



Burchetts Green CE Infant School



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Dear Parents



Term six is already upon us and our theme is The Circus. To start this wonderfully creative topic Alisa's father, Mr Dali, will be on the school playground when we return to school on **Monday June 6th 2016** at 8.45am making balloon toys for the children until 9.05am. Mr Dali will spend time during the morning in each classroom so that every child will have a balloon to take home at the end of the day.

The following day, **Tuesday June 7th 2016**, the circus is coming to town! We have a visiting circus act in school who will work with groups of children throughout the day. They will learn a variety of new skills from juggling to tight rope walking! This is a lovely day for the children and I'm sure we will get lots of creative writing from it as well as maths work and PE skills.



By **Friday June 10th 2016** we will all have the preparations of the fete on our minds and so we are inviting the children to come into school in their own clothes if they bring with them a bottle for the tombola!

On **Sunday the 12th June 2016** Stubbings church, St James the Less, is holding a celebration service and picnic for the Queen's 90th birthday and all children and their families are invited. There will be a flyer in your child's book bag outlining the event soon.



This year International Week falls within our circus topic and on **Tuesday June 14th 2016** we are having our international dress up day. On this day we invite all children to dress up in traditional costumes that represent family links with other countries or cultures or alternatively a traditional costume of choice. Children should bring a small sample of food that represents their chosen culture ready to share with other children. Brain Builders books will be given out before half term and will be based around the international theme and this work should be returned on International Day (June 14th) so that the information can be shared in class and across the school. Please remember to use two pages only – children may extend their work using flaps or envelopes if they wish.





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Once again we would like to invite Dads and Lads into school on **Friday June 17th 2016**. This has been such a success in the past and the children really love seeing men in the school taking part in activities. It is an open invitation to all fathers, uncles or other male relatives or family friends.



Dads and Lads may attend as below – we look forward to having you with us!

Time	Tawny Owls	Barn Owls	Snowy Owls
Music			
9.30 – 10.00	Recorders/music		
10.00 – 10.30		Recorders/music	
10.30 – 11.00			Cello
Lunch time (please bring a packed lunch)			
12.00 – 12.20	Lunch	Street dance/play time	Street dance/play time
12.20 – 12.40	Play	Street dance/play time	Street dance/play time
12.40 – 1.00	Play	Lunch	Lunch
Golden Time and Award Assembly			
1.00 – 2.30pm	Golden Time/football	Golden Time/football	Golden Time/football
2.30 – 3.00pm	Award Assembly	Award Assembly	Award Assembly

I'm sure you are all aware that the school fete is on **Saturday June 25th 2016**. The fete is the result of a lot of hard work by FOBGS; the money raised from the fete directly supports your child's school experience and we are all very grateful for their sustained effort. The theme of the fete will be The Circus to fit with the term's topic.

All the children will be performing at the fete and the time of each class performance will be on your programme which will follow shortly.





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27th June - 1st July 2016 will be prayer week. Mrs Tyrrell and Mrs Dale have worked in liaison with members of St Peter's Church in Furze Platt who will be providing us with a large prayer tent. The tent will have different areas and each area will be a place of action and reflection based around our school's values. For example, at the area entitled 'Forgiveness' - children drop a small piece of Berocca into a glass and think about this as it fizzes. At 'Thankfulness' - children write on a post-it something they are thankful for. At Sorrow - children place cardboard tear drops placed into a jug representing that Jesus knows their particular sadness.

The tent will be available for parents during our open evening on **Wednesday 29th June 2016**

Our school open afternoon/evening, (Wednesday 29th June 2016), starts at 3.15pm and is an opportunity for you to visit each classroom and see what the children in your child's class and across the school have been up to. Children who take part in after school athletics will be performing a short display straight after school led by Mr Smith our PE coach.

When you visit the hall you will see an exhibition of the children's art work. Each child will have a framed picture which parents can purchase. They make a lovely infant school memento and cost £10.00.

Tuesday July 5th 2016 is transition day across RBWM. This means our new Tawny Owl children will be visiting us during the afternoon and that most of the Y2 children will be visiting their next schools.





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Staffing September 2016

I'm sure you will be pleased to hear that we have all our staffing positions in September filled. Therefore the children in Y1 will meet their Y2 teachers as well.

Year two will be taught by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Easton. Both these teachers come with a wealth of experience across all primary years and both are working in Y2 at present.



My name is Mrs Thomas. I am an experienced year 2 teacher who loves to inspire children to want to learn & to encourage them to develop enquiring minds. I am really excited about joining the staff team at BGIS and look forward to meeting you and your children very soon.



