



## *Discovering the Wonders of Learning*

16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### **Autumn Term 2024 Newsletter 2**

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have settled back incredibly well and have adapted to school routines and protocols beautifully. It has been a joy to see everyone's smiley faces and to see how happy they are to be back.

#### **Class Meetings**

Just a reminder that this week Emeralds, Sapphires and Diamonds Classes will be holding a meeting for the parents of children in their class to explain about the class routines, expectations and information about any statutory tests or assessments that your child will be taking during the year. The meeting for Pearls Class will be held next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. I will also be talking to parents about Smart Phone Free Childhood.

**Diamonds** Class meeting for parents - **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm**

**Sapphires** Class meeting for parents – **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 3.20pm**

**Pearls** Class meeting for parents - **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm**

**Emeralds** Class meeting for parents – **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm**

During this meeting, members of staff will be available to care for your child in the resources area in school. Meetings will not last longer than an hour.

#### **Smart Phone Free Childhood – talk for parents on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00-8.30pm at The Petersfield School**

Tickets are going fast for this free informative talk by Jennifer Powers from Papaya (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents). All parents from Buriton School are invited to attend an informative talk about the potential dangers of children having access to a smartphone at a young age and helping families get a healthy balance with technology on **30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00-8.30pm at The Petersfield School**. I have opened up this opportunity to parents of junior aged children in the other local schools.

Free tickets are available of a **first come, first served basis**, so please ensure that you book your place. There are currently a few places left which will be offered to Year 7 parents at TPS if there are still places available towards the end of the week.

**To obtain a ticket, please book your place using the link below or scan the QR code.** You will need to present the ticket on arrival for us to scan.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thestudiotps/t-zzaxxy>



### **E-safety information newsletter for parents and a Parental Control booklet**

As a school, we have subscribed to an online safety newsletter for parents with information about how you can help keep your child safe whilst using electronic devices at home. I have also included the link below to a Parental Controls Booklet.

Please open the link below:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2024.pdf>

This guide will help you set up parental controls and adjust privacy settings to provide your child with a safer online environment. Parental controls can help to protect your child from seeing something that they shouldn't — although it is important to emphasise that no system is effective all of the time, so it is important to engage with your child and talk to them about their online life regularly.

### **Keeping Safe Week**

In school this week, we will be having a 'Keeping ourselves Safe' week. All classes will be learning about how to keep safe at an age-appropriate level. Please find attached some resources from the NSPCC for parents which you may find useful.

### **Harvest Festival Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm**

All children will be involved in our Harvest Festival celebration to which you are warmly invited at 2.15pm at St. Mary's Church on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. As part of our Harvest celebrations your child will be asked to bring in either fruit, vegetables, tinned or packets of food. Perishable foods will be raffled in our Harvest Hamper Raffle on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring food donations into school on the morning of the Harvest Festival as this will be displayed in the church. Raffle tickets for Harvest Hampers will be available for children to buy in their classes on this day for 50p. The money raised will be donated to the local food bank along with tinned and non-perishable food.

### **Friends (PTA) Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm at The Five Bells pub**

May I remind you that we will be having our first Friends meeting of the school year and all parents/carers are encouraged to attend. We would love to see as many of you attend as possible as it will give you a great insight into the types of fundraising events that can take place within the school, plus find out how funds raised can benefit your child(ren)'s time at Buriton.

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery should not be worn to school apart from stud earrings in pierced ears. For safety reasons these should be removed for P.E. lessons or please provide your child with suitable micro-pore tape for them to use over their studs. Sensible watches may be worn. The wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school.

### **Medicines in school**

If your child requires medicine of any nature (including cough sweets), parents must complete a medicine form at the front office and all medicines must be given to staff.

### **Year 6 Bikeability Cycle Training 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 6 children will have cycle training to give these children the skills and experience they need to cycle safely and confidently. Details of this programme have already been sent out to Year 6 parents.

### **Parents' Evenings on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

Later this half term you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher during Parents' Evenings which will take place on either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>h</sup> October after school. A letter containing further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Half term takes place on **28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> November** and the end of term will be on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm**. The Spring term starts for the children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025. There are no plans for INSET Days this term. When dates are confirmed in the Spring and Summer terms, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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