

Recent School Activities

The School Council took part in a Cross Phase School Council Meeting at Castlebrook. It was an excellent opportunity for the members to share their experiences and knowledge, as well as to hear about the work of other School Councils.

A group of Year 3 and 4 children took part in a Festival of Participation at Bury Church High School, representing the school in a number of sporting activities. The group were excellent ambassadors for the school and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Year 6 enjoyed a visit from Olaf the Viking last week. The class got into the Viking spirit by dressing up as Vikings. They took part in an Anglo-Saxon versus Viking Battle, discovered the origins of Viking people, learnt about their way of life, tried some traditional games. The class were lucky enough to handle some chainmail and even got to see (and smell!) some rather pungent Viking food. Fun fact from Year 6 – Vikings did not have horns on their helmets!



Fundraising News

The Christmas Fair raised a wonderful £1,347. Thank you to the PA for their hard work in organising the event and to everyone who supported the event.



Mission Christmas: We are an official Mission Christmas Drop-Off Point. If you or anybody you know locally wish to donate, you can drop off new unwrapped toys to school **until Friday 14th December**. Thank you!

Celebration Winners

We are always proud of our children in school and we reward them in many ways. As well as holding Celebration Assemblies, we hold a winning House Team 'juice cafe' with juice and popcorn, dojo points are awarded in class and stickers are used throughout school. I am sure you are as proud of the children as we are.

Achievement Award Winners:

R: Carsen M	Y4: Thomas
Y1: Mufudzi	Y5: Adil
Y2: Sarwar	Y6: Ashton
Y3: Bailey	



Attendance Winners: Year 1

House Team Winners: Hargreaves

Christmas in School



Nativity Play - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will stage their Nativity play on **Wednesday 12th December at 9.30am** and **Thursday 13th December at 2pm**. In order to attend a performance, you must buy tickets via the ParentPay website. There will also be a professional DVD recording of the performance available to buy via ParentPay.

Our **Christmas Jumper Day** is on **Friday 14th December**. Your child can wear their Christmas jumper on this day if they have one. If you would like to make a donation to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal that would be greatly appreciated. This date will also be our Health and Wellbeing Day. **We would ask that children come to school wearing sportswear (tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt) and trainers/pumps along with their Christmas jumper.**

The whole school will visit **the Panto on Thursday 20th December**.

School will close for Christmas at **2.30pm on Friday 21st December (After School Club will close at 4.30pm** on this day). School will re-open after the holidays on **Monday 7th January 2019**.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Parents' Evening, which is a valuable opportunity for one-to-one communication with your child's class teacher. I am pleased to say that 89% of our children had a parent/carer who attended Parents' Evening. Thank you for your continued support with your child's education.

Online Safety This Christmas

#WakeUpWednesday 

With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, National Online Safety have launched a campaign to help parents/carers keep children safe when using their new digital devices. Their #WakeUpWednesday social media campaign can be seen here:

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

Download: Please request here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>

Safety Near School

As the nights grow darker and the weather is worse, we would ask all parents/carers and visitors to be extra vigilant when driving near school, particularly when parking and reversing.

If walking to/from school, please do not walk across the school car park. If crossing Sunny Bank Road we would recommend using the Crossing Patrol point.

We appreciate that there is a light out near the school entrance and local residents have reported this matter to the Council. We are looking at installing additional lighting on school premises to help improve this situation. Thank you.

The Giving Machine

Raise Money for School Whilst You Shop!

You can raise money for school when you shop online by visiting www.thegivingmachine.co.uk – simply sign up using the code 59065. Thank you for your support.

Educate Against Hate Campaign

The Department for Education have launched 'Educate Against Hate'. This website gives parents/carers practical advice and information on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation.

Website: educateagainsthate.com

Diary Dates 2018

Wednesday 12 th December	9.30am KS1 Nativity performance
Thursday 13 th December	2pm KS1 Nativity performance
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner and Health & Wellbeing Day
Monday 17 th December	Class Christmas party day
Thursday 20 th December	Whole school visit to Panto
Friday 21 st December	School closes at 2.30pm (4.30pm for After School Club)
Monday 7 th January 2019	School reopens

Adverse Weather

During the winter months we may experience adverse weather conditions. School will remain open wherever possible and staff will be expected to attend work as usual. However, where there are adverse road conditions some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day may be affected. We expect all children to attend school as usual when school is open, even on snowy days.

At the start of the school day: The Headteacher will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school. If the school is closed, a message will be posted on the school website as soon as possible. Please check this regularly for further updates. We will use the texting service 'Teachers2Parents' to send all parents a text to inform them of school closure/opening. Please ensure your mobile number is kept up to date.

During the school day: If the weather becomes severe during the day, school may contact parents using the texting service advising them to collect their child early for safety reasons. If parents are delayed due to adverse weather conditions then they should contact the school as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time. Children will always continue to be supervised until a parent/carer is able to collect them. Further texts will be sent as required to keep parents up to date.

Please note that DfE policy states that head teachers have to consider all risks, including levels of supervision for children, risks for staff and children of serious injury in school or travelling to school, minor slips and bumps, risks associated with worsening conditions and staff and children being unable to get home etc, against disruption to children's learning. The council's website www.bury.gov.uk is the single point of reference drawing together the latest and most accurate information on all services affected by snow or severe weather, including school closures. Thank you for your continued support.