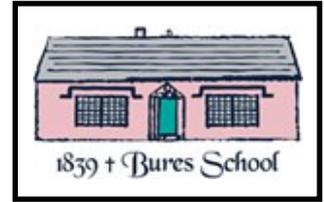


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Newsletter



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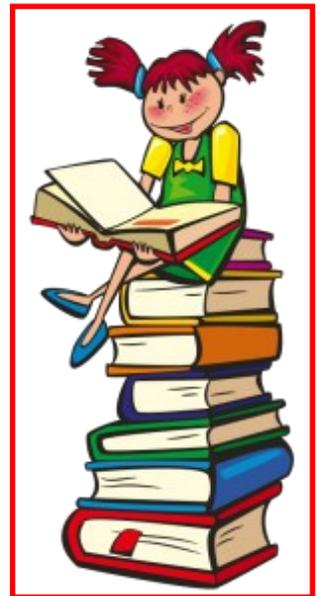
BIG Question of the Week

“Do crabs think we walk sideways?” (Thanks to Miss Moore for this BIG question)



Creating Keen and Eager Readers

The new term has seen the introduction of our 'Reading Raffle' which we hope will support you in inspiring your children to read as often as possible. Each week, staff will be giving a raffle ticket to every children who has five reading comments written in their Reading Record. This ticket will help them to gain entry to our reading raffle which will take place every Thursday in our Singing Assembly. One lucky pupil will have their ticket picked out of the raffle box each week and will be rewarded with a literary based prize—usually a book. There may also be smaller prizes for two or three other children if the number of children entering reaches the level we hope it will. Comments do not always have to be written by you, particularly for our older children but we will expect that you will have initialled these comments so that we know you are keeping track of their reading. The National Curriculum demands that we ensure that children should 'develop pleasure in reading'. I'm not entirely sure that we can do this for everyone but research shows that the more children read and the more varied the texts they read the greater their progress in reading. Please do all you can to use the 'carrot' of our 'Reading Raffle' to encourage them to read a little each day. After all, as Walt Disney said:



“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.”

Nursery and Reception Admissions for September 2018

If you are hoping your child will get a place in our Nursery in September 2018/19, or know anyone else who is, please be aware that we are asking for admissions forms to be completed by **Monday 15th January 2018**. This is the same day as admissions for Reception which needs to be sent to the Local Authority (Essex LA if you live on the Essex side of the village and Suffolk LA if you live on the Suffolk side) We are aware that some parents work and may need a full day of childcare rather than just the morning session from 9.00—12.00 we offer. We are working closely with Noah's Ark pre-school (who meet across the road in Bures Community Centre) and can arrange for children to be collected from our Nursery and taken to Noah's for the afternoon session. Admission forms for Nursery can be obtained from the School Office either in person or by contacting us by phone or email.



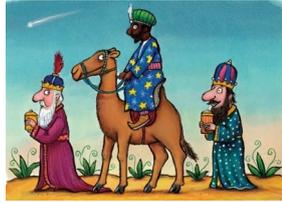
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Collective Worship

We began our Collective Worship week with a 'Mad Science' Assembly. The children took part in some exciting experiments and were encouraged to attend our weekly 'Mad Science' Club.

On Tuesday, Reverend Steve talked to us about 'Epiphany'. He told us all about the way that some Eastern European



Christians draw a set of numbers, letters and symbols on their houses to ask God to bless them in the coming year. Ask your children if they can remember the code and what it represents. (Clue at the bottom of the box).

I led an assembly on Wednesday to tie in with our Inter-Faith Week. All classes have devoted some of their afternoon curriculum time to explore ideas about faith and belief across a range of different religions. The main purpose of the week has been to explore the connections between people's beliefs and the way they live their lives.

I told an Indian story about a man called 'Nasruddin' played by Erin and I am hoping that the children learned something about judging a person by their actions and their deeds rather than by their outward appearance.

(Year, Names of the Wisemen, Symbol of Jesus)

Because Children Don't Come with Instructions!

On Monday 22nd January at 2.15 pm we have our Local Parenting Coordinator, Naomi, visiting school in order to share the resources which are available in the area to support you as parents. The Local Parenting Service Provides training and support across a range of areas such as mental and emotional support for children, mindfulness, cognitive therapy and specialised support for parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities. This session is open to all parents. Time is very precious to professionals who carry out work such as this so it would be lovely to see lots of parents taking the chance to meet Naomi and learn more about what is out there to make the tough job of parenting a little easier.

Parent Consultation Evenings

The majority Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Monday 5th from 3.30—7.00 pm and Tuesday 6th February from 3.30—6.00 pm in the school hall for children in all classes except Nursery.

(Please note Mrs Appleby will be meeting parents on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th and Ms Holtom will be meeting parents on Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th—apologies for this slight complication)

These meetings will provide an opportunity for you to have a look at some of the work your child has been doing, have a chat about the progress they are making and take the opportunity to share ideas about how they can achieve the targets we have set for them.

