



Newsletter 17th January

Dear all,

First of all a BIG thank you to the two parents who have signed up to our Early Bird Readers scheme- it's making a difference already! If you would like to support children with their reading but would find it easier to come into school at another time, for example at the end of the day, we'd love to hear from you!

Robin class had a brilliant day on Monday travelling back to the Anglo-Saxon times. They explored different artefacts, took part in a battle, listened to the story of Beowulf, learnt some names, played games, and so much more! It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience. Thank you to Miss Burton for organising it.

We are organising a Science week for the summer term. If you, or someone you know, works in a role where science is key, and you would like to share this with our children to inspire them, please do get in touch.

Finally, we have this term's Parent Liaison Group Meeting next week. If you have any feedback you would like to give, or questions to ask, please talk to your class representative.

Have a great week!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Lily Wr, Darcey S, Polly, Reuben

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: James, Barney, Vinnie, Freya, Isaac

Exciting Book Swap - Friday, 24th January

We're delighted to invite you to our **Book Swap event** under the barn after school on **Friday, 24th January!**

Children can bring in a book they've enjoyed from the start of the week and swap it for another during the event. It's a wonderful way to encourage a love for reading and connect our school community.

Your support in helping your child choose a book to donate or joining us on the day will make this event even more special. Let's share the magic of reading together!

Advent Reading Challenge

Congratulations to *George* for winning the Advent Reading Challenge! A big thank you to all the children who took part - we hope you all had lots of fun reading!

Sports News

Y5/6 Indoor Sports Hall Athletics

A team of twelve athletes went to the Clere School on Monday afternoon to take part in the first round of the Hampshire Indoor Sports Hall Athletics competition. Each athlete took part in a sprint (1, 2 or 4 lengths), team relay, throwing event (javelin, target throw or chest push) and jumping event (long jump, triple jump or speed bounce). Times and distances collected points, and the two teams with the highest total qualified for round two- the top Basingstoke and Deane schools! All of our athletes showed great determination to do the best they could- and they were great! We finished in first place- 70 points ahead of the second place school! A brilliant effort from Pip, Teddy, Eoin, Carter, Barney, Dylan, Darcey, Scarlett, Lettie, Lara, Eleanor and Sophia!



Y5/6 Football- Hampshire League Match

On Tuesday, our Y5/6 team had their first Hampshire league match against St Martins. The team put in a strong performance from the start with some great passing and attacking play. Over the thirty minute match the team scored five goals, with just one from the opposition getting past our goalkeeper in the last five minutes. A good start to the campaign! Well done Kacper, Teddy, Scarlett, Pip, Carter, Barney, Dylan and Eoin. Thank you to Mr Burroughs for being our referee.



School Council Mural Competition

Inspiration and Colour to Brighten Our School!



The School Council are launching a competition open all students to get creative and design a mural with an uplifting and inspiring message to brighten our school! The winning murals will be chosen by the School Council and displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy. We hope to even get the best ones painted on to the walls! Let your creativity flow, and help make our school a brighter place!

Competition Guidelines:

Theme: The mural must carry an inspiring and positive message that helps to create a happy, motivating environment for all students.

Design: Your mural can be on paper, canvas, or digitally created. It should include colours, patterns, and shapes that evoke a positive, welcoming feeling.

Submission Deadline: January 24th

Where to Submit: Bring your design to the School office or email a digital version.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you looking for a new challenge for 2025? Would you like to make a big difference to the strategic direction of the school? We are seeking dedicated parents to join our governing body as governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the direction of our school and ensure the best possible education for all our children. If you are interested please talk to Peter Burroughs on the playground or email at chair@burghclerepri.co.uk for further information. Details of how to apply will come out in January.

Attendance

Thank you to all those parents who have made the extra effort to get their child to school by 8:40 for an 8:45 start. We still have some children coming into school after this time, and they are missing vital parts of learning, particularly the opportunity for additional support with LSA's, and disrupting the learning of others. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Thank you for your support with this.

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 13 th January	Robin Class Anglo-Saxon workshop day Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ The Clere- selected children only
Monday 20 th January	Y5/6 football v Whitchurch - selected children only
Tuesday 21 st January	Netball Tournament @ Park House- selected children only
Friday 24 th January	Parent Liaison Group meeting - 9.00am
Thursday 23 rd January	Archery @ Park House- selected children only
Friday 24 th January	Burghclere Book Swap - Barn after school Young Voices rehearsal - 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thursday 30 th January	Y5/6 football v Ashford Hill- selected children only
Friday 31 st January	Young Voices rehearsal - 3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 4 th February	Y1/2 Speed Stacking- selected children only
Wednesday 5 th February	PBS Parent Coffee morning in hall - 9.00am-10.30am Young Voices concert @ The O2 Arena
Thursday 6 th February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking- selected children only Y5 St Gabriel's Maths Challenge- selected children only
Tuesday 11 th February	KS2 Cross Country event in Hampshire-selected children only
Wednesday 12 th February	Governor Visit Day

Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return
Tuesday 25 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 7 th March	Reading Café - 8.45am