Dear Parents,

On Tuesday all the EYFS and KS2 children enjoyed a very educational visit from Zoolab. Sid the Corn snake came along with all his creepy, crawly friends to entertain everyone. The children had the opportunity to handle the animals and learn all about them.

Thank you to all those Parents who have donated food for the Harvest Festival so far, as we are hoping to create an impressive display of all the food in the hall. All the food will be collected by Project 5000 to support homeless people in Loughborough. If anybody knows where we can obtain a corn dolly then please contact the school office.

Clubs

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| Monday 2nd | Breakfast 7:45  
KS2 Boxercise - 7.40-8.40am | Superstars After School Club 3.30-6.00pm  
Girls football 3.30-4.15 | |
| Tuesday 3rd | Breakfast 7:45  
Badminton - 7.45-8.45am | Superstars After School Club 3.30-6.00pm | |
| Wednesday 4th | Breakfast 7:45 | Orchestra | Superstars After School Club 3.30-6.00pm  
Choir 3.30-4.00pm  
Cross country 3.30-4.15 | |
| Thursday 5th | Breakfast 7:45  
Badminton - 7.45-8.45am | School Council | Superstars After School Club 3.30-6.00pm | |
| Friday 6th | Breakfast 7:45  
KS2 Netball - 7.40-8.40am | Superstars After School Club 3.30-6.00pm  
Boys football 3.30-4.15  
KS1 Multi sports -3.30-4,30pm | |

Leicestershire Primary Schools Cross Country

The first race of the Leicestershire Primary Cross Country races will be held tomorrow at Prestwold Hall. The races will follow the same order as last year starting with the Year 3 girls and finishing with the Year 6 boys. All children in KS2 are welcome to enter the event and the distances range from 1.1km at year 3 to 2.1 km at y6. The race times are as follows:

Race 1 - Year 3 girls - 10:00  
Race 2 - Year 3 boys - 10:15  
Race 3 - Year 4 girls - 10:30  
Race 4 - Year 4 boys - 10:45  
Race 5 - Year 5 girls - 11:00  
Race 6 - Year 5 boys - 11:15  
Race 7 - Year 6 girls - 11:30  
Race 8 - Year 6 boys - 11:45

Thank you to Mr Ashley and Miss Hammond who will be giving up their Saturday morning to ensure our children and parents are supported.
Letter from Liz Dunn

After 5 years as Chair of Governors, I have decided to step down from the position. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chair and feel that we have made a lot of positive steps forward to ensure that school governance is effective and that the school continues to develop and improve outcomes for all pupils. Our last Ofsted rating was good and with our excellent SATs result we feel confident to put forward a case for being an outstanding school when they return (any time now!). We have an excellent leadership team at Burton and governors and staff work well together. I would like to thank the governors, staff, parents and children for their help and support over the past five years. I will stay on the governing body and continue to support the school and the new Chair, Pamela Parkin.

Pamela is a parent governor who has been on the governing body for over a year now. She has two children at the school and regularly comes into school to listen to readers. Pamela has a background in HR and has recently completed a safeguarding children course. On behalf of the governing body I would like to congratulate Pamela on her appointment and wish her all the best in her new role.

The key priorities to improve outcomes for children for this school year are:
- To focus on achieving more greater depth writers at KS2
- To continue to develop enquiry in history and geography
- To look at developing our Reception class outdoor area with an aim to improve Physical Development for Early Years Foundation Stage
- To replace the log cabin in the playground

If you would like any further information about our school governors, please go to the school website “Governors” section.

Best Regards, Liz Dunn

Thank you Liz and welcome Pamela

I would like to thank Liz for all her hard work and dedication over the years for the children at Burton on the Wolds Primary School. Liz has always been extremely professional and very supportive of our school. She has been a great support to me in her role, providing valuable support when needed but also expertly playing the role of a critical friend too!

The school has achieved so much over the last five years. Our results are consistently well above the national and local authority results, we provide a very creative curriculum for all pupils, we have a brilliant, happy staff team and an excellent governing body. I am very pleased that Pamela will be taking over the reins and I know our school will continue to flourish.

Andy Robinson

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on Thursday 5th October at 2.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend and we will be starting at 2.15pm. If you have any fruit, vegetables or tinned and dried food you would like to donate then please bring to school next week and we will make sure it all goes to a local charity. Thank you.

Harvest Meal

The Kitchen will be providing a special Harvest meal on Thursday 5th October before our Harvest Assembly. Please find the menu attached with this newsletter. If your child doesn't usually have a school dinner but would like to join in, please send £2.20 in a named envelope to the school office.