My name is Mrs Easton. My experience of working with children has taught me that they are all unique. I love finding ways of engaging all the children that takes into account their different learning styles. I'm happy to be joining the BGIS team and am looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

Mrs McNamara will continue to teach year one. Mrs McNamara has taught at Burchetts Green for a number of years and has many areas of leadership including P4C and Literacy. Mrs McNamara is an English specialist and her skills in English are much sought after in light of the new curriculum.



As a literacy enthusiast I am always looking for ways to bring books to life for the children in my class and across the school. I believe it is important to cultivate a love of literacy from an early age; a love that will last throughout their formal education and beyond. That's why I am so inspired by the creative curriculum at BGIS which brings learning to life and stimulates the children to read and write through the various themes we embrace.





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Tawny Owls will be taught by Mrs Dale who will take on the role of Senior Teacher. Mrs Dale, alongside Mrs Neaves, became Acting Headteacher in my absence. She is a very experienced primary school teacher specialising in EYFS and her competence means she is the ideal person to have at school whenever I am off site.

We are delighted that Mrs Fennell will join the EYFS team in September 2016. Mrs Fennell is an experienced primary teacher with a deep understanding of the EYFS curriculum where she is working at present.



I love watching children learn in different ways and seeing the satisfaction as they work out something new or develop their understanding. It's a real privilege to be part of a child's first experience of school life when they join us as 4 year olds and I'm passionate about helping them to become secure and confident learners who love learning.



My name is Mrs Fennell. I'm really excited to be joining the wonderful team at BGIS in September. My teaching career has always been focussed on KS1 and EYFS as I love to encourage the hands-on and practical learning experiences of young children. Having watched my two boys thrive in such a stimulating and caring environment over the last two years, I can't wait to meet your children and be part of this school!

As Headteacher I am delighted to be moving forward with this strong and very experienced team supporting me who I am sure will lead the school from strength to strength.

However you will see that I have not mentioned either Mrs Tyrrell or Miss Brown-Findlay in the above scenarios. This is because, sadly, we have to say good bye to them at the end of this year (along with Mrs Neaves).

Miss Brown-Findlay is completing a degree in Primary Education and to do this need KS2 experience which we cannot offer her here. We do intend to keep in touch and hope to see her soon and often.





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Mrs Tyrrell has decided to take a break in her teaching career and spend more time with her young children. Mrs Tyrrell lives near to school and we intend to keep in touch with her as well.

While we will miss them very much we do wish them all the best for the future.



This year we will be holding our Sports Day at Claires Court School, Maidenhead, on **Thursday July 7th 2016**. Please dress your child in their PE Kit and go straight to Claires Court in the morning for 9.30am. Claires Court are making parking arrangements available for us.

Children should be walked to their teacher who will register them and take them to the holding bays.

When Sports Day finishes, at about 11:30am, you will need to transport your child back to school for lunch and afternoon education.

Every year the LA asks me to remind you that holiday absence during term time is not permitted. Therefore as you are not allowed to take your child to the beach we are bringing the beach to Burchetts Green!



Beach Day will be on **Tuesday July 12th 2016**. On that day the children will need to dress in shorts and T shirts. They should bring a towel and a swimming costume as well. They may bring buckets and spades and please plenty of sunscreen! Don't forget a water bottle.

During the day children will have different stations with different activities which they will take part in and, in addition, Norden Farm art leaders will be on site to lead Beach Workshops.

This year our whole school trip will be to Beale Park on **Monday 18th July 2016**. Again please remember sunscreen and hats. Children should dress in their school uniform – this helps staff to quickly identify any would-be wanderers!

The following day **Tuesday 19th July 2016** is the Leaver's Service. This service takes place at Hurley church, St Mary the Virgin, not Stubbings where we usually meet. We use St Mary the Virgin as it is easier for everyone to see their children take part; however it is just a bit too far for the children to walk to. Therefore please could you pick your child up from school at 1.15 and take them to the church in Hurley





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for a 1.30pm start. After the service you should take your child home from the church and not from school.

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Mrs Sheppard is unable to be at school on the last day of term this year. We know that the Y2 children love last day photos with their headteacher and class teachers before they leave. So that this is possible despite Mrs Sheppard not being available on the last day, staff will be staying at church for 'photo shoots' after the service – we will make sure to wear our posh frocks!

Wednesday 20th July 2016 is the last day of term and school will close at 1.15pm.

As you will see by the length of this letter this term is packed full of laughter and learning making for well-rounded children! We will send short weekly updates and reminders before events happen.

Meanwhile I look forward to seeing you all next term ready for our circus theme!

Kind regards

Mrs Sheppard

