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Welcome to...

Everyone, old and new! It has been wonderful to welcome our new EYFS children, who have knocked Miss Watson's socks off with their all-round awesomeness! And all our fabulous returning children – they have done you all proud. And how amazing it has been to see all the children playing – all together, and all over the school grounds, just how they should be! I have been in and out of classes every day, and have been so impressed to see all our children engaged and focused on their learning.

Attendance

Miss Watson's Class: 99.1%

Mrs Goude and Mrs Tennant's Class: 99.5%

Mrs Souter's Class: 100%

Mr Easton's Class: 97.8%

Multisports Club

Check your emails for more information about multisports, which starts on Tuesday for Y3-6 pupils and Wednesday for Y1/2 pupils. If you'd like your child to join in, please book your place with Mrs Gatenby asap.

Meet the Team (and Heck)

We are all looking forward to our Meet the Team event tonight at 6pm, there are so many changes to school we'd love to share with you! Don't worry if you're unable to make it though, there will be plenty of other opportunities to come in as we go through the term. Thank you so much to FOBS for providing refreshments, and not least to Heck who have generously provided the sausages for free!

Information about what your child is learning in school

Look out next week for topic sheets from your child's class teacher, which will give you lots of information about what your child is learning in school, so you can support their learning at home. Class teachers will be more than happy to talk you through any questions you may have.



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Parent information sessions

And on that note, dates will be coming out soon for information sessions for how you can support your child with their phonics/reading and maths – watch this space! We will aim to record sessions, so don't worry if you can't make it, you will be able to watch them via a link to the school YouTube channel.

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will begin again soon. After your feedback last year, I have decided to move them to Friday afternoons, still at 2.45. I will write with more information over the next week or so. I am working with the older children at the moment on thinking through what we want our collective worship to look like, and what our celebration assemblies should showcase – exciting stuff!

National Carers' Week

We will be supporting Herriot Hospice Homecare for National Carers' Week (4 – 8 October) this year. More information will follow nearer the date, once our School Council have decided how we are going to support this worthy local cause.

Class names

Now we have increased to four classes, we are going to seize the opportunity to rename our classes. Originally the children and I were keen for a bee theme, but we got ourselves into a bit of a tangle (you'd be amazed how few appropriately named bee species/types there are!), so the children have suggested sticking with our traditional bird names, but basing them on this term's work on British birds, and looking at the birds around the local area. The children have already started investigating, and will be sourcing and voting on the new class names over the next couple of weeks. For now, I thought it was sensible to stick to class teacher names and/or year groups for the classes, but we will let you know what the voters decide!

Kirklington Show

Congratulations to our talented artists who showed their bee-autiful mixed media designs off at the show. We were so pleased it was able to take place this year – and the children were delighted to join in!



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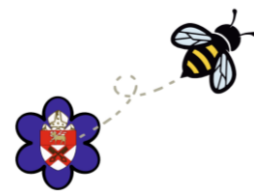




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Meet the Governors

For those of you who are unable to attend our Meet the Team event tonight, here is a quick recap of what being a school governor entails. We are always on the lookout for people who would be prepared to volunteer for this rewarding role, particularly if you have knowledge or skills in finance. The school's governing body meets roughly half-termly over the year, as well as coming into school frequently to work with staff or children, depending on their role. Lots of training and support is on offer if you are new to the role. If you would like to know more about this, please do get in touch with either me or our Co-Chairs: Louise Carter and Liz Wilson – all of us can be contacted via Mrs Gatenby.

After School Wraparound Care and Breakfast Club

Both sessions are growing week on week, which is great news for sustainability. Don't forget you can book in with Mrs Gatenby via dojo anytime during the school week, for childcare whilst you are at work. As you know from this week's email, we have extended Wednesday to 6pm and given each night a theme. Please remember, the maximum number of children is 20, so don't leave it too late to book in!

Water bottles

The hot weather is still with us, so just a reminder to make sure your child has a water bottle in school, and that it is full of water rather than juice please. Juice is fine if your child is having a packed lunch, and children will be frequently offered a beaker of water if they have forgotten their water bottle. We will be reminding pupils to drink plenty throughout the day, and children have access to their water bottles at all times. Don't worry if they leave their bottle in school, we will rinse them out and the children will be able to refill them here in school. It's a good idea to name them clearly – especially if you would like to get them back!

Forest Schools

Falcons have been the lucky recipients of our first half term with Outdoor Adventure Forest Schools – they were loving den building yesterday. For those of you who don't know, every Thursday afternoon we run forest school in the grounds. One class per half term work with Madeleine and her team. It has been such a roaring success (and has been so beneficial for our children's wellbeing post-Covid), that we are increasing the provision so that every class will have two half term's worth, rather than one, over the year. For more information, contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to advise you on kit and timings.



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New Starters September 2022 Open Morning

Although next September seems light years away, it soon comes around. If you, or anyone you know, has a child who will be of school age next September, please stand by for a flier over the next week or so advertising our Open Morning this year. Our fabulous Year Six Young Leaders will be helping me to welcome prospective parents and children to our wonderful school. I am just thrashing out a date, and as soon as I've got one, I will let you know. If you are able to put a poster up somewhere suitable for us, please let Mrs Gatenby know.

Bewerley Park Residential

Next March (again, light years away but will sneak up on us instantly!) sees our Falcons class visiting Bewerley Park with Mr Easton and me. We will be holding an information session shortly, with a presentation about the centre and an opportunity for you to ask any questions. We will send out a date next week. Don't worry if you can't make it, I'm happy to answer any questions via email, phone call or at the gate.

Don't forget you can also check out our Twitter account (@BurnestonSchool) to see what we've been up to!

Dates

When	What	Who
Friday 10 th October, 6pm	Meet the Team	All
Friday 22 nd October, 2pm	Harvest Festival at St Lambert's Burneston	All
Friday 22 nd October, 3.15pm	Half Term	All
Monday 1 st November	School opens	All
Friday 17 th December, 3.15pm	Christmas Holidays	All



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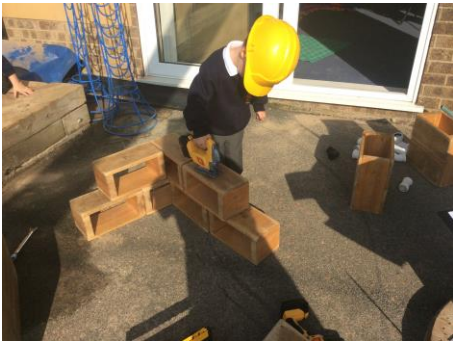


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Here's a taste of what we've been up to this week:



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