

Bure Park Primary School

Term 5 – May 2017

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,

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the summer term with many events planned for the next few months. Let's hope for some good weather so that all our outside events can go ahead as planned!

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.

Year 6 have been undertaking SATs this week and we wish all those children taking part a very successful outcome. We have Arts Week to look forward to beginning on Monday 22nd May and our theme this year is Planet Earth with a focus on different landscapes and the great outdoors which will inspire them to produce some stunning work that encompasses all aspects of the arts. This will culminate in our annual, highly enjoyable exhibition for parents on the evening of Thursday 8th June from 5.30 – 7pm and from 8.45am – 10.15am on Friday 9th 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.

We have the meetings with our new catering company Fresh Start in June – one for Key Stage One children and one for Key Stage Two children. These events will begin at 2.45pm for parents to listen to a brief introduction from the staff of Fresh Start, and then once you have picked up your children you can all return to the hall for a sampling session. A letter will come out about these in the next few weeks so that you know how and when to go online and order

your child's choices for the first week in September.

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.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all of you who filled in and returned a questionnaire in March. I am pleased to say that 168 were returned which is more than we have ever had! We really do appreciate the time that you took to complete these. Thank you for your positive feedback on things that go well at Bure Park. We are pleased to hear that your children are happy, feel safe and well supported, are well taught and enjoy coming to our school. We also appreciate ideas for areas that we can change or develop so we will be introducing new events and have a rolling programme for developing other areas. We have a plan in place for the Foundation garden with the first phase completed at the beginning of the year with the new "green play area with a river running through" by Reception A and B. We are also looking at starting introductory meetings into Year 1 so please watch out for further information. For communication please remember to sign up for the weekly eNewsletter, check the sandwich board by Reception, check the website and visit the BLOGS and check your child's book bag regularly for hard copies of

letters, plus we are looking at the introduction of a new APP later in the year.

I am usually outside once a week in the morning before school so please do come and say hello or ask any questions that you may have. It is a good time to really get to know you all.

If you would like to have a chat with your child's class teacher, as the beginning and end of days are difficult, please ring the office or catch the teacher to make an appointment – they are always happy to talk to you.

SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS

Colourbox will be here on **Tuesday 16th May** to take class photos and white photos of the whole school Year 6 Leavers folios photos were taken on Thursday 11th May. Please ensure that your child comes to school on that day in full school uniform and with a hairbrush for essential last minute grooming!

e--NEWSLETTER

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.

AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please could I ask that, now the weather is better, 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 Crazy 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 2017

This year, our theme for National School Sports Week, which takes place from **26th-30th June** is called, '**Wimbledon Warm-up**'.

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 Multi-skills events.

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

Susie Johnson and Mandy MacIntyre – Sports Coordinator

PARENT PAY

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

ParentPay has been in full use for all trips, swimming and dinner money for quite a while now so if you still haven't starting using it and would like a reminder of your activation code just let us know. You don't have to have a credit or debit card to use it as you can make payments via Pay Points, there is one at the local Co-op, just ask us to order you a card so you can use this service.

DOGS

Please note that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds at any time even when collecting children from Crazy 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.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

In line with DfE requirements may we please remind you that all holidays should be taken outside of allocated school time. We thank you for your support with this.

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 26th May at the normal time (3.05pm) and school will re-open on Wednesday 7th June. (Monday and Tuesday are Inset Days)

Term 6 will end on FRIDAY 21st JULY at 2.00pm. Please make a note of the time.

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

SHARING AND ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES

TERMS 5 & 6 - 2017

MAY

12th ODDS
19th EVENS
26th ODDS

JUNE

2nd **HALF TERM. SCHOOL CLOSED**
9th ARTS EXHIBITION NO ASSEMBLY
16th EVENS
22nd MUSICAL SHARING - Odds
23rd MUSICAL SHARING – Evens
30th ODDS

JULY

7th EVENS
13th FINAL ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY –
ODDS
14th FINAL ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY –
EVENS
20th YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY –
YEAR 6 ONLY

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

TERMS 5 & 6, 2017

MAY

- 8th-12nd SATs week
- 14th – 20th Erasmus Group visiting Italy
- 16th Full Governors
- 17th Year 4 trip to Living Rain Forest
- 19th Buddies Cinema Night
- 22nd-26th ARTS WEEK
- 23rd Year 6 Marlborough Transfer half day
- 24th Year TBS visiting Year 6 students
- 26th END OF TERM 5 –
SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.05pm
- 29th -2nd HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

JUNE

- 5th/6th INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 8th Arts Week exhibition 5.30-7.00pm
- 9th Arts Week Exhibition 8.45-10.45am
- 14th KS2 Fresh Start parents meeting
2.45pm
- 17th Buddies Summer Fayre 12.00- 3.00pm
- 19th Reception Inductions 3.45-4.30pm
- 20th Year 6 Marlborough Transfer Day
- 20th Instrumental sharing – 5.30pm
- 21st KS1 Fresh Start parents meeting
2.45pm
- 21st Year 6 end of year trip
- 22nd Singing and Recorder sharing –
9.15am – odds
- 23rd Singing and Recorder sharing –
9.15am – evens
- 26th Nursery Inductions – 3.45-4.30pm
- 26th Reception Inductions 3.45-4.30pm
- 27th Nursery Inductions – 3.45-4.30pm
- 27th Full Governors (School Council in attendance)
- 28th Year 6 Gosford Transfer Day
- 28th Year 3 trip to Hill End all day
- 29th Year 3 trip to Hill End all day
- 29th Year 6 Gosford Transfer Evening
- 26th-30th SPORTS WEEK
- 30th Buddies Disco including Reception

JULY

- 3rd Year 6 Magdalen Transfer week
- 4th KS2 Sports Morning
- 4th KS1 Sports Afternoon
- 5th Year 6 TBS & Heyford Transfer Days
- 6th Foundation Stage sports day am &
pm
- 7th KS1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- 7th Buddies Summer BBQ
- 10th Foundation Stage reserve sports day
- 11th Reception Summer party
- 11th Year 6 Cooper & Marlborough
Transfer day
- 11th Yrs 5 & 6 Production – 1.45pm
- 13th Yrs 5 & 6 Production – 1.45 and
5.00pm
- 14th School reports go out to parents
- 15th Year 6 Leavers Party 5.30pm-9.30pm
- 17th Year 6 Warriner Transfer Day
- 17th Parents Tea Afternoon 2pm
- 18th Year 6 Warriner Transfer Day
- 18th All children spend the day in their
new classes
- 18th New Year 1 & 3 Induction meeting
3.30pm
- 19th KS1 & KS2 reserve sports day
- 20th Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 21st July - 1st Sept SUMMER BREAK
- 21st END OF TERM 6.
SCHOOL CLOSSES **2PM**

SEPTEMBER

- 4th & 5th INSET DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 6th TERM 1 BEGINS – 8.50am