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Autumn Term Newsletter No.01

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Message from Mr Bladon

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish a very warm welcome back to everyone for the new academic year, especially to all our new children and families, and to Miss Jenkin who has returned from Maternity Leave. We also received exciting news at the end of the holiday: Mrs Monk has had a little girl and I'm sure that you will all join us in our huge congratulations to her and her family.

It was lovely to see all the children back in school this week. Being able to celebrate together for Collective Worship for the first time in nearly 2 years was a fantastic experience. The children have returned to school with such enthusiasm, and they looked extremely smart in their uniforms. (Thanks to their parents and carers, no doubt).

As the new Executive Headteacher for each school (as well as Bampton C of E Primary School) I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the staff and the parents I have managed to speak to so far, for such a fantastic welcome. Meetings with Mrs Whitlock and Mr Roffey during the holiday and subsequent meetings with staff during the inset days were extremely productive in starting to set out our way forward for school improvement and I have had some great discussions with enthusiastic teachers about their ideas. You will be hearing more about that as we move forward.

Please feel free to catch me for a chat in the playground at drop off and collection times if you have any queries. I will be sharing my time across all 3 schools as evenly as possible.

In the meantime, if you would like to get to know a little more about me, [click here](#) to see an article I wrote for the local parish magazine.

Take care everyone,

**Mr Bladon**

Interim Executive Headteacher

### Message from Mrs Whitlock & Mr Roffey

We would like to thank you for your very kind thoughts, cards and presents sent at the end of last term; they were very much appreciated.

The children look very, very smart this week. Thank you so much for taking care and time with their uniform. Just to let you know, we will be checking uniform and PE kit for names so please do make sure all items of uniform are named, including updating second-hand uniform from ex-pupils. Please also ensure PE kit is in school from Monday morning **right through** to Friday. Also, please remember that the children need named coats every day together with water bottles, fresh fruit only (not snack bars) and book bags.

We have many exciting learning activities planned around our topics this term. Please see our curriculum letters which will be sent out at the start of next week. We will continue to use electronic approaches to homework and spellings for the foreseeable future, using Study Ladder and Spelling Frame and permission letters have been sent home today. Without your consent, your child will not be able to access any of the learning applications we use on devices in school, so please do return them as soon as possible to the school office. The first homework of the term will be set next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Whitlock, Head of Teaching & Learning, Webber's  
& Mr Roffey, Head of Teaching & Learning, Burlescombe

### Covid Risk Assessment

We sent an email this week detailing the mitigations that we have kept in place regarding Covid-19; we also sent an email with details of the "Enhanced Response Area" that Devon and Cornwall have been placed into and the subsequent updates to our risk assessment. Please do take the time to read these if you haven't already. If anyone is deemed a close contact of someone who has tested positive, a PCR test must be sought before coming into school. If the result is negative, children are expected to attend school – even if the close contact is positive. As always, we thank you for your continued support with our efforts to keep everyone as safe as possible.

### School Comms

We are aiming to roll out the new School Comms system in the coming weeks; however, there have been a few technical issues to overcome in the meantime so apologies. We will send out details as soon as it is ready to go live.

### Government Lunch Scheme

All Key Stage 1 pupils, (Rec, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free Government meal. If you are a low-income family, please email the office for help with how to apply for a free meal at any age - school receive additional funding for low-income family meals, so it is important to us as well as being of benefit to your family.

### Pupil Packs

Pupil packs will be sent home in the early part of next week. We would be grateful if you can please complete the forms as soon as possible and return to the office via the post boxes. Thank you.

### Clubs

The TVP Clubs letter has been sent out today. Please complete the form and email your child's club choice to the office - thank you.

### Reading Competition

We are excited to start this academic year off with the "Reading in Unusual Places" competition, as part of our passion for reading across The Valley Partnership. We are asking you to submit a photograph of your child reading in an unusual place, and there will be a prize for the best photograph in EYFS, KS1 & KS2 for both schools!

We have also attached an entry form, along with a consent form. To enter, please complete the entry form and email with your photograph to the office.

### Fresh Fruit

The Government pays for fresh fruit snacks for Reception and Yr1/2. All other children should have a fruit snack provided from home.

Reception children are also entitled to free milk. If you have not yet signed up, and would like your child to receive milk, please register today at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### Nut Allergies

PLEASE can you be aware that we have children with severe NUT ALLERGIES across The Valley Partnership schools and we therefore request that you do not send in nuts for ANY meals or snacks, in order to help keep these children safe. We thank you very much for your support in this. If your child has ANY allergies or medical requirements, please notify the school office **as a matter of urgency**.

### Dinner Money

We would be grateful if dinner money could please be paid in advance as soon as possible, as we are unable to provide credit for this service. School dinners for KS2 children cost £2.30 a day, which still represents good value for money. 1<sup>st</sup> half of term- £75.90. 2<sup>nd</sup> half of term - £80.50. Full term - £156.40. Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

Thank you to all parents who have already paid dinner money in advance; the balance will be shown on the system when we go live.

### LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Clubs Letter to all parents  
Competition consent details and entry form to all parents  
BPS Swimming Letter Y4/5/6  
TVP Enhanced Area Response Letter to all parents

This week's **TEAM POINT** winners are

WEBBER'S: **ASH**

BURLESCOMBE: **KINGFISHER**



### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

<b>WEBBER'S</b>		<b>BURLESCOMBE</b>	
<b>Class 1</b>	All of Reception	<b>Acorns</b>	All of Reception
<b>Year 2</b>	Sid	<b>Squirrels</b>	James B
<b>Class 2</b>	Louis	<b>Oaks</b>	Ethen
<b>Class 3</b>	Florian		

Diary Dates		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Webber's & Burlescombe Schools	Clubs Start 3:30pm – 4:30pm weekly Please contact the office to register your child
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	BOTH SCHOOLS	Homework released
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	BOTH SCHOOLS	New Dinner Menu starts

We will advise you where we can of any changes via email : Latest national guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>



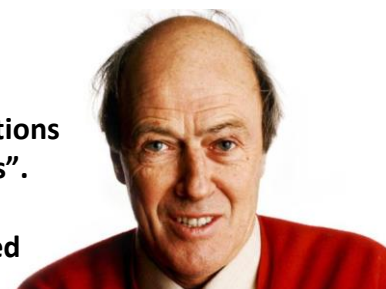
## CHILDREN'S CORNER



It's Roald Dahl Day this Monday!

Roald Dahl is one of the world's best loved writers who has inspired generations of readers since 1943, when he wrote his first children's book "The Gremlins".

At The Valley Partnership, we love to read his books and this year we wanted to encourage our children to celebrate Roald Dahl Day by rereading your favourite book.



Why don't you read it with an adult? I'm sure they'll remember his books too and share their memories of their favourite stories.

Make sure you tell us all about how you celebrated Roald Dahl Day in class, we love to hear about your reading, and you may even remind us about some of the books we loved when we were younger.

Happy Reading!

### Community Section

#### Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Burlescombe Primary School with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,300 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping – at no extra cost to you!

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up [HERE](#) and share today.

## After School Cookery Club



The children will cook up to four different recipes with a theme in mind. So far we have looked at recipes from around the world, this country, foundational skills and unusual ingredients. Each session the children will be weighing, chopping, mixing and cooking. All the food is to be taken home. Please bring containers. All the recipes are printed out for the children to take home as well. We can cater for any allergies but please do let us know ahead of time.

The club meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is the same menu both days so we ask you to book into one or the other for the term.

This term there are 6 sessions and we hope to end with a little party after the last session.

The cost for all 6 is £110. If you wish to pay as you go the cost is £20 per class and we need to know if a child is coming on the Monday please.

This can be used to complete the skill section of your D Of E Bronze

The age for this group is 8 and over.

Dates for the Autumn Term are:

Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September  
12<sup>th</sup> October

2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September  
13<sup>th</sup> October

3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> December

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### Taunton Children's Orchestra - 2021/22

You are invited to join an award-winning chamber symphony orchestra! Are you a young person aged 7 upwards and about Grade 2 standard upwards on an Orchestral instrument? Come along to Taunton Children's Orchestra for a fun and inspiring time, learning lots of classical and some more contemporary music with like-minded friends, with the expert tutelage of highly qualified and experienced teachers.

<https://form.jotform.com/212485473164357>

#### Time and Venue

**On: Wednesdays during term time 5.30 to 7.00**

**At: The Arts Centre, King's Hall School, TA2 8AA** (by kind permission of the Headmaster)

#### Rehearsal Schedule

##### Autumn Term rehearsals

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**CONCERT:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Bring family members or friends that play and instrument to join in. Bring a cake to share too!

##### Spring Term rehearsals

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

##### Summer Term rehearsals

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**CONCERT:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Summer Concert Spectacular. Venue tbc.

#### Covid-19 Precautions

We will follow a strict COVID safe protocol with good ventilation and hand sanitizing as recommended by Kings Hall School.

#### Subs

Our annual subscription for TCO is £125 (£90 for subsequent siblings) payable by 15/09/21 payable in 2 parts if you wish due by 15/09/21 and 6/2/21.

Please pay these subs by Bacs using your child's name as the reference. Account details are as follows:

Account name: Taunton Children's Orchestra

Account no: 03382739

Sort code is 30-98-45

#### How to sign up

As I am new to organizing the orchestra, please sign your child up **even if they have attended in previous years** using the jot form here:

<https://form.jotform.com/212485473164357> or by emailing the same information to [balebelinda@gmail.com](mailto:balebelinda@gmail.com)

#### Contact:

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#### Facebook page and new members

Please like and share our page on your timeline!

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

We have found that the best way of recruiting new members is by personal recommendation, so please do share this with any friends whom you think might be interested in coming along.