondary school).

ALLERGIES, ILLNESS & ABSENCE

It's important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent. On the first day of your child's illness, contact the school to tell us that your child will be staying at home. We may ask about the nature of the illness and how long you expect the absence to last. If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone the school as soon as possible to explain this. It is worth having a look at www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool for more information.

Strawberries and Nuts: We do have children and staff with severe allergies to strawberries and nuts. Please do not send children with any nuts, strawberries, strawberry flavoured products or products containing strawberries or nuts. Please remember this if children bring in birthday treats (e.g. cakes or sweets) for their classmates.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea: According to NHS guidelines, children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

'Slapped Cheek Syndrome': We currently have children in school whose health may be significantly endangered if other children have the viral infection known as 'Slapped Cheek Syndrome'. Although we aim for 100% attendance from all our children, if your child does have this condition, please ensure they have recovered before they return to school. Read more at www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome

Finally, please remember that there is no automatic entitlement in law to time off during term time to go on holiday for any period of time. Read more at www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence

CONTACT DETAILS

You will shortly receive 'Student Update' forms for you to check the details we hold for your child. It is really important that all information we have is up-to-date, including your address, telephone number (including mobile number) and, of course, any medical issues. If details change at any time, please let the office know.

Y2 SAT TESTS: May 2018

Y6 SAT TESTS: Mon 14th – Thurs 17th May 2018

Y1 PHONICS SCREENING: w/b Mon 11th June 2018

READING – HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please could you ensure that you sign (and ideally comment in) your child's Reading Record when you hear them read. The more you do this, the better your child will get – every day is best! Reading books are changed regularly in school, although not necessarily every day. You can, of course, read other things with your child too such as home books, library books, comics and magazines.

SCHOOL UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Find it at www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk