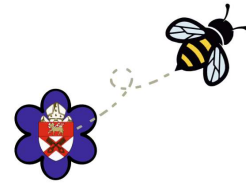




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Guinea pigs

We welcomed two new furry Burneston team mates earlier this week! We've had a flood of fantastic suggestions for their names, and the School Council have voted, and we are delighted to welcome Cupcake and Buzz. Our new pets have settled in quickly and are currently getting used to school life. After half term, they will be residing in Hawks classroom, and a lovely new outside run has arrived so they will be earning their keep by keeping the grass and dandelions down on the school field!

Sowerby music for life

What a brilliant day we all had on Wednesday when we were joined by two musicians, El and Matthew, from Sowerby Music for Life - who sang, played keyboard and guitar for and with all our classes. We have such a lot of wonderful singers in our school, they were harmonising like professionals by the end of the afternoon! El and Matthew also both said how brilliant our children were at listening, joining in and asking fantastic questions – we are so proud of them.

Blue PE shirts and Polo shirts

It's been a successful transition towards navy blue polo shirts – don't they look smart! In September, we would like to change the PE shirt colour to navy blue as well. It's much more practical for the rest of the school day/playtimes on PE days.

School Council

School Council have worked really hard this term, organising guinea pig name competitions, a non uniform day and choosing their names – the idea for a school pet came from one of our KS2 pupils via the School Council suggestion box and was picked up and debated by School Council – talk about democracy in action! I look forward to seeing what other school improvements they can help with next half term.

School Newspaper

Speaking of democracy in action, you'll have seen that the News Team have created a creative writing competition, which caused quite a buzz of excitement when they announced it this week in assembly. They have also invited our local MP, Kevin Hollingrake, to visit school and answer questions from School Council and the News Team. They were delighted when he replied to say he'd love to visit and speak to the children – he will be visiting school later this term. Well done News Team!



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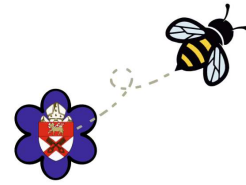




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Easy fundraising

You'll have seen some information on dojo from FOBS regarding Easy Fundraising – please take the time to sign up, every little helps! And speaking of that catch phrase, thank you to one of our enterprising parents who snaffled a delicious donation of apples from Tesco which are currently being devoured by our Key Stage 2 pupils.

Bags to School

Please bring your donations for Bags to School by Wednesday 10th June – see yesterday's dojo from FOBS.

Dressing up

Now that the better weather is upon us, if you find yourself having a wardrobe clear out over half term, please do consider us for any old grown up clothing – it doesn't need to be specifically designed dress up play costumes, the best imaginative play has often come from an old coat and a pair of clippy-cloppy shoes! You'd be amazed by what the children can make of your old clothes! Please drop any donations of clean old clothing in to the office after half term and we will take it straight out to play! Thank you to the parents who have already dropped in a range of fantastic items, these will be going outside now the better weather seems here to stay.

Safeguarding

If you didn't get chance to check out the latest parental online safety information in our last newsletter, here's the link: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> It's regularly updated to keep parents and carers up to date with the fast-moving online world.

Attendance

| Wrens | Swifts | Robins | Kites | Hawks | Whole school |
|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---|
| 96.9% | 97.1% | 98.3% | 97% | 96.8% | 97.2% [National 94.9%, North Yorks 95.2%] |

It's worth noting that an increasing chunk of the lower attendance is due to holidays being taken. Whilst we recognise that term time prices are significantly lower, we very much appreciate holidays being taken in holiday time, in line with DfE guidance.

Trainers and Uniform

Please can we kindly remind families that children should come to school in **black school shoes**, not brightly coloured trainers. We completely appreciate that feet grow quickly and that some families may be waiting for the holidays before buying new shoes. In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could ensure footwear is as close to the correct school uniform as possible. Thank you for your support.



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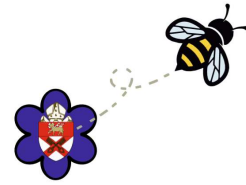




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Sporting achievements

Our sporting prowess continues with Y3/4 cricketers getting into the local finals – we are so proud, as are they. We'll catch you up with their exploits next half term. Our KS2 skipping leaders have been putting their training into place too, even the staff are joining in! As well as this, our older children are running a wide range of lunchtime sporty clubs for the younger ones, as part of their Taking Flight projects.

Parking

We are continuing to work with our local PCSO and the Parish Council to ensure that parking is safe, considerate and legal. We really appreciate you supporting us with this, as being part of the community is such an important aspect of our school ethos. Please remember not to park across driveways, T junctions or the school bus lane. Thank you.



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