



Inspire and Aspire



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BURNSTUMP BUGLE

In our Burntstump community, everyone, adults and children, knows that they are valued as God's children. Their gifts are discovered, valued and nurtured so that all can flourish to live life in all its fullness.

CALENDAR DATES

- **30th January** - Robins and Kestrels' Trip to Perlethorpe
- **2nd February** - NSPCC Number Day
- **5th February** - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- **9th February** - Parent lunch
- **12th - 16th February** - Half-term
- **19th February** - Start of Term
- **19th February** - Start of whole school swimming
- **21st February- 23rd February** - Book Fair
- **22nd February** - Doves and Eagles' trip to Perlethorpe
- **7th March** - World Book Day
- **8th March** - Dance Workshop - WBD Theme
- **Week beginning 11th March** - Parents' Evenings
- **31st March** - End of Spring Term

Headteacher's Message

Although this is the first newsletter of the year, the start of the year already seems a long while ago! The children have been excited to tell us all about their Christmas holidays but they have settled well back into school routines and life in school is very calm.

We are already very excited about the wider curriculum opportunities we have on offer this term with the school trips that we have planned! Look out for more information about these in the coming weeks. We can't wait to share what we get up to!

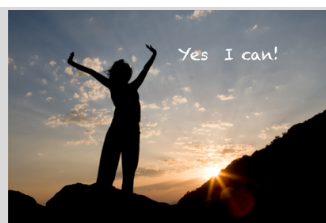
Due to the success of our previous 'parent/carer lunches', we are thrilled to announce our next one will be on Friday 9th February, with a theme of 'Bring someone you love'. More information about this will be available next week.

Parents' Evenings will be held later in the Spring term, so please look out for communication about this after half-term.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2024!

Mrs Emily Lister
Headteacher

We recognise and respect difference.



'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' John 13:34

'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 7:12

Kestrels' Learning

To kick off our spring 'Rivers' topic we worked in pairs to create models of a river's journey from source to mouth. The children were introduced to key vocabulary such as 'source,' 'tributaries,' 'estuary,' 'delta,' 'mouth,' 'oxbow lake' and 'meander.' We will be travelling around the world exploring rivers across the continents and closer to home to make comparisons of size, climate, communities and terrain. The children will build on their prior knowledge from last term where we looked at the importance of the River Tiber in the growth of the Roman Empire. They will recognise our reliance on waterways for survival but also explore the risks to communities due to flooding.



Doves' Learning

Doves have started their science unit on habitats. In continuous provision, we have been exploring large habitats such as woodlands, deserts and oceans. We have tried to create our own scenes. We had fun exploring our outdoor environment to look for microhabitats.



School Meal Costs

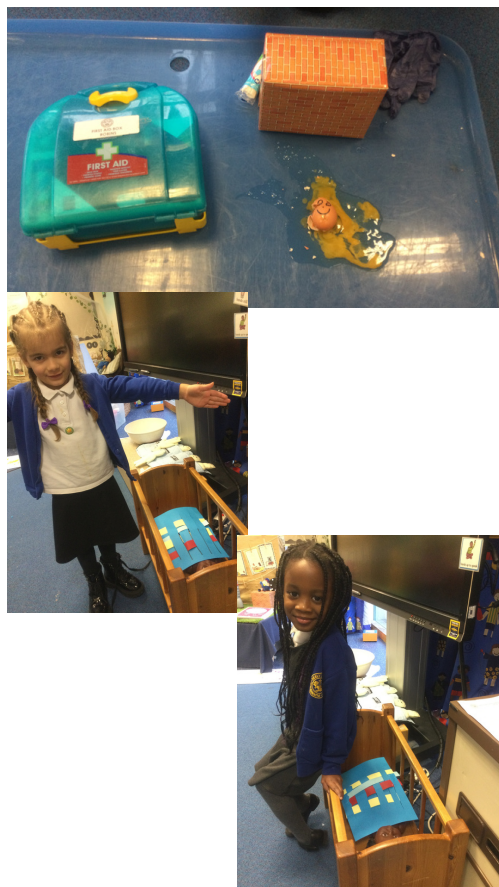
As you know, the cost of living is unfortunately rising and this is impacting our school meals.

For now, school will continue to subsidise the cost of these, meaning, if you pay for meals, **the cost to parents will remain at £2.55 for now.** The cost to school for these is £2.75 - saving you £1.00 a week, for 5 meals! **If there are any changes to this, and we need to increase the price you pay, we will of course let you know.**

Robins' Learning

The Robins have been busy learning a range of new nursery rhymes. We have been exploring each new nursery rhyme in more detail by identifying things which happened in the past.

On Wednesday we found that Humpty Dumpty had fell off the wall! We then explored what was inside the first aid kit and talked about what we would do in an emergency. We also sang Miss Polly had a dolly and learnt how to do some weaving so that we could make a little blanket for her.



PTA Facebook Page

If you have social media, please give the PTA Facebook page a follow. They will keep you up to date with PTA events and news!

<https://www.facebook.com/burntstumpseelypta>

Eagles' Learning

In Eagles, we have launched our new geography unit 'Sustainability' by looking at the physical geographical features of the Amazon Rainforest.

We explored the four different layers of the Rainforest - emergent layer, canopy, understorey and forest floor - and turned this into an exciting classroom display. With the help of Miss Hodgkinson, we populated this with animals that could be found on each layer and made leaves for the top two layers. Looks great, doesn't it?



Welcome

This week we have welcomed Miss Hickling as a student teacher in Eagles. We are excited to show her how fabulous we are and help her on her journey to becoming a teacher. She will spend most of the Spring term with us.

At the start of this term we also welcomed a new team of caretakers and cleaners. You may have already seen them around; we are very much looking forward to working with them.

Nursery / Reception Child Places

Now is the time that many parents are making important decisions about the education of their child. If you know anyone requiring a Reception school place for September 2024, then please encourage them to arrange a tour of our school. Equally, if you know anyone with a child that is 3 years old, please encourage them to enquire about a nursery place for their child.

Reminders

A gentle reminder that the start of the school day is 8:55am and the end of the school day is 3:30pm. Please ensure you are on time for collecting your child. If you are going to be more than a couple of minutes late, please ring to inform the school office.

All children should be wearing the correct school uniform - this must be named. Please see the school website or ask a class teacher for specific information relating to this. This includes no earrings on PE or swimming days.

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Grade 4 Teaching Assistant. More information about this role can be found here: <https://www.burntstumpchurch.notts.sch.uk/about-us-1/vacancies>

Please speak to Mrs Lister for more information, if you, or anyone else you know may be interested.