



Burchetts Green CE Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

This Term's Topic is Dragons



We have had an adventurous start to the term with the sighting of dragons flying over Burchetts Green (even Rev. Keith thought he saw one on the way to assembly!)

We later had a visit from a Draconologist and then the children found dragon eggs in dragon nest; a truly mythical start to our topic!

As a result of the interest Dragon Day created the children are producing lots of high quality work which can be seen around school. This includes descriptive writing about dragons, instructional writing on how to build a dragon trap and beautifully constructed art work.

Today the children will bring their Brain Builder books home and the task will be based on dragons; they will be able to use all the information and experiences they have had in school, as well as other information they may have, to fill the two pages.

Castles (for the princess, princes and knights)

We would like to build a castle as part of our dragon topic! Please could the children bring in washed plastic milk bottles? We will need lots and lots and lots and lots!!!

Brain Builders

We held a parent Brain Builders workshop this week which gave those parents who were not aware of the pedagogy of Brain Builders a chance to hear how and why we use Brain Builders; they also got a chance to have a go themselves!

It was requested during the session that the PowerPoint presentation be made available to those who were unable to attend as the information would be useful. Therefore this will be uploaded to the school's website.



Staffing Arrangements

As you will have been aware this year I have been supporting Datchet St Mary's CE Primary School as their Executive Headteacher. I'm delighted to be able to tell you that the school has now appointed a substantive Headteacher and this term I am back at Burchetts Green full time. I

will be continuing to support the Governing Board in a consultancy role but this will not be during the school day.

I am also delighted to tell you that Miss Chalk, who as an Early Years Practitioner works across the school, is advancing her qualification so that she will become a fully qualified primary school teacher. She will complete her time with us as a student teacher working across EYFS and KS1.

We also have a new member of staff, Miss Russell, who has joined us as an apprentice Teaching Assistant. Miss Russell has already become a valuable member of our team.

Parent Questionnaires and Children's Interviews

During parent evenings many of you filled in our questionnaires and I would like to thank you for the overwhelming positive comments that you wrote. I have reported the results to Governors and when all the data has been collated it will be available via the Governors' page on the school's website.

Bal Mistry, who is one of our Parent Governors, spent time in school last term interviewing a number of children to gain their views on school life. These were a delight to read and we have had some good ideas on how to improve our school. These range from Tiramisus for lunch to more dressing up days, lavender plants in the classroom as well as the opportunity to learn the million times tables. There are many ideas that we can act on quickly and we will be letting the children know the first of these in award assembly today.



Lambs

Our lambs have arrived and are situated in the school grounds. Please feel free to visit them after school with your child.

The lambs will eat anything that's going – rather like goats. The only food they avoid is citrus fruit. We would welcome scrapes of any kind as they seem to be continuously hungry!

Tea Towels

FOBGS have a number of tea towels left now going at the bargain price of £1 each! We will put these in the entrance by the basins along with an 'honesty box' for you to put your money in.

May Bank Holiday Weekend

This week end is Bank Holiday weekend so no school until Tuesday I do hope you all have a pleasant weekend and enjoy the extra day with your children.

*Bank
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Kind regards

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