



Burchetts Green CE Infant School



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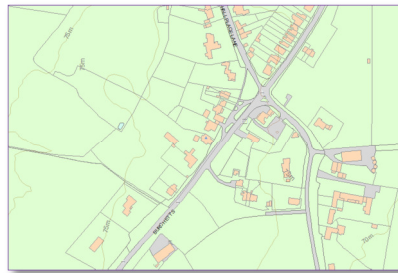
Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see the older children arriving for school last week and to welcome the new Tawny Owl children into school today. I'm sure together we will make this a fun and educational experience for the children.

Our topic this term will be....



There and Back Again



The curriculum will be diverse and include adventurers such as Christopher Columbus and the Jolly Postman! For more information you can visit the school website where you will find the topic web for your child's class.

The children will also be making journeys themselves. They will be walking to the village as well as around the school and to the woodlands. They will learn to read maps and will create their own maps. We are delighted that, through support from Maidenhead and Ascot School Sport Partnership, we will be able to offer an Orienteering Club.



During our topic we will also be taking imaginary journeys to different countries and learning about life there. We will incorporate this into **International Week which is Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October 2017**. You may be interested to know that many of the children and staff have roots from around the world (which links very nicely with our topic) and many speak a different language at home.

We would like to celebrate our diversity by having an **International Day on Monday 2nd October 2017**. On this day we would like all the children to come to school in either the national costume of their own family's country or a national costume from a different country. During the day the children will be experiencing a variety of cultures through tasting different foods, experiencing traditional dancing, learning what others believe about God, listening to traditional tales from around the world and much more! We will be sending more information regarding this week later in the term.





So that you can support your child's understanding of life in different parts of the World we have given this theme to the Brain Builders homework that will be with you soon. Attached to the homework you will find two website links to get you started.

I'm sure this special day will be filled with fun and learning and I look forward to seeing the children dressed in national costumes from around the world.

However before this date we have three other exciting events!



Please remember you are all invited to the **FOBGS Welcome BBQ on 22nd September 2017**. This is always a fun event and certainly gives new parents the chance to meet established families and to put names to faces including those of FOBGS and staff.

Then our **Harvest Festival is on Tuesday 26th September 2017**, it is a family event and we hope you will be able to stay. On the morning of the 26th September please take your child to Stubbings Church – St James the Less - at 8.45 am not to school. After the service the children will make the short journey (in keeping with our topic!) through the fields back to school on foot and accompanied by staff.



On **Friday 29th September 2017** we will be taking part in the MacMillan coffee morning and we would like to invite parents to stop in at school after dropping off your child for coffee and pastries for breakfast! Apart from this being a lovely social occasion for parents all money raised will go towards cancer support.

The school photographer will be taking **individual school photos on Monday 16th October 2017**.

Swimming

The safety of our children is always of paramount concern to us all. To aid us in our attempt to keep them safe at all times please could you inform the office *before Fridays* if someone other than their normal carer or you is taking them back to school after their swimming lesson. Thank you.

Healthy Living

Another area that Ascot and Maidenhead School Sport Partnership is delivering is a change4life Healthy Lifestyle Club. Each class will have an opportunity to take part in this programme as the year progresses. This combined with our walk to school Wednesday will produce some very fit individuals I'm sure!



To support our healthy eating choices we would request that children do not bring in sweets and cakes on their birthdays, instead fresh fruit such as grapes or blueberries would be very welcome.



Our new lunch company Edwards and Ward have certainly given us a better menu and the food the children are getting seems to be enjoyed. There was a slight hiccup today regarding numbers with some rather confused Y2s wondering if they would get any lunch! However supplementary food was sent for and the additional children and I eat together a little later than usual - so all was well!

May I remind you that after half term we will be holding our amazing **fireworks night on Saturday 11th November 2017**? This is a major fund raising event for FOBGS and money raised will go towards our outdoor learning space. It is always a spectacular evening and I would encourage you to attend – you won't be disappointed!



The **end of term one is Friday 23rd October 2017**. Children **return to school on Monday 30th October 2017**. Term two is always extremely busy as we lead up to Christmas and you will receive information about all the events and activities later in the term.

Kind regards



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