



## Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> October

Dear all,

Last week we had school improvement partners from Hampshire visit the school to review the work we are doing, with a particular focus on phonics, reading, writing and maths. They were really impressed with the way phonics is taught and how the children are supported to learn to read. They could see the good progress children are making in their writing books, and were pleased with how maths lessons are adapted to meet the needs of all the children. We were delighted to receive this feedback! We hope you can see the individual progress your child is making when you look at their books in the Share and Celebrate session on Monday, and talk with your child's teacher on Tuesday or Thursday. If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please contact the office to do so.

It's been a busy week of sport! We've had rugby and multi-skills fixtures, see sports news below, Robin and Falcon children are enjoying their lessons with the rugby coach, and running, netball and football clubs are really popular! Being active is a positive way to support mental health, and children learnt about this in the World Mental Health Day assembly recently. The netball team organised a cake sale to raise funds for the new netball posts. They raised a fantastic £110! Thank you to everyone who made, and bought, cakes. Added to the £175 donation already made, we now have £285- so just £65 needs to be raised to reach our £350 target! Thank you!

Finally, please talk to your children about our Golden Rules and how they demonstrate these in school. By following these, our school is a happy and safe place for everyone to learn and play. At times, some of our children need reminding about our expectations, and your support in doing this makes a huge difference to them.

Have a great weekend!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher



### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Clara, Eddie, Elsie F, Sophia.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Freya, Dylan R, Toby V, Alfie.

## Sports News

### Y5/6 Rugby

The rugby team travelled to Kingsclere to play matches against St Martins and Ecchinswell as part of a local schools league. Their opening match against St Martins saw the team learn about how to work together and put the skills from their lessons into a competitive match. It was very close but St Martins took the win. For the second match, the team stepped up a gear and there were brilliant individual tries, great passing and lots of tagging- resulting in a great win! The team all enjoyed the event, demonstrated great team work and individual skill. Well done to Dylan, Kacper, Carter, Pip, Sophia, Chloe, Teddy, Eoin and Darcey.



### Y1/2 Multi Skills

Six of our Y2 children took part in the KS1 multi skills event at Park House. This involved trying to get as many points as possible in different sports including curling, golf, archery and speed stacking. They all had a great time and did brilliantly! They earned enough points to achieve a bronze certificate. Well done Izzy, Brooklyn, Louie, Alivia, Elliot and Jack. Thanks to Alexis and Grace for great support and scoring!

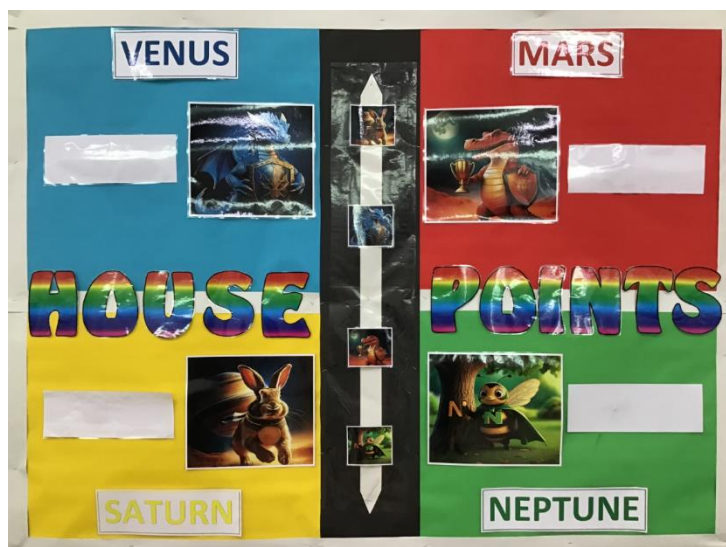


### Parking

Please be considerate of Burghclere Pre-School (the portal hall) when parking in the mornings for drop off. Unfortunately their staff and families are struggling to park due to our families using their carpark. Please park either on the roadside near the school or in the Sports Club carpark. Thank you for your support.

## House Mascots

Mrs Field has created this fabulous display showing our new house mascots! These were designed by the children in a collaborative house project afternoon, and created using AI. We think they look amazing and represent the values associated with each house!



## Website

Our website is currently still out of action. We are awaiting some tweaks from the hosts which is taking longer than anticipated. Thank you for your patience - we can't wait for the big reveal!

## Job Opportunities!

We are pleased to announce that we have some exciting job opportunities! We are looking for dedicated individuals to join our team in the following roles:

**Learning Support Assistants (1:1).** We are seeking two compassionate and enthusiastic LSAs to support our students with their learning needs. If you know anyone who has experience (but not essential) working with children, particularly those with special educational needs, we encourage you to share this opportunity.

**After School Club Play worker.** We are also looking for an After School Club play worker to help supervise our students in after school activities. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with children and is passionate about creating a fun and safe environment after a busy day at school!

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for any of these positions, please contact the office or speak with Mrs Letchford for more details!

### **500 Words Story Writing Competition!**

Three weeks ago, Mrs Letchford talked to the children about entering the famous 500 Words writing competition organised by the BBC. Details of the competition and how to enter can be found on this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

Parents/Carers can enter children's stories directly through the website. However, Mrs Letchford can do this on your behalf if you aren't able to.

We will also be running our own school competition! Children need to email their 500 words stories to [beulah.letchford@burghclerepri.co.uk](mailto:beulah.letchford@burghclerepri.co.uk) or share them on the Google drive or bring a printed copy to the office.

This is a fabulous competition, we have had some children make it through the first few rounds in the past, and we encourage all children to take part. It would be amazing to think a pupil from Burghclere could be reading their story to the Queen at Buckingham Palace!!

### **Dates for the Diary**

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Share & Celebrate after school
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	YR NWN 'First Class' photo Parents Evening NSPCC Workshops
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Nasal Flu Immunisations - all children
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	YR 2025 Open Morning - please spread the word to families and friends Parents Evening
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Childrens Entrepreneur Market - more info to follow
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FOBS Wreath Making evening - more info to follow
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm - more info to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - more info to follow

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term