

Bure Park Primary School

Term 5 – May 2016

NEWSLETTER NO.3

**★ Please can we ask that you read your newsletters carefully?
They are a major source of information about the school.
Please mark your home calendars with key dates (see last page)**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

There are signs of Spring all around the school now and the weather is becoming warmer. Long may it last! There has been a very good start to Term 5 and the children are enjoying being able to use all of the school grounds and are playing on the field once again.

We are all very pleased with the recent appointment of Yvonne Hewson as the next Headteacher of Bure Park, from September. She will be a strong asset, who will carry the school forward and Bure Park will have a bright future under her leadership. I would like to thank all of the Governors for their foresight and professionalism in carrying out the appointment process.

Year 6 SATs begin next week and we wish all those children taking part a very successful outcome. We have Arts Week to look forward to beginning on Monday 23rd May and our theme this year is 'Strictly Arts Week' using dances from different continents around the world. Each Year Group has been allocated a continent which will, hopefully, inspire them to produce some stunning work that encompasses all aspects of the arts. I know from previous experience that this will culminate in our annual, highly enjoyable exhibition for parents on the evening of Thursday 9th June from 5–7pm and from 8.45am – 10.15am on Friday 10th June. You are warmly invited to come along and view the amazing artwork that your children will have produced. This is another of the school's strengths and is also highly anticipated and enjoyed by everyone. Also, don't forget the two evening performances from The Mighty Zulu Nation! Further details later in this newsletter.

We are continuing with our programme of working on areas in the school that need to be updated, beginning with the school hall floor. During half term this will be completely stripped, sanded and refurbished and will, hopefully, look like a new floor once more. Following this, during the Summer break, we will be replacing the vinyl flooring down the corridor outside the classrooms, thus giving a fresh new look to the inside of the school. Other areas will be updated as soon as funds allow.

We do hope you enjoy the following weeks leading up to the end of the academic year. There are many exciting events between now and the end of the academic year as you can see by the very full Dates for Your Diary on the last page of this newsletter. Buddies have a number of events planned between now and the summer break so there is much to look forward to! Please make a note of them on your calendar then come along and enjoy them with us. We look forward to it.

SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS

Colourbox will be here on **Tuesday 17th May** to take class photos, the Year 6 Leavers folios and also black and white photos of the whole school. Please ensure that your child comes to school on that day in full school uniform and with a hairbrush for essential last minute grooming!

DOGS

Please note that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds at any time even when collecting children from Krazy Kids or teacher-led after school clubs.

Some children are genuinely frightened of dogs and there is always the potential for even the most docile animal to have an 'off' day.

FAREWELL BURE PARK

.. but not totally, goodbye!

Some, but maybe not all of you, may be aware that, after 16 years I am going to – shock, horror – *retire* at the end of this academic year.

I decided last summer that my, already retired, Canadian husband has spent quite enough time lazing around on his own at home for the last 3 years and needs a bit of a shake-up to get him back in the real world! We are, therefore looking forward to spending more time in beautiful Canada with our family but, even more time in the area we love best, which is British Columbia and Alberta, along with the bears and the moose! The decision hasn't been that easy to make. I have been your Administrator since Rob and I walked around a building site in very fetching yellow hard hats in Autumn 1999 and have known many of you since the school was just a glint in OCC's eye! Some of you are still parents childminders, or even grandparents now.

I have loved working with all of you; between us, we have made a wonderful school of which we can all be proud. I know I am. You are more than just the parent body – you are friends.

I will miss seeing you and my fantastic colleagues every day but I am staying on as Clerk to the Governing Body, a role I have held since 2000, so will be popping in every now and again and will not lose touch.

Michelle McWhinnie will be taking over as School Administrator in September. You all know her and can be reassured that she will do her very best to make you feel as welcome and comfortable as I hope I have over the years. Sharon, Helen and our new colleague, Emma, will all be here to do everything they can to support her and to ensure the office runs as smoothly as ever.

My very best wishes to you all - and long live Bure Park - we are, indeed, **the best!**

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Have you signed up for the digital newsletter produced by our Digital Leaders yet? Simply logon to <http://goo.gl/GFD7v> and complete the very simple form. You will then automatically receive an email. These will not take the place of these newsletters or class blogs but will keep you up to date with items that the children would like to bring to your notice.

THE MIGHTY ZULU NATION

As part of our Arts Week activities we are looking forward to welcoming back, for the third time, The Mighty Zulu Nation, a professional Theatre Group from the kingdom of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa. They were very popular with all of us and the children loved hearing their stories, songs, listening to the drumming and watching their routines. As well as spending the day with us on **Wednesday 25th May**, we have arranged for them to put on **two 30 minute evening performances** to give parents and friends of the school the opportunity to watch this amazing dance troupe perform. **Tickets go on sale from the school office on Monday 9th May at a cost of £5.00 per adult.** There is no charge for children but they must be accompanied by an adult and they will be seated on the floor in front of the chairs to have an excellent view. **Performance times are 6-6.30pm and 7-7.30pm. Tickets are strictly limited to 100 adults per performance** and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Refreshments will be available and all proceeds will go towards the cost of Arts Week.

AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please could I ask that children avoid using the equipment, including the Pirate Ship, on the field at the end of the school day?

Especially in the summer months, we run many outdoor clubs that involve very hard equipment and very hard balls! If your child happens to be in the way of these, he/she could be hurt.

I know that many of you (including childminders) choose to sit and wait for your child to finish taking part in an After School Club and, therefore, let younger siblings, child minded children, play on the equipment.

