



I do hope you had a pleasant summer and I would like to extend very warm welcome back to you all.

Also a special welcome to Cameron and Patrick who have joined us in Barn Owls and, of course, to all our lovely new Tawny Owls.

It has been a smooth start to the year and the children are settling quickly into their new routines and getting to know their new teachers. Please remember that you are welcomed by all teachers to discuss any issues at the end of the school day and if you have anything that needs to be communicated at the beginning of the day you are welcome to talk to a member of staff in your child's classroom. If you need to see me my office door is always open and if you would like a longer appointment Mrs Derrett will book one for you. We hope the easy access you have to staff will smooth out any 'teething troubles' that transition can sometimes presents.

Owl Day



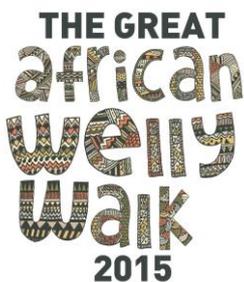
This term our topic is Owls and we are delighted that on the 14th September we had Owl Boxes erected in trees on the school site and the woodland next to the carpark.

On 21st September a company called 'Night Owls' will be bringing owls to the schools. The children will see a display of the owls in flight in the hall and then have an opportunity to sketch the owls in their classrooms. Each child will also have their photograph

taken with an owl. The photos will come home for you to view and will be available for purchase.

Our family Harvest Festival service will take place on **Thursday 8th October 2015** at Stubbings church and this year we are supporting The Great African Welly Walk

- a sponsored walk which aims to help African farmers to 'give hunger the boot'. We will also be supporting 'Open Kitchen' which is a charity providing food and help for people in and around Maidenhead who cannot afford to feed themselves. During the week of Harvest Festival our School Value will be Compassion and we hope supporting these charities will help the children understand the needs of those less fortunate than themselves, locally and across the world, and recognise that there are simple ways in which they can help others.



On the morning of **Thursday 8th** you will need to take your child to Stubbings church (St James the Less) rather than school. Please be at church between 8.45am and 9.00am and hand your child to their teacher, who will be there to greet them, before taking your seat; the service will start at 9.05am.

You will not need to take your child to school after the service as we will be taking a sponsored walk back through the fields in our wellies.

So that each child has wellies to wear for the walk and shoes to change into when they get back to school we will send your child home in their wellies on Wednesday the 7th October and they will leave their shoes at school. This way, on the 8th October, they will have wellies at home to wear in the morning and shoes at school to change into after the walk!

During the service a collection will be taken to 'sponsor' the walk. Children are also asked to bring a food item from the list which will be displayed on the school notice board in the playground and on each class door. This item will be given to the Open Kitchen in Maidenhead.

The service will involve contributions from all classes and will be led by the Snowy Owls and we hope very much that you will be able to stay and support your child.

Parking

Parking during school drop off and pick up time is always difficult but I am extremely grateful to the continued considerate parking that parents use at these times. Please always park, as a first choice, in the Crown car park. The landlord of the Crown has given permission for us to use the car park however he has asked that, to keep the car park secure during the day, we lock his new gates. Therefore the car park will be locked from 9.30 each morning and from 3.30 after school.

If you are parking on the road please remember not to mount the pavement as children use this.

We do have a few places in the staff car park for families with babies and those who help congestion through shared school runs. If you have a reason for using the staff car park, please could you let Mrs Derrett know and she will take your licence plate details. If you do not fall into these categories but feel you have another valid reason for using the staff car park do please talk with Mrs Derrett and we will do all we can to make this possible. *If you have not spoken with Mrs Derrett please do not use the car park.* If you have used the car park in the past you will need to update your details/reason with her again this year, thank you.

Please do not make a three point turn in the road. If you need to turn your car round you can do this either at the triangle at Honey Lane or at the triangle outside the Crown.