Parents’ evening

A letter will be going out today with the times on for your child’s parents’ evening slot. Please return to your child’s class teacher.
Friends of Burton School
New members welcome!

The Burton Parent Teachers’ Association carries out a very important role supporting and raising money for the children of our school. Tremendous fund raising events have been carried out over the last few years and if you can spare some time and enjoy a relaxed, sociable gathering whilst helping the school, then please come along to our first meeting at school on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.00pm.

Visit from Miss Jill Walton, new Head at Humphrey Perkins

I was very impressed with Miss Jill Walton who visited our school yesterday. Miss Walton would like to work closely with our school and I am hoping to visit Humphrey Perkins soon to look at the maths and Literacy. Miss Walton would also like some of her teachers to come and visit our school, to see the high standards of work the children are producing. Hopefully, this will be the start of a long and productive relationship between the schools which will benefit all of our children.

Message from Jill Walton

Dear parents/carers, I am delighted to introduce myself as Humphrey Perkins new Headteacher. I joined HPS as Deputy Headteacher in August 2016 and in this past year, it has been an absolute privilege to work with the school’s fantastic young people and committed staff. Humphrey Perkins is a very special school and I give my commitment to pupils, parents, staff and the local community to work tirelessly to ensure the school is the best it can be. As Humphrey’s new Headteacher, I am determined to drive forward school improvement through a relentless focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning to ensure pupils make the progress they should and more importantly are inspired, motivated and actively engaged in their learning. I want all of our pupils to enjoy and cherish their secondary schooling and therefore my ethos and beliefs are grounded in educating the whole child and not just focusing on examination performance and national thresholds. I welcome and invite any parent who was unable to attend the recent Open Evening to visit the school to see for themselves the changes being made here at Humphrey Perkins.

Burton School Council Fundraising

Our marvellous Burton School Council have embarked on a very exciting project to raise money for Rainbows Hospice and a school defibrillator! The councillors discussed various causes but voted for the defibrillator based on a child from Swithland being revived by one at a recent cross country event. The defibrillator at Swithland was located at the village hall which took time to retrieve. The children pointed out that in our village most events involving lots of people, took place at school. They also decided to raise money for Rainbows after one of the councillors explained how Rainbows Hospice had been brilliant caring for a young cousin. The Burton School Council will also be ensuring that:

- Playground pals are available at playtimes
- Playground leaders will be running activities for the new EYFS children
- An e-safety and general safety survey is carried out in the classes
- Fruit is available to buy in the Healthy Tuckshop

I am extremely proud of how the councillors have taken to their new roles and responsibilities!

School Nurse Appointments

A reminder that the school nurse will be in school on the morning of Friday 13th October and still has one more appointment space. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Battlefield Tour

We have now accepted deposit payments from 10 pupils and are not accepting any more. Thank you.
Attendance Matters!

A Department of Education report published in March 2016, concluded that the higher the overall absence rate across the Key Stage, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of KS2. Pupils with no absence are 1.3 times more likely to achieve expected, and 3.1 times more likely to achieve a high scaled score, than pupils that missed 10-15 per cent of all sessions.

Head lice

We have been informed that we have head lice in school. Parents should check their children’s hair regularly (frequent combing with conditioner will help prevent these unwelcome visitors). Current advice on treatment involves repeated wet combing to clear the pests. School should be informed if you discover head lice. If your child has long hair please ensure that it is tied back or plaited to discourage unwanted visitors. For further advice on treatment please look at the NHS website at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice.

Thank you.

Save our Orchestra 🎵

Sadly, the number of children attending our orchestra seems to be dwindling. We are very lucky at Burton on the Wolds to have a school orchestra and also to have Phillipa Jackson, who is willing to come in on a Wednesday dinner to run the orchestra.

When children at our school enter KS2, they can learn to play a variety of brass, woodwind and string instruments that we have in school. The instruments can be rented for only £30 a year! We are also very fortunate to have excellent peripatetic music teachers who come to our school to teach the children to play the instruments. The cost of the lessons are extremely competitive.

If your KS2 child would like to learn to play an instrument then please contact the school office to arrange a taster session.

Research has shown that learning to play an instrument can:

1. Increases memory skills
2. Teach perseverance and create a sense of achievement
3. Improve coordination
4. Improve math skills
5. Improve reading and comprehension skills
6. Create responsibility
7. Expose the student to culture and history
8. Increase self-esteem
9. Improve listening skills
10. Improve social skills and enjoyment for yourself and others

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend,

Andy Robinson (Head teacher).