



# Burchetts Green CE Infant School



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 5! This term our topic is



This is a stimulating and imaginative topic and I'm sure, as a result, the children will become involved in their learning and produce beautiful work. All aspects of our topics directly relate to the National Curriculum.

## Under the Sea Science Dome

On Monday the children spent time in an inflatable Science Dome which gave the impression of being under water. During their time in the dome the children saw an underwater show, learnt about deep sea creatures as well as other aspects of life under the sea.



## Under the Sea Drama

We have arranged for the children to take part in some drama workshops related to under the sea topic. These workshops will be starting points for literacy work with the children.

## Duckling Eggs in School – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Every year at school, alongside our topics, we look at one species life cycle. We have had tadpoles, butterflies and chicks in the past. This year we are hatching our very own ducklings.



The eggs arrived on Monday and this morning there were three fluffy ducklings waiting for us!

The children will have a chance to see the eggs and ducklings each day.

Watching eggs hatch is always really enjoyable and the children were all very excited this morning as all ducklings have now hatched!

## Poetry Workshop – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018



We were delighted to welcome the poet Coral Rumble.

Coral says... “For me, poetry is the fascinating challenge of word juggling – and once you’ve learnt one trick you just can’t wait to try some more. The poet’s job is to choose words carefully and then ‘throw’ them with skilful precision, so that the magic of rhythm and good timing keeps them all in the right place!

Of course, the poet’s job also involves observation – noticing things. There are poems lurking everywhere around us. The poet must hunt them down and capture them on the page. Taste, look, listen, touch, sniff the air and say to yourself, “There’s a poem around here somewhere!” – then swoop down with your pen and write it!”

We are sure that she will bring a wealth of experience to the children’s day and look forward to having her spend time with us.

## Friends of Burchetts Green School AGM – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

This is a quick reminder that the AGM for Friends of Burchetts Green School (FOBGS) will take place tonight, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. This is always a friendly meeting and a good way to find out what’s going on in school and what the committee supports. It would be lovely to have you with us so please do try and get along this evening. The meeting starts at 8.00pm. This year is the school’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it would be great to have suggestions as to how we can celebrate this.

## Lambs in School

This term wouldn’t be complete without the arrival of our lambs! We haven’t a final date but it shouldn’t be you much longer to wait. The lambs will need your scrapes please. They do not eat citrus fruit but they love bread, biscuits, banana skins and vegetables!

When the lambs arrive we will talk to the children about hygiene. Children will be expected to wash their hands with warm soapy water after every trip to the lambs. We will have extra notices to this effect on display. We also have a risk assessment in each classroom. Although our lambs are not ‘new born’, if you are pregnant you may want to visit the government website below for peace of mind.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pregnant-women-advised-to-avoid-animals-that-are-giving-birth--2>



## Maidenheads Got Talent – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018



As you will know we are taking part in Maidenheads Got Talent again this year. The show takes place at Taplow Court and the children need to be at the venue by 2.00pm. They will travel with staff by coach.

The show starts at 3.30pm (this is the matinee performance) and parents and siblings are invited to join us.

This is a longer day than usual for the children but we hope that as it is a Friday afternoon it will not interrupt routines too much. It is a lovely opportunity for the children to perform to a wider audience and supports our Gold Artsmark status.



Our children will perform in the first half of the show and, due to the age of the children, I have requested that children be allowed to leave the show after the first half if needed. I will let you know if this is possible and at what time the first act is likely to finish as soon as I hear back.

Tickets are available to purchase NOW at

<http://www.rotary-in-maidenhead.org.uk/gottalent/>

Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the event, subject to availability. The prices are:

Adult	£8
Under 16 and senior citizens	£6
Pre-school aged children	Free

I do hope that many of you will be able to join us and watch the performance.

### **Sport, Cricket and GB Athlete**

As part of the school's commitment to a healthy life style KS1 children have three PE lessons a week. The children in EYFS have two PE lessons supplementing their EYFS curriculum.

This term, in addition to the above, we are having a day of cricket. On 1<sup>st</sup> May we are giving each year group the opportunity to learn cricket skills with a professional coach. Please dress the children in PE kit on this day.



On the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 we are inviting a Great Britain athlete in to school as we did before Christmas. As soon as we know who this is we will let you know!



**ourschoolsapp launch – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

To further improve communication between school and home, we are launching our new app.



The app is available immediately and a letter will follow explaining how to download to your phone.

We think installing and using the app will be pretty straight forward but if you do have a problem please let us know.

I would like to assure you that personal and confidential communication will still be sent to you via your personal email address.

**A couple of advanced notices for term six!**

Whole school Sports Day Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Claires Court School (morning only – details to follow)

Whole school 'School Fete' Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at school

Whole school trip Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at River and Rowing museum – Henley

Whole school Leavers' assembly Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Hurley Church (afternoon)

Thank you for your support as always and we look forward to the busy term ahead.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Sheppard'.

Mrs D Sheppard