



# Burghill Community Academy

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# The Burghill Community Times

Newsletter – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Apple Class

Amy came to visit us to talk about being a Veterinary Nurse. She showed us some photographs of her work and told us lots of interesting facts about animals!

We also had Rex and Guinea come to visit. Elsie told us all about her pets and we enjoyed a cuddle too



## Beech Class

Beech Class have enjoyed starting their new topic of Dinosaurs and Dragons. There is great enthusiasm about fossils, so a big thank you to the children who have brought these in to share. We have also learnt our new story map, 'The Little Green Dinosaur'. Don't forget to check the website if your child would like to show you this. We have also enjoyed learning and reciting our weekly poems and a big well done to the children with their enthusiasm for this. For science, we have begun to learn about the properties of living things and how to identify the difference between things which are living, non-living and dead.

## Class News

### Willow Class

Willow Class found a trail of breadcrumbs which lead them to a gingerbread house. Inside was a creepy witch and two children. They used their knowledge and investigation skills to work out our new English story was Hansel and Gretel.

Also as part of our healthy topic this term, Willow

Class had great fun making overnight oats yesterday and learning about their nutritional

value.



### Sycamore Class

We have been testing the permeability of different materials as we look to design a waterproof cloak for Hogwarts students on their winter walks into Hogsmeade. We have also been doing some free writing in our new FWF books whilst drinking some basilisk venom (freshly squeezed orange juice) that we made.



# Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Ta da...at last...the mini bus has arrived! Very exciting news and we will look forward to using it and getting the children out on sporting fixtures easily, along with many trips and visits! The only downside is that it is another vehicle we have to fit into the carpark...I'm sure we'll find it a home so you all know a space to leave. It has been a good couple of weeks back since the start of term. As you will see overleaf, we have had to fit in another (this is the final) training day on the last day of this term (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April). I hope that you will understand that it is difficult fitting in external providers, to train up staff, and to fit into all our term dates. The plus side is if you go onto Centre Parcs...you could save over £200 on a weekend break, rather than going through Easter or missing any school days! Every cloud...

Have a great weekend,  
Alex Davies

## Notices and all the other 'stuff'!

The minibus has arrived and looks fantastic!  
We cannot wait to take the children out for a test drive! A huge thank you to FaBS for all their fundraising efforts, we love our first-ever school minibus.



### Debating

Well done to our team that took part in the Hereford Inter- School Debating Competition!



### Running Club

Well done to the children who braved the rain and mud yesterday at Running Club they all had a great time!



### SPORT

A big thank you to everyone for your understanding with the cancellation of clubs using the sports field. This rain has been terrible and while we were able to give the field a rest over the Christmas holidays, the weather didn't really help it to dry out very much and this week's heavy rain has just made the problem worse. Where possible we want to avoid club cancellations but, on the other hand, we don't want the field to be ruined to a point that it could be dangerous to use when it has dried out and therefore unusable for fixtures, Sports Day, Croc 8 etc.

### Notices

Please make sure at drop off and collection times that you leave the premises promptly unless you are waiting for children to finish clubs.

### Parking

When parking please do not block the gate. A few times this week the gate has been blocked and parents and staff have not been able to leave or enter the car park.

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

Beech Class swimming

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

Croc 8 meeting 7:30pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Year 1 hearing tests

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Burghill v Staunton (Netball & Football)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Beech swimming

Burghill v. Stretton Sugwas (Girls Football)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

9am Rags to Riches collection

Spring term

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Half term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February

Summer term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Half term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May**