



Burnt Tree Primary School

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December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you for supporting the non-uniform days with donations for the Christmas fayre. We raised around £800 at the Christmas fayre and £325 from sales of Christmas raffle tickets. The draw will take place this afternoon. We really appreciate the donations and your support for these events. We have previously used the money from fundraising events to purchase new library furniture and books, a new sound system which has included lights and the black curtains and more recently the blinds in the hall. These have really made a difference to our performances this Christmas.

Christmas Performances



Thank you to everyone who has supported all of the performances, the nativity in EYFS and KS1, the carol concerts in years 3&4 and 5&6 and the choir concert. The staff have worked hard with the children to learn the words and to put the performances together. We hope you have enjoyed them.

Thank you to Mrs Giles, Mrs Aston and Mrs Andrews who give up their lunchtimes each week to rehearse with the choir.

Thank you also to the choir children who sang on Saturday morning at a church in Blackheath and to the parents for supporting.

Also, thank you for all of your support and donations for children in need, we raised £165.59.

Attendance

Attendance is continuing to be closely monitored with involvement from the local authority. Attendance is currently 92.5%, this has dropped due to the amount of illness at the moment. Thank you for your support, we hope that the illnesses will have passed after Christmas and we can try to improve our attendance.

Uniform

Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
White polo shirt
Blue sweatshirt/cardigan
(with school logo which you can purchase from school or a plain blue jumper from a supermarket
Grey tights for girls or black/white socks
Black shoes (no trainers)



We have a selection of free second-hand uniform, if you need anything, please ask.

PE Kit

Could you please ensure that your child/children have a PE kit in school as children will be changing for PE. This must be in a drawstring PE bag and consist of:

Black shorts/leggings/joggers
Plain white t-shirt
Plain black hoody/zip up hooded top
Black pumps or trainers (these must be in the PE bag and not the footwear that your child has worn to school) Black plimsolls are recommended for EYFS and KS1.



Some PE lessons do take place outside so it is advisable that your child has joggers/leggings and a hooded top/trainers in their PE bag during the colder months. PE kits will be kept in lockers in KS2.

EARRINGS CANNOT BE WORN FOR PE or SWIMMING. IF CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO REMOVE THEIR OWN EARRINGS, PLEASE TAKE THEM OUT BEFORE SCHOOL ON PE DAYS. PE AND SWIMMING IS COMPULSARY AND PART OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM. YEAR 6 GO SWIMMING EVERY FRIDAY.



Thank you to everyone that has downloaded and set up the Arbor app to receive notifications from school. You can receive a notification on your phone automatically if you enable push notifications from Arbor in your phone's settings. Otherwise, please make sure you check the Arbor app regularly as this is now the way we send any messages, updates or links to any letters from school for trips and events.

Drop of/pick up

School times – 8.45-3.15

The school gates will be closed at 9.00am.



Children who are consistently collected late will be registered with 4 community trust after school club and children will be taken there for which parents will be charged.

Car Park

Do not walk across the car park – please stay on the paths. There are a lot of parents cutting across the car park at the moment between the cars. Please do not attempt to drive onto the car park or park in the driveway. Can I also remind parents to be respectful to each other when passing each other on the path and also outside of school on the pavements around school.

Snacks – Breaktime

Children will have free milk until their 5th birthday, children can continue to have milk after their 5th birthday, this can be paid for via coolmilk.com. EYFS/KS1 children have fruit at snacktime/breaktime. KS1 and KS2 children can pay 20p per day or £1 a week for toast or they are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home. **Packets of crisps and chocolate bars are not allowed at breaktime.**



Lunchtimes

Nursery – 11.45-12.30
Reception – 11.45-12.45
KS1 – 12.00-12.55
KS2 – 12.15-1.05



Children are allowed to bring their own drink to have with their lunch if they wish. All children must have a water bottle in school every day for drinks throughout the day.

Trips and Events

The children have taken part in a number of workshops in school including the History workshops, Learning with the Lords online, two STEM workshops, one online and one in school with a team from STEM along with many others. Children have also taken part in a number of trips and visits this term, including visits to the council house and an audience with the Mayor. Year one and Early Years enjoyed a trip to see Santa this week at Telford Wonderland and Dudley Zoo.



Theatre

Children from years 1-6 enjoyed a performance from a visiting theatre at the beginning of December, this was funded by school. In addition to this, we were lucky enough to be offered tickets to an amateur pantomime for year 4 at Sandwell college. A group of children from years 5 & 6 also attended a pantomime at the Old Rep and watched a performance of Wizard of Oz.





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Black Country Museum

Year one have been fortunate to take part in a project called Little makers. This was a funded visit to the Black Country Museum with a follow up visit in school to complete the project.



Residential trip to Ingestre Hall and Edgmond Hall



These trips are booked for March and June. There are still places available for both, please enquire at the office if you are interested. Ingestre is for years 4-6 and Edgmond years 3-6.

Inspire workshops

These workshops are taking place for year groups 1-6, along with half termly craft mornings for early years. This enables parents/carers to come into school to work with their children. Thank you to the parents who have already supported their child this year.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely Christmas break. We return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Regards

Mrs Bayliss
Head Teacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	DAY	CLASS	EVENT	TIMES
03.02.25	Mon	Y1 Penguins	Inspire session : Mechanisms-Royal carriages	9.00am – 10.30pm
07.02.25	Fri	Y1 Sparrows	Inspire session : Mechanisms-Royal carriages	9.00am – 10.30pm
12.02.25	Wed	Y1-6	Spring Disco	Rec, Y1&2: 3.15pm-4.15pm Y3&4: 4.30pm-5.30pm Y5&6: 5.45pm-6.45pm
26.02.25	Wed	All	Visit from Pep the poet	All day
05.03.25	Wed	Selected Y4	Trip to London Parliament	7.15am – 6.15pm
10.03.25-13.03.25	Mon - Thu	All	Book Fair	From 3.15pm
11.03.25	Tue	KS2	Parents Evening	3.15pm – 6.00pm
12.03.25	Wed	EYFS and KS1	Parents Evening	3.15pm – 6.00pm
17.03.25	Mon	Y2 Flamingos	Inspire session : Textiles-Pouches	9.00am – 10.30pm
19.03.25	Wed	Selected Y5	Trip to London Parliament	7.15am – 6.30pm
21.03.25	Fri	Y2 Cuckoos	Inspire session : Textiles-Pouches	9.00am – 10.30pm
26.03.25-28.03.25	Wed – Fri	Selected Y4-6	Ingestre Hall residential trip	
31.03.25	Mon	Y5 Woodpeckers	Inspire session : Structures-Bridges	9.00am – 10.30pm
04.04.25	Fri	Y5 Swans	Inspire session : Structures-Bridges	9.00am – 10.30pm
02.06.25-04.06.25	Mon - Wed	Selected Y4-6	Edgmond Hall residential trip	
20.06.25	Fri	Y4 Falcons	Inspire session : Structures-Pavilions	9.00am – 10.30pm
23.06.25	Mon	Y4 Starlings	Inspire session : Structures-Pavilions	9.00am – 10.30pm
04.07.25	Fri	Y3 Wrens	Inspire session : Textiles-Cross stitch	9.00am – 10.30pm
07.07.25	Mon	Y3 Eagles	Inspire session : Textiles-Cross stitch	9.00am – 10.30pm