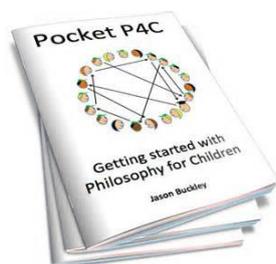
We would also ask that you support our rule that children must hold on to an adult and walk when in the car park. If you allow your child to run or play in the woodland they should stop at the edge of the car park and wait for you. In the past we have had a couple of light knocks and near misses as children have run between reversing cars and we want to avoid accidents at all costs.

Welcome BBQ



On **Friday the 18th September** FOBGS are running our annual welcome BBQ. This is a lovely opportunity for you to come into school and meet other parents and of course to meet parents new to the school. Getting to know and support each other is part of what makes Burchett Green a warm family environment so do try to get along.

Philosophy for Children



Our first parent workshop is on **21st October 2015** and will be an introduction to Philosophy for Children (P4C). We will look at how children can become skilled at philosophic debate which can 'give children a voice' thus enhancing their speaking and listening skills and consequently their ability to write. This will be an engaging and interesting evening so we do hope you will be able to get along (book your babysitter today)! The workshop will start at 7.30 and finish by 8.30pm.



Gift Wrap Fundraiser

FOBGS are once again raising money for the school via Northbrook gift wrap. A brochure will be sent to you at the beginning of October. This contains both birthday and Christmas paper, among other great value products such as packs of birthday cards.

Burchetts Green Infant school will receive 22% cash back on every item sold.

Dates

Attached to this email is a list of dates of events already on the school calendar. Many of them will involve some form of parent participation so please do read through carefully and add them to your diary.



This list could well be added to and some events still need confirmation. However we hope it will help you with planning ahead. More details of each activity will be given to you nearer each event.

The date list includes Christmas dates; further information regarding the Nativity Service will be in the next newsletter alongside an updated date list.

Kind regards

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Mrs Sheppard

September 2015

School Dates 2015 - 2016	
September 7th	Term 1 Owls
September 18 th	Welcome BBQ
September 21 st	Owl Day (night Owl and photo)
September 23 nd	TO My First Photo (Maidenhead Advertiser)
October 8 th	8.45am Harvest Festival at Stubbings Church
October 10 th	Knights and Castle drama workshop in school
October 21 st	Parent Workshop P4C
October 23 rd	Last day term
November 2nd	Term 2 The Victorians
November 3 rd	Whole School dress up day 'The Victorians'
November 10 th	Whole School trip to Reading Museum for 'Victorian Workshop'
November 18 th	Parents Evening
November 19 th	Parents Evening
December 10 th	Christingle Service at Stubbings church (whole school and families)
December 14 th	Nativity Service 1.30 Jubilee Church (whole school and families)
December 15 th	Nativity Service 1.30 Jubilee Church (whole school and families)
December 16 th	Whole school Christmas show at Norden Farm 'One Snowy Day'
December 18 th	Christmas Jumper day: PM Parents' mince pies and coffee: end of term.
January 4 th	Inset day – staff only
January 5th	Term 3 Space
January 5 th	Space Dome in School
February 4 th	Astronomy Evening (TBC)
February 12 th	Last day term
February 21st	Term 4 Down on the Farm
February 22 nd	Farm Day (activity to be advised)
March 3 rd	Mothers' Day Service and nail bar (in school, whole school and families)
March 24 th	Easter Service (Stubbings Church whole school and families)
March 25 th	End of term
April 11th	Term 5 Homes
April 12 th	Whole school trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
May 27 th	End of term
June 6th	Term 6 'The Circus'
June 7 th	Circus Day – Circus workshops in school all day
June 13 th	Phonic Screening week
June 14 th	International Dress Up Day (TBC)
June 17 th	Dads and Lads in school (Father's Day celebration)
July 7th	Sports Day
July 12 th	Beach Day
July 18 th	Whole School Summer Trip
July 19 th	Leavers Service (whole school and families)