Please do not let them do this. After school hours, the outdoor equipment is solely for the use of our Krazy Kids children. As I am sure you will be aware, for safeguarding purposes, these children need to be identified by the KK staff and, therefore other children cannot use the equipment.

Many thanks for your understanding.

SPORTS WEEK 2016

This year, our theme for National School Sports Week, which takes place from 20th-24th June is called, 'Get Fit for Rio.'

We will, once again, start the week with our own opening ceremony which takes place on the school field. We have our School Games Values Parade to remind us of the importance of determination, self-belief, passion, respect, team work and honesty. Stickers will be given to the children throughout the week when they show these values in their physical activities.

We will have our annual Intra Year Group competitions, which involve each class competing for their Year Group shield. These are displayed in the entrance hall Achievement Cabinet. The competitions vary within each year group but may include for example Rounders, Dodgeball and Multiskills events.

On Thursday 23rd June (please note the change of day) we will have main school Sports Day. Key Stage Two will start at 9.15am and Key Stage One at 1.10pm. Our Sports Day will follow our previous year's model. Please follow your child's class around the activities.

During the course of the week as well as being involved in physical activity your child will be learning about Healthy Lifestyles and The Olympics.

It's all good!

Mandy MacIntyre – Sports Coordinator

PARENT PAY

It's quick – it's easy. Are you using it yet?

We are easing into this by starting with school dinner money, plus some trips are now online and we will be adding more, although not Woodlands this year.

More will be added as we integrate the system and you don't have to have a credit card to use it – you can access your child's account anywhere that accepts Parent Pay, such as the local Co-op. Everyone has a unique log in, and you don't only have to have children at Bure Park either, so please ask at the office for details if you would like to pay in this way.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: E-SAFETY

Please note:

There is a wealth of information for parents/carers, on the parent page of our website, about how to keep children safe whilst using the Internet, social media and other technologies.

Why not take a look?

www.bureparkprimary.org

THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW! SHARING ASSEMBLIES AND THE ALL IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

SHARING AND ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES

TERMS 5 & 6 - 2016

MAY

6th ODDS
13th EVENS
20th ODDS
27th EVENS

JUNE

3rd **HALF TERM. SCHOOL CLOSED**
9th ARTS EXHIBITION
16th MUSICAL SHARING - Odds
17th MUSICAL SHARING – Evens
24th ODDS

JULY

1st EVENS
8th ODDS
14th FINAL ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY – odds
15th FINAL ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY – evens
19th YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Please take a moment to mark the following key dates onto your calendars as we wouldn't want you to miss anything. Please also make a note that Term 5 will end on Friday 27th May at the normal time (3.05pm) and school will re-open on Wednesday 9th June. (Monday and Tuesday are Inset Days)

Term 6 will end on WEDNESDAY 20th JULY at 2.00pm. Please make a note of the time.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE make a note so you don't miss anything. Lots of fun things happening!

TERMS 5 & 6, 2016

MAY

6th Buddies Cinema Night – 5.00pm
9th-13th SATs week
17th Full Governors
19th Year 1 visit to Emmanuel Church
19th Circus on the field – Buddies event – 6pm
20th Year 2 visit to Emmanuel Church
23rd-27th ARTS WEEK
23rd Cooper School, Year 6 interviews this week
24th Buddies meeting
25th Mighty Zulu Nation in school
26th Class 12 Imps visit
27th Class 11 Imps visit
27th END OF TERM 5 –
SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.05pm
30th -3rd HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

JUNE

6th/7th INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
9th Arts Week exhibition 5.00-7.00pm
10th Arts Week Exhibition 8.30-10.30am
13th Reception Inductions 3.45-4.30pm
12th-18th Erasmus Group visiting Germany all week
16th Year 4 trip to The Living Rainforest
16th Singing and Recorder sharing – 9.15am – odds
16th Instrumental sharing – 5.30pm
17th Singing and Recorder sharing – 9.15am – evens
18th Buddies Summer Fayre
20th-24th SPORTS WEEK
20th M1 out at Hill End all day
20th Reception Inductions 3.45-4.30pm
21st Full Governors 6.00pm (School Council in attendance)
22nd M2 out at Hill End all day
23rd KS2 Sports Morning
23rd KS1 Sports Afternoon
27th Nursery Inductions – 3.45-4.30pm
28th Year 6 end of year trip
28th Nursery Inductions – 3.45-4.30pm

29th Year 6 Gosford Transfer Day
30th Year 6 Gosford Transfer Evening

JULY

1st Buddies discos
4th Nursery Inductions – 3.45-4.30pm
5th Year 6 Cooper Transfer Day
5th Nursery Inductions – 3.45-4.30pm
6th Year 6 Bicester School & Heyford Park Transfer Days
7th Year 6 Marlborough Transfer Day
7th Foundation Stage Sports Day am & pm
7th Music event at The Littlebury Hotel – 3.45pm
8th Buddies Summer BBQ
11th Yrs 5 & 6 Musical Production – 1.45pm
12th Yrs 5 & 6 Musical Production – 1.45 and 5.00pm
13th Reception Summer party
13th Nursery trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
15th School reports go out to parents
16th Year 6 Leavers Party 3pm-10pm
18th Children visit new classes
18th Governors/Staff drinks
19th Year 6 Leavers Assembly
20th END OF TERM 6.
SCHOOL CLOSSES 2PM

21st July - 31st Aug SUMMER BREAK

SEPTEMBER

1st & 2nd INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
5th TERM 1 BEGINS – 8.50am