



Burchetts Green CE Infant School



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Our new topic is 'Homes around the World'



Dear Parents

Our topics are designed to excite children, to engage them and to add an enquiry dimension to their learning. This term our topic will be 'Homes around the World'. This topic will be an opportunity for our children to experience a global dimension to their learning as they consider how children and families across the world live.

To grab children's attention at the beginning of a project we arrange some really amazing 'topic days'. These can be in the form of a dress up day; a visiting company such as Basil Farm and our resident sheep or the space dome and activities arranged by Maidenhead Astronomical Society. This term to support our homes topic we will be visiting Windsor Castle *and* taking part in the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations! Our school's personal invitation from the Castle came after our original booking so we now have a revised date of Tuesday 26th April 2016.

Brain Builders

Brain Builders homework supports the enquiry dimension of our topics. Children's Brain Builders books will come home before the end of term. Please encourage your child to work

with you to research information about homes. This can be done, for example, through using the internet or through interviews with family and friends in different parts of the world or who have alternative life styles – for instance living in eco-friendly houses or community living.

Please bring your books back to school by 18th April so that we can take them with us to the castle in an attempt to show them to the royal household!

Lunchtimes

As you are all aware lunchtimes have been difficult lately as we have a limited number of mid-day supervisors and this has encroached on teachers and teaching assistants' lunch break. Although we are still looking for midday staff we will be slightly better off after Easter.

To help lunchtime run smoothly children now have 'Family Lunch' with their class. In addition children play either before or after lunch, in designated areas outside.

All clubs, other than street club take place at 12.00 and children eat afterwards. Street dance starts at 12.20 and all children attending street dance eat before this.

Lunchtime runs from 12.00 – 1.00 which means that the children have an afternoon break at the discretion of the class teacher.

I would like to extend our warm thanks to Mr Wells, one of our foundation governors, for the three voluntary lunch times that he gives us each week.

Morning drop off

Please remember to park as a first choice in the Crown car park. Please supervise your children at all time in the Crown car park.

Children should be dropped off at school between 8.45 – 9.05. Parents are responsible for their child until they are handed to the class teacher or teaching assistant. The class teacher will then be responsible and you are free to go!

Other visitors are expected to access school through the office and during the holiday new signage will be fitted to indicate this.

Afternoon pick up

Please see our website for our End of Day policy. The policy explains that the teacher/teaching assistant will dismiss your child to the person they are informed is collecting your child. ***If we have not received this information we will not be able to release your child.***

Green Flag (Eco- School)

I am delighted to tell you that yesterday, following the visit from an Eco – School assessor we have been awarded our ‘Green Flag’. This is the highest Eco – School award following the Bronze and Silver award, both of which we received during the past two years.



I would like to thank Mrs Maynard, our outdoor learning teacher who led us through the process, and Mrs Davison our parent governor for Green issues, both of whom have given so much time and support to us.

Many thanks too to the children, especially our Eco Reps, for the effort they make around the school to ensure our Green issues are kept on the agenda!

International School Status



During the second half of the school year (terms 5 & 6) we will be looking at ways to increase our children and staff’s global awareness.

For our children an international perspective is a window into different cultures and countries, preparing them for life in a global society as well as celebrating the diverse cultures represented at Burchetts Green.

In addition international work exposes teachers and other educators to new or different practices and perspectives from around the world aiding their professional development.

To promote a global outlook we will be working towards becoming an ‘International School’ which is an accolade awarded by the British Council.

I hope to see many of you on Thursday at our Easter church service at 1.45pm. I wish you a lovely break and I am delighted to be back with you full time after Easter.

Kind regards

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