



Newsletter 8th September

Dear all,

Welcome to the new school year! And a special welcome to all of you who have children starting school with us. I hope you have all had lovely summers. The children have talked about a wide range of positive experiences they have had with their families and friends over the six weeks.

We have had a very calm and focussed return to school. The children in all classes are settling in well to the new routines and building relationships with each other and staff. If your child has found it difficult to settle, please do talk to myself or their class teacher, so that any difficulties can be supported and resolved as soon as possible. Good communication between parents and the school allows concerns to be addressed quickly and positively.

The staff had two INSET days at the beginning of term. One was spent completing emergency first aid at work training, the second was spent completing a range of health and safety and safeguarding training. There have been updates to our Child Protection and Safeguarding policies and these will be on our website next week once they have been reviewed by the Governing Body.

There are a number of ways parents can get involved with the school this year through Friends of Burghclere (our fundraising committee), the Governing Body, the Parent Liaison Group and volunteering to support children with their reading, clubs and activities, outdoor learning, talking in assemblies, and so much more! Please do come and talk to me if you would like to become involved.

We have a wide range of after school clubs on offer this year. We'd like to encourage as many children as possible to get involved, so do talk to them about which ones they would like to join, and return the completed slip to the office. If you would like to run a club, or support a member of staff with one, please do get in touch.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all over the coming year.

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Alivia, Reuben, Toby M, Carter, Elsie O.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Ella G, Leona, Mimi, Bonnie S, Rocco, Elliot.

Water Bottles

It has been an incredibly hot start to the term! Although the weather looks set to return to typical temperatures next week, it's still important that children have a water bottle in school. Please note that these should only have water in them, unless there is a medical reason why your child cannot have water. If so, please email the office or speak with your child's class teacher. Please ensure your child's water bottle has their name on so we can return it to them should it be left on the playground.

School Uniform

Please could all items of school uniform be labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for it to be returned to them should they leave it somewhere! We don't have a lost property bin, so any unclaimed uniform will be given to FOBs who will be organising some second hand uniform sales. Any items of non-school uniform will be donated to charity.

A reminder that only jumpers and cardigans with the school logo should be worn. We do expect shirts to be tucked in (allowances have been made this week due to the high temperatures), long hair should be tied back, and only small stud ear-rings should be worn- no bracelets or necklaces. All of this is in our school uniform policy. If you have any questions, please ask.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Sanders and Mrs Curtis to the teaching team! They have both spent a large part of the school holidays organising their classrooms and preparing for the new school year. We are very excited to be working with them!



We'd also like to welcome Mrs King to the LSA team, who is working in Falcon class, and welcome back Mrs Kestell, who is working in Oak class.

We are **urgently** looking for **a clerk to the Governing Body**. This **paid** role is approx. 114 hours over the course of the year. It involves attending Governing Body meetings, taking minutes, putting together meeting agendas and papers, and supporting the work of the Governors. Please see the email sent by Miss Pummell on Thursday for the job advert. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this position, please talk to Mrs Letchford.

After School Club

If you would like your child to attend after school club, please contact the office and book them in. It is expected that parents will pay for places prior to them being used, as per our terms and conditions. If places are not paid for, we may not be able to accept your child. Sessions will now cost £12.00, which we believe gives very good value for childcare. The ASC is being run by different members of our LSA team this year.

Parent Liaison Group

The PLG is an opportunity for parents to work with Mrs Letchford and share their ideas and valuable feedback on the work of the school, so that we can continuously reflect on what we do and how we can make it even better, so that everyone in our parent community is proud of the work we do. For this to work really well, we would ideally like at least two parent representatives from each class. We meet once a term for an hour- tea and coffee is provided! Our first meeting is on Thursday 28th September at 9:00. Please talk to Mrs Letchford if you would like to be involved.

FOBS

We hope you all had a good first week at school, and reception class welcome! We hope your little ones are settling in well!

For those of you who've thought 'maybe I'll volunteer' and want to find out more, and to introduce FOBS to the new parents, please join us at the AGM and Drinks evening (postponed from next week till 28th Sept).

FOBS AGM - Thursday 28th September at 6pm - 7pm in the School Hall.

Welcome Drinks

Agenda:

- what we've raised,
- where the money has been spent/ or will be spent going forward.
- FOBS Succession Planning - posts to fill Chair/ Treasurer

The current team will be taking a step back, due to work commitments and to ensure that a new team is in place before our children leave the school. It's also time for new blood! There will be a thorough handover and the current team will still be there to volunteer and support BUT the two official roles do need to be passed on otherwise FOBS cannot continue.

FOBS is essential to the school, without it all the lovely extras that our children have, like the Panto, wouldn't happen.

If you would like to do your bit for the school and for your children, please contact Lorraine on 07828 513774 who will happily talk through any questions you have. Or let Mrs Letchford know, and she can put us in touch.

If anyone would like to find out more about Friends of Burghclere (FOBs) or volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Email us: hello@fobs.online or go to our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FOBSMAIL>

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 1 st September	INSET Day
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th September	First Day of Autumn Term
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd September	Falcon class to PGL
Monday 25 th September	NWN 'First Class' photo - Year R
Thursday 28 th September	9.00am Parent Liaison Group Meeting 6.00pm FOBs AGM - school hall
Monday 9 th October	YR & Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 16 th October	3.10pm Share & Celebrate
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 19 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	End of Term
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day
Tuesday 31 st October	First Day of Term
Thursday 2 nd November	Robin class swimming starts
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 23 rd November	9.00am Parent Liaison Group Meeting
Thursday 7 th December	YR & KS1 Nativity - 2pm & 6pm
Monday 11 th December	Share & Celebrate
Tuesday 12 th December	Panto @ The Watermill - whole school
Friday 15 th December	End of Term
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 15 th January	Young Voices - Robin & Falcon Class
Friday 9 th February	End of Term
Monday 19 th February	First Day of Term
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Term
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of Term