

Burghfield St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school. It has been so lovely to see the school full of children again. The children have had plenty of time to 'Catch-up'. This includes 'Catch-up' with friends, staff, talking to their friends face-to-face, playing with their friends and just getting back into the school routines. Please be reassured that we will not be testing children this term, for the remainder of the term we will continue with our curriculum work as planned. Those children that need extra support will receive it in school time. The past year certainly has been a strain on the whole country. Hopefully, we are now seeing the back of Lockdowns and School Closures. As a school, all of my staff that are in contact with children are taking LFD tests twice weekly. I would certainly urge parents to get involved with the community LFD testing. You can visit the Burghfield CSA to be tested or collect home kits from Prospect Park car park. You may have heard through the media that if an LFD test is taken in school (secondary aged children) then a positive test stands. However, if you get a positive test from a home kit then you need to take a PCR test immediately to confirm its accuracy. These are the instructions of the DFE. PLEASE get involved! The COVID19 rate in Burghfield is incredibly low at the moment, so a huge thank you to the whole community for following the Lockdown Rules. Last week we celebrated 'Book Week'. It was lovely to see so many children getting involved with guessing the 'Masked Readers. The results are as follows (full results are on

- 1. 'Leon and the Place Between' was Miss Harwood
- 2. 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' was Miss Thom
- 3. 'Wonder' was Mrs Field

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- 4. 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird was Mrs Carmichael
- 5. 'Matilda' was Miss Norton
- 6. 'Room on the Broom' was Mrs Leadbetter
- 7. 'Gruffalo' was Mr Gallagher
- 8. 'The Owl whos was afraid of the dark' was Mrs Eyre
- 9. 'The Snail and the Whale' was Mrs Clifford
- 10. 'The Twits' was Miss Pruszewics

On Friday 19th March it is Comic Relief Day (Red Nose Day). Once again we need your support for this very very worthwhile charity. This year we are giving children the opportunity to have a non-uniform day for a MINIMUM donation of £1 (for Comic Relief). Children are very welcome to paint/ decorate their nose, but please do not send your child to school with a 'Red Nose' that fits on to their nose. We are also going to have 'Cereal Box Dominos', my thanks to Jennifer Ingleby for this excellent suggestion. On Friday 19th March bring into school an unopened box of cereals, your child can take this into class. The children will then be able to add their cereal box to our 'Cereal Box Domino Line'. When all the cereal boxes have been added we can then KNOCK OVER the domino line. At the end of the day all cereal boxes will be donated to our local Food Bank. Our Food Bank box is always at the front of school if you would like to make a donation. The updated version of the BSM Covid Risk Assessment can be found on our website under Policies/Policies & Procedures/BSM Covid Return RA.

Friday 6th March 2020

Spring Term 2020

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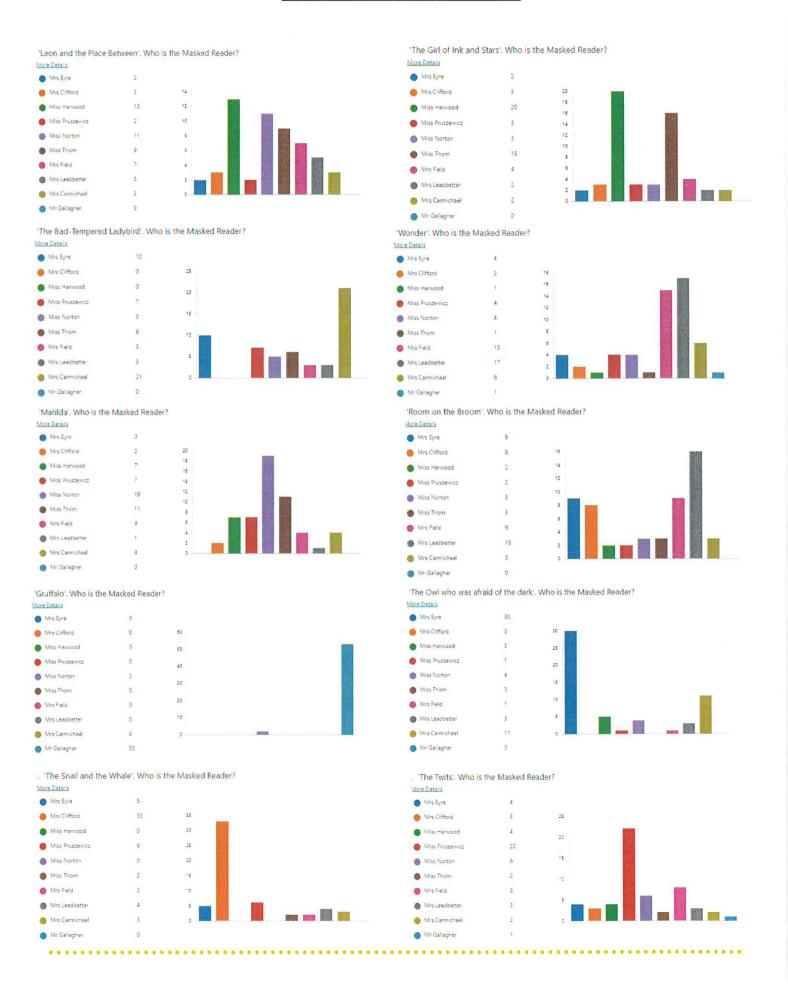
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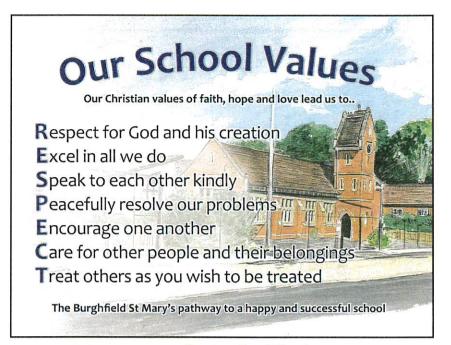
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World Book Day

The Masked Reader Results





Dates for Diaries

A reminder to check the school website calendar

Friday 19th March

Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day Minimum £1.00 donation

Cereal Box Dominoes

Wednesday 31st March 2:30 p.m. End of Term

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL—FRIDAY 16TH APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 19th April Start of Term

Tuesday 20th April Sports Xtra Multisports Rec—Year 2 commences

Wednesday 21st April Sports Xtra Football Years 3 & 4 commences

Thursday 22nd April Sports Xtra Multisports Rec—Year 2 commences

Monday 17th May School photographer Class Photos

Friday 28th May End of Term

MONDAY 31ST MAY—FRIDAY 4TH JUNE HALF TERM HOLIDAY

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.