As at our last Parent Consultations, teachers will see parents in ten minute slots which will be strictly timed to ensure the whole evening runs smoothly. Please be aware that if you are late for your appointment we may not be able to fit you in and you may have to rearrange it.

Appointments can be booked from Monday morning (15th January) onwards by calling in at the office, or by ringing to request a time—just like at the Doctors' Surgery but our appointments will be much easier to come by!

If you would like an extra appointment with Mrs Bennie (our SENCO) she will be available on Monday and Tuesday too.

A Note from the Parish Council

I have been asked by the Parish Council to remind all our parents and carers to be respectful of local residents and avoid parking on the pavement or blocking driveways when picking up or dropping off. Considerate parking will also help to ensure our children's safety during these busy times of the day.



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Our Learning Ambassadors for this week are: Odin, Lula -Mai, Evie C, Evie P, Kieran, Marcia-Mae, Alfie J, Joshua, Charlie, Daisy, Poppy, Florence and Finley Well Done to all of them!



Love Learning Together—Parent Tip

'The National Gallery' website—www.nationalgallery.org.uk has a picture of the month featured on it's website. Why not take a look at it as a family and then try to find out more about the artist, or recreate your own versions. There are always lots of things to talk about when looking at any picture. This month's picture is 'The Archers' by Sir Henry Raeburn. Perhaps you could thi9nk about what the two young men in the picture might be wearing or might be doing if the artist were to capture them today. Maybe you could even try to recreate the picture and take a photo.

FORTHCOMING PSA EVENTS

Friday 2nd February - Bingo (after school, for Years 3-6)
Friday 23rd March - Discos, after school. (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 straight from school. Years 3 - 6 to follow afterwards)
 Please save the dates.



Further details regarding both events will follow shortly.

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK SALE

On Thursday 1st March (World Book Day) we will be running a children's book sale. If you have any good quality books that your children have outgrown or no longer need, please keep hold of them - we will be collecting books for this event after half term.

Church News—Messy Church

The next Messy Church session will take place at St Mary's on Saturday 27th January at 4.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. There will be activities and celebration until 5.10 and supper from 5.10 until 6 pm. (Children need to bring an adult)



Stepping Stones

The next Stepping Stones will be held on Wednesday 24th January at 2.15pm at St Mary's Church. All babes and little ones and their parents/carers are welcome to join us for 20 minutes of fun, bible stories and songs followed by refreshments and play.

Attendance—Whole School so far this academic year 95.6%

Gold = 98 -100% Green = 95 - 97.9% Red = 90 - 94.9% Purple = <90%

Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
96.9	96.1	92.9	95.0	96.2	97.2	98.3

Well done Year 6 especially as so much illness about!

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2018

Hopefully this Dates List will help you plan your diary for this term but schools are dynamic places, so there are bound to be dates and times which may change. We will keep you informed of any changes as early as possible.

Weds 3rd Jan	All Day	PD Day – No School Today
Thurs 4th Jan		Term Starts
Tues 9 th January	All Day	Year 5 Children for Maths – TGS (selected students)
Fri 12 th January	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Y1
Wed 17 th January	Evening	Governors' Meeting
Thurs 18 th January	9.30 – 11.30am	Swimming Gala (selected students) Y5
Mon 22 nd January	2.15pm	Parent Drop In – SEN/Behaviour (see newsletter)
Tues 23 rd January	All Day 1.45-3.10pm and 6.00-7.30pm	Year 5 Children for Maths – TGS (selected students) Parent Workshop – Growth Mindset
Fri 26 th January	9am 3.15pm	PSA Meeting Cake Stall – Y2
Tues 30 th January	2.15pm	Y5 Rockley Watersports Residential Trip meeting
Thurs 1 st February	9.15am	Church Assembly
Fri 2 nd February	3.15 – 5pm	PSA Bingo event for Children
Mon 5 th February	3.30 – 7pm	Y5 Children for Maths – TGS (selected students) Parent Consultations
Tues 6 th February (Weds 7 th February)	3.30 – 6pm 3.30 – 6pm	Parent Consultations (Second date for Y2 and Y5 Parent Consultations)
Thurs 8 th February	9.30 – 12pm	Y5 Hockey Competition – Quicksticks (selected students)
Fri 9 th February	3.15pm	Nursery Snowman Morning Cake Stall – Y3
HALF TERM 12th February to 16th February		
Mon 19 th February		Back to School
Tues 20 th February	Morning	Y5 visit to TGS to see a performance of 'We Will Rock You'
Fri 23 rd February	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Y4
Tues 27 th February		Class Photos in Groups
Thurs 1 st March		World Book Day
Fri 9 th March	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Y5
Tues 13 th March	1.45-3.10pm 6.00-7.30pm	Parent Workshop (Topic to be confirmed)
Fri 16 th March	All Day	Faith & Festivals Day
Tues 20 th March		Gymnastics Competition (selected students)
Thurs 22 nd March	9.15am	Easter Celebration service
Fri 23 rd March	3.15pm 3.15 – 5.30pm	Cake Stall – Y6 PSA Disco
Thurs 29 th March		End of Term

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