



Newsletter 22nd November

Dear all,

It was good to see so many children wearing something bright to be seen this morning! We've had assemblies on road safety from our Junior Road Safety Officers on Monday and with Mrs Field on Tuesday. Oak class were also involved in an online road safety lesson with other Hampshire schools on Wednesday. Hopefully the messages they have received will help all our children to stay safe when walking next to or crossing a road.

It was lovely to see the snow this week- without it causing disruption to the school! The children enjoyed playing in it at lunchtime and even managed to make a small snowman!

We are looking to further develop our playground with some more loose parts equipment for the children to construct with. If anyone has an old tyre, plastic drain pipe, crates or big wheels used for storing large cables, we would love to take them off your hands! We are also hoping we might have someone in our community with some amazing woodwork skills who can create a new dragon head for our outdoor learning dragon- please come and talk to me if you think you could help!

Finally, on Thursday afternoon we will be planting some daffodil bulbs in memory of Sassy, our reading dog, who sadly died during the half term holiday. Her owner, Emily, has kindly purchased some bulbs, and will be helping the children plant these around the school grounds. If you would like to plant a bulb, or help Emily and the children, we would love to hear from you.

Have a great weekend!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Alivia, Autumn, Eve L, Bea.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Ella R, Lily W, Isabelle D, Eleanor.

Attendance

In August 2024, the Government issued new guidance around attendance to schools. The link to this is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to->

[improve-school-attendance](#) This includes examples of letters we may send to parents if we are concerned about attendance, and a guidance for parents.

We have rewritten our policy, which was agreed by Governors this week, to reflect this guidance, and have a leaflet explaining this to parents, both can be found on our website. We have sent a copy of the leaflet with this newsletter. Our policy is now in line with that of other schools. We ask that all parents take holidays during the school holidays as requests will not be authorised, and will result in a penalty fine if 10 sessions or longer. We expect that parents will be honest with us regarding any holidays they may be taking- children will always talk to their teachers and friends about any time they have had away!

We also expect that parents make medical appointments, where possible, outside of school hours, and that children arrive to school in good time for the opening of the classroom doors at 8:40am for a 8:50am start. Being late or absent not only affects the progress of your child, but the progress of every child in the class, as the teacher has to spend time recapping on learning that has been missed. Children also miss out on time with their friends.

If you want to check your child's attendance, you can do this through the Arbor app. If you feel it might not be correct, please contact the school office.

Please be clear that the school is following guidance set out by the government. Please do not take it personally if we contact you about your child's attendance- we are just doing our job. We want every child to be in school every day so they make the most of their time at Burghclere.

Many thanks for your support with this.

FOBS Santa Fun Run

We are really excited to already have a large number of children and parents enter the Newbury Santa Run! Last year it was great fun and we raised a huge amount of money for FOBS. There are still places available if you would like to join the team. Anyone can run the 1k, and the 5k is for 8y and over. Please do chat to me if you have any questions. **Everyone is very, very welcome!** You can enter [here](#) or you can cheer us on and sponsor the team [here](#)!

Helen Thompson.



After School Club

If you need to book an emergency slot for your child (less than 7 days' notice), **please do not send them to the club unless you have received confirmation of the request.** This is particularly important whilst the club is short staffed as ratios are having to be adjusted. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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 from 3.10pm-5.30pm. 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.

Friday 29 th November	FOBs Children Entrepreneur market
Monday 25 th November	Y5/6 football tournament- selected children only
Tuesday 26 th November	Y5/6 rugby matches- selected children only
Sunday 1st December	FOBS Santa Fun Run!
Tuesday 3 rd December	Netball match- selected children only
Monday 9 th December	Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - more info to follow
Tuesday 10 th December	KS2 Carol Service @ Burghclere Church 5.00-6.00pm
Thursday 12 th December	Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm - more info to follow
Monday 16 th December	Family Muddy Monday (Acorn & Oak) - 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange
Friday 13 th December	Secret Shopping
Friday 20 th December	Carol Service at the church- 10.30am School Christmas Lunch Last day of term