



Burghfield St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents

Friday 6th March 2020

Spring Term 2020

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. We have already packed so much into the first two weeks back. Last week every child in the school designed and made their own pizza. I'd like to thank parents for their support in providing the extra toppings. The pizza making was the 'Marvellous Middle' for our whole school topic. We are all looking forward to our 'Fabulous Finish' of our topic and our trip to Marwell Zoo.

This week we celebrated 'Book Week'. On Monday every class had the opportunity to take part in a dance workshop. The theme of the workshops was 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The dance instructor leading the workshops was so impressed with our children's behaviour and enthusiasm. The dance instructor travels all over the country teaching in schools. She was amazed at how polite and enthused our children were. Well done to all our children!

We have also had a visit from the 'Life Education' bus this week. Every class has had the opportunity to visit the 'Bus' for a PHSE lesson. Our PHSE work is based on the scheme of work designed by SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship). As part of our work with SCARF they will visit our school every year. Reception class looked at 'All about me', year 1 looked at 'My wonderful body', Year 2 looked at 'Feelings', Year 3 looked at 'Meet the brain', Year 4 looked at 'It's great to be me', Year 5 looked at 'Friends' and Year 6 looked at 'Decisions'. The children really enjoyed their PHSE lesson in the 'Life Education' bus. Annie, the 'Life Education' Educator, was so impressed with our children. She felt their behaviour was excellent, they were polite and all very enthusiastic towards the work.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. Our assembly focused on the children's (and adults) love of books. Adults and children had the opportunity to speak about their favourite book and read a short extract. It was fantastic to see all the children bringing in a book to the assembly. As well as their favourite book the children had the opportunity to create their favourite character using a plain potato. The creativity of the potato characters was outstanding. The children (and parents) really put a lot of effort into creating their characters. The potato characters were exhibited in the hall for every class to look at, they were then moved into the library to be with the books. Well done and thank you so much for your support.

I hope parents and children have enjoyed reading the books that have been on offer after school this week. Once you have finished with the books and no longer need them then please pass them on. Let someone else enjoy the book.

The spread of the Coronavirus is at the front of everyone's mind. As a school we will continue to keep families fully updated on the latest Government advice. As parents, please help get your child into the habit of constantly washing their hands. We have also noticed that a number of children are unsure how to wash their hands properly. Please TEACH your child.

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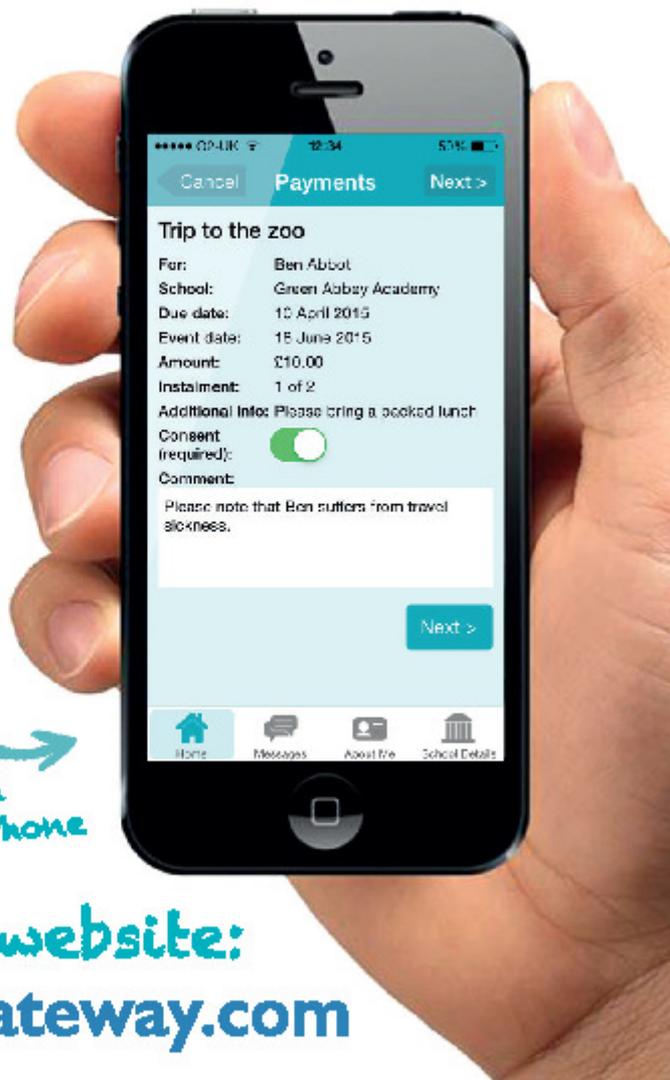
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Our School Values

Our Christian values of faith, hope and love lead us to..

Respect for God and his creation
Excel in all we do
Speak to each other kindly
Peacefully resolve our problems
Encourage one another
Care for other people and their belongings
Treat others as you wish to be treated

The Burghfield St Mary's pathway to a happy and successful school

Dates for Diaries

**A reminder to check the termly Diary Dates & sent home (copies available from the school office)
And also the School Website**

Friday 6th March	Year 5 Bake Sale
Tuesday 10th March	1:30 p.m. Resilience Workshop at St John's Primary
Wednesday 11th March	9:45—11:30 a.m. Year 4 JMF rehearsal at Calcot Junior School
Wednesday 11th March	Road Rangers—Reception & Year 1
Wednesday 18th March	Governing Body Meeting in school
Thursday 19th March	3:15—5:00 p.m. Cinema Night
Friday 20th March	7:30 p.m. Quiz & Curry Night (School Association)
Monday 23rd March	9 a.m. Rags2Riches Clothing Collection
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Junior Music Festival at The Anvil NO JUNIOR CHOIR
Friday 27th March	Year 1 Bake Sale
Monday 30th March	Whole School trip to Marwell Zoo
Friday 3rd April	2:30 p.m. End of Term
MONDAY 6TH APRIL—FRIDAY 17TH APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 20th April	Start of Pupil Term

Parking & U-Turns

Please can we ask that all parents and carers be mindful of careful driving outside the school gates and also remind everyone that the lay-by (by the car park) is for dropping off only in the mornings. If you need to park please can you move further down the road. School Road needs to be kept free of school traffic, it's one of our 'Safe' crossing points for the children. Please do not block the staff car park entrances when parking.

Help keep our children safe, please use the entrance to Green Farm to turn around.

Those parents that perform U-turns outside the school risk hitting our children.

Park Safe - Drive Smart

Please report any incidents you witness to the police, and if possible take a photo/ video of the incident. This will allow the police to deal with the motoring offence.