



## Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> November

Dear all,

Welcome back after the half term. The staff spent time on the INSET day reviewing our school values. Thank you to everyone who made suggestions at the recent parent's meetings, these were really helpful in our review. We will be sharing our updated values with everyone very soon.

The BBC's 500 Words story competition closes at 9pm tonight! We have encouraged everyone to enter the competition but so far have only received six entries. It's an amazing competition with fabulous prizes, and we are holding our own writing competition in school too. Please do encourage your child to take part. I won't be able to enter any entries today but parents can do this at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> All copies of stories entered need to be in school for our own judging by Monday morning. Good luck to all our writers!

Next week is Anti-bullying week, a national initiative which this year is promoting the value of 'Respect'. We will be reiterating our message that bullying behaviour has no place at Burghclere Primary school, and supporting children with the steps they can take should they experience it. There will be assemblies and lessons in school and children will be sharing their learning in our Celebration assembly on Friday. Look out for photos of this work, and other learning, on our Facebook page! On the Tuesday of next week, we'd like everyone to wear odd socks. This shows that we value difference in people- we recognise that everyone is unique and that is something which should be celebrated. Further information for parents and carers can be found here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/parents-and-carers>

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Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Erica, Maddie, Tahlia, Elsie O.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Willow, Bella, Nelly, Tamara.

### Chess Club

The children are keen to run a chess club on Tuesday lunchtimes in Robin class. However we would love some more chess sets! If anyone has a chess set they no longer use and would be happy to donate it, we would love to make use of it in school! Thank you.

### Recommended Reads

Our Y6 librarians, Chloe and Sophia, are going to be recommending a book/author for children to read each week. Look out for their recommendations- they would also make good presents at Christmas! This week it's the Bear Grylls adventure series. We have the series in our school library for children to borrow.



### Staffing News

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Francis next Friday as she moves to a new position as a finance assistant. She has been a valuable member of our staff for over four years and has made a huge difference to the children in Robin class and in her role as ELSA. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

### 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!

### 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 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks Day (Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> ) Positive noticing day (Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> )
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Thorngrove netball festival- selected children only
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 football match- selected children only
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Be Bright, Be Seen day- wear something bright with your uniform!
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	FOBs Children Entrepreneur market
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 football tournament- selected children only
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 rugby matches- selected children only
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Netball match- selected children only
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - more info to follow
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm - more info to follow
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Muddy Monday (Acorn & Oak) - 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at the church- 10.30am School Christmas Lunch Last day of term