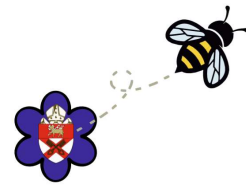




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Newsletter Spring 1, February 2025

The sun is shining, the birds are singing – welcome to our first Spring newsletter!

Attendance

Wrens: 97%

Swifts: 97%

Robins: 97%

Kites: 98%

Hawks: 96%

Celebration Assemblies

The children shared and celebrated their work earlier this term, it's fantastic to hear the learning buzz and to see them proudly showing their work to their families. Thank you to everyone who took the time to feed back so positively, it's been a real hit! Our next Family Celebration is on Friday 28th March at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you all there! In the meantime, weekly Celebration Assemblies for the children continue on Fridays. Buzz Club has met enthusiastically, certificates for Perseverance, Celebration and Writer of the Week are being shared and sent out on class dojo. Superstar Helpers are having a bonus playtime every week too. These are the bigger things happening around school, but every single day there are so many smaller moments to celebrate too: our nurturing Year 6 buddies; children literally skipping into school every morning; incredible learning behaviours across all classes in lessons; all the children who are so inspired by their learning that they carry on at home then bring it in to show us the next day... I could go on and on!

Safeguarding

We are looking forward to working with the NSPCC later this term, learning with them about how to keep ourselves safe and what to do if we are worried about anything. Our curriculum continues to teach the children how to keep themselves safe online. This is probably one of the greatest safeguarding risks in our community. There is a lot of information on our school website (<http://burneston.n-yorks.sch.uk/children/safeguarding/>), including links to other safeguarding specialists as well as quick guides to games, apps and staying safe online.



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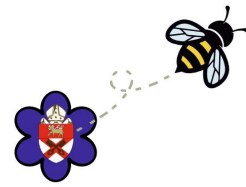




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It's not just the obvious 18 rated games (eg Grand Theft Auto, which no primary school aged child should be playing) that parents need to be aware of. Fortnite is actually a 13 rated game, and if you don't keep on top of privacy settings, for example on younger games such as Roblox, then strangers are able to contact and communicate with your child online. Please take a minute to read our safeguarding information and check what your child is playing!

Sports

Three of our athletes are heading for the area Cross Country finals next month, having placed highly at Richmond High last term – well done! Our footballers came second in their heats and eventually came fourth in the Richmondshire finals – a brilliant result, having slain some giants on the way! Sportshall athletics was thoroughly enjoyed at Bedale High School. Our older children continue to lead their younger counterparts in lunchtime sports clubs – rugby and football have proved particularly popular, and have enabled Y6 to complete their Young Leader modules for their Taking Flight projects. More opportunities for sporting prowess are coming up over the next two terms.

Taking Flight

Congratulations to our epic Year Sixes, we were delighted to celebrate with you before the holiday when you received your Bronze bee pinbadges to mark the first part of your Taking Flight projects. It's great to see your bright red hoodies bobbing around school, always helping others and being fantastic role models for the younger ones. Thank you!

World Book Day

WBD is coming up next week. Don't forget that, due to swimming and Forest Schools, we have decided to dress up on FRIDAY 7th MARCH, not the Thursday! FOBS will be donating prizes for the most sustainable costumes, so I'll see you at the charity shops this weekend – we can't wait to see what you come up with. There will be lots of bookish activities and opportunities during the day, I'm sure lots of photos will make their way onto dojo!

FOBS

We are so lucky to have the support of such a dedicated Friends group – our Christmas raffle at the Carol Service raised £581 and the cake sale a further £150. We also had a cake sale before half term which raised a further £191. Thank you to everyone who baked, organised and consumed! You've (well, your child...) still got time to take part in the Design a New Logo competition – we've had some cracking entries so get your creative juices flowing!



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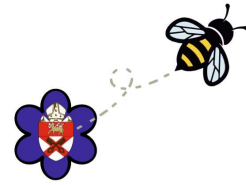




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As well as a prize for the most sustainable costume, there is a competition for the strangest place to read – get your thinking caps on, then send in a photo to take part. There will be a craft session nearer the Easter holidays which FOBS will be in touch about shortly. So many fun ways to support school – and your money goes a long way. This year we have used FOBS funds to replace play equipment, buy crafting resources and Christmas treats for every child and subsidise theatre and sports trips. We are getting School Council on board next to have the pupils' say on what they would like too. Thank you FOBS!

KS2 Theatre Trip

Thanks so much to a couple of kind additional donations, as well as a hefty FOBS subsidy, our KS2 trip to see Horrible Histories at Darlington Theatre will be going ahead next month. If you haven't yet had chance to get on Parentpay, please do so. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to see a fantastic performance in a wonderful theatre.

Uniform and PE Kit, Wellies and Overs

Please make sure your child has a large bag for their overs – we definitely need them at the moment, as lunchtime generally brings most weather conditions within any ten minute period! Just a reminder about PE kit – plain dark bottoms and white tshirt, with a school jumper please. Some children are coming in wearing branded hoodies etc in a rainbow of colours – we have plenty of spares if needs be.

Our Burneston team is expanding!

We are delighted to share that we had a strong field of candidates for Mrs Davison's maternity leave cover and were able to appoint Miss Green, who will start with us after Easter. The children have already given her a warm welcome and I know you will too when you meet her. We are excited to have her on the team!

Don't forget you can also check out our Twitter account (@BurnestonSchool) to see what we've been up to! You don't have to have a Twitter account yourself, you can just google it, or follow via the school website (<http://burneston.n-yorks.sch.uk/>).

Dates:



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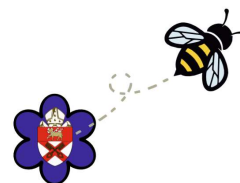




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When	What	Who
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day Dressing Up!	All
Tuesday 11 th March	Puppet workshops	All
Friday 14 th March	Y5/6 Skipping Leaders training	Y5/6
Thursday 27 th March	Horrible Histories, Darlington Theatre	KS2 (Y3-6)
Friday 28 th March	Celebration Assembly	All
w/c 31 st March	Parent and Carer Evening week (no clubs)	All
Monday 31 st March	Buddy Trip to Thorp Perrow	Y6/Reception
Tuesday 1 st April, 9.15am	Easter Service, St Lambert's Church	All
Wednesday 2 nd April	Sowerby Music For Life	All
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter	All
Tuesday 22 nd April	Summer term starts	All



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