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Dear Parents

Term three started with a wonderful trip to the Ashmolean introducing the 'Mystery Topic'



Japan and the Samurai!



I have already read some well-structured and descriptive writing by the children in response to the day at the museum and I'm sure that with all our upcoming Japanese activities will foster more excellent work. (The teachers and other staff at Burchetts Green continue to work on the premise that when children are given exciting opportunities to acquire knowledge they become involved with their learning and consequently give their very best). Other extra curriculum activities that support the topic this term are:

Japanese Tea Party and Dress-up Day

We are holding a whole school Japanese Tea Party which will take place on Tuesday 6th February 2018. Although this is not an official 'Dress-up Day' the children are invited to attend in traditional Japanese costumes if they would like to – they may wear their costume to school for the whole day as staff will be attending in costume. During the day as well as attending the Japanese Tea Party the children will take part in other activities relating to Japanese culture.

Blossom Garden Workshop

On the 25th January 2018 we have artist Amanda Schenk visiting us. Amanda specialises in fine art and she displays work at various sites including Norden Farm in Maidenhead. She will be creating a flower filled Japanese blossom garden with the children. In this workshop participants are choreographed to move around a massive canvas to create their group's work. We are hoping to produce Japanese art to display at Norden Farm during the summer term.

Yoko Gutch visit

We are very excited to invite local resident Yoko Gutch to visit the school and talk to the children about life in Japan. Yoko taught Japanese at Oxford for many years and I'm sure will help the children learn a few new words when she is with us. She has so much to share with us and many interesting story with accompanying artefacts. She will visit during assembly and then speak to each class. I'm sure the children will find her stories very interesting. When the date has been confirmed I will let the children know.

Headteacher Timetable

As you know, up until Easter, I am away from Burchetts Green for a period of time each week as I am supporting South Moreton Primary School. I am pleased with the smooth start of this period of time and the stability of staff we have at Burchetts Green. Whilst I miss the children very much on the days that I am not in, I am aware of the many benefits supporting South Moreton brings to both schools and, of course, I have complete confidence in Mrs Dale's excellent leadership; I know the school is in safe and steady hands!

You may notice that this week I am out of school slightly more than usual. This is not due to my South Moreton commitment but to the opportunity to attend training to become a Diocesan school inspector (SIAMS). Once again, whilst I miss the children when I am out of school, I know that the course will benefit the school and in my absence it will be well led by Mrs Dale.

Zig Zag Lines Outside School

Please could I remind all parents to ensure they are not parked on the yellow zig zags outside the school? Please remember this even if you are a bit late as it does help us keep the children safe. Could I also request that unless you have arranged otherwise with Mrs Derrett parking in the staff car park is not permitted? This is because the only way children can enter school is by walking through the car park. Therefore we want to keep traffic in the car park to a minimum.

Maidenhead's Got Talent



We have been invited to take part in the Rotary Club show 'Maidenhead's Got Talent' again. Despite sickness across the school last year this new venture was a great success for us and we are very excited to be involved again this year. Details of the time slot we have been given and how to obtain tickets will be coming soon in an additional letter. The children will be learning two songs and this year we are entering some solo artists!



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings have been arranged for Tuesday 13th March 5.00 – 7.00pm and Thursday 15th March 3.20pm – 5.20pm. There is a booking form at the end of this Newsletter for you to return stating your first and second choice of times/dates to Mrs Derrett who will be sending out confirmed appointments as soon as possible. Each appointment lasts for ten minutes and out of respect for those whose appointment follows yours please try and stick to your allotted time (we can of course arrange additional meetings if deemed necessary).

Swimarathon

This year, once again, Burchetts Green Infants – as well as past pupils – took part in the Rotary Club Swimarathon and did exceptionally well. The 15 pupils who took part were divided into two teams who between them swam over 126 lengths! The children also had a big surprise when the Prime Minister, Theresa May arrived to watch them. Congratulations to all those taking part and to Mrs Helen Todd, one of our Governors, who has supported this event for the past 10 years!

Kind regards



Mrs D Sheppard

Parents' Evening

Please indicate [✓] your First and Second choice in the relevant column and then return the slip to school via the Parents' Postbox. Mrs Derrett will then return the slip to you with your given appointment time.

Please use a second form for siblings.

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| Appointment: | (office use only) | |