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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Eyries (the BCP House System)**

The Captains for our 4 Eyries, Falcon, Harrier, Merlin and Goshawk, have been elected. Following applications and speeches by the candidates explaining why they wanted the position and what they could offer, all the children were able to cast their votes. Congratulations to Shane, Amelia and Jack, Heidi and Poppy who were successful in the elections. In one Eyrie, 2 candidates achieved equal votes and agreed to share the role. They are very proud to be leading their Eyries for the next academic year.

### **Open Mornings**

Bookings for our Open Mornings for parents and carers of prospective September 2025 Foundation Stage children have been very popular. The first Open Morning took place yesterday and our Year 6 children were superb tour guides. We had very positive feedback from our visitors. Thank you to all the children who spent time showing everyone round. Our next Open Morning is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and it is fully booked so we have added an additional date. There will now also be an Open Morning on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November with more opportunities for tours. Appointments can be made by calling the school office and our Year 6 children are looking forward to hosting more visitors.

### **Attendance**

As you are aware, schools have to adhere to the statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education around attendance. Overall, our attendance levels across the school are good, for this time of year, at 96%. There are the usual bugs and illnesses around which have contributed to the majority of absences so far. There has, however, been a slight increase in the number of requests for holidays during term time. A reminder that these cannot be authorised and, although there is a small amount of Headteacher discretion allowed for the authorisation of time off in exceptional circumstances, a holiday does not qualify. Please consider this carefully when making decisions about any planned absence from school. Thank you for supporting your child's education in this way.

### **Terracycling**

Help us recycle and raise funds for our school!

As you may already be aware, we are a Terracycling donation hub for Tadley, which is run by an ex-parent of the school. This week we have launched a Terracycle snack wrapper initiative in school as part of our school council's work to improve recycling. This enables our children to Terracycle those hard-to-recycle snack wrappers at break time by using the Terracycle bin on the playground, which in turn helps the environment, as well as raising funds to support the school (every kilo of waste earns points which is transferred to funds).

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It would be amazing if you could continue this good work at home by Terracycling things like crisp packets, cheese string wrappers, cake and cereal bar wrappers. Please pop the empty wrappers in a small bag and drop them into the Terracycle bin by the main gate.

We also have an opportunity to WIN A PLAY AREA by collecting as many reusable **plastic** lunch boxes/take away boxes and drinks bottles as possible by the 18th December. These can be broken, just lids or boxes. No single use water/juice/milk bottles thank you. These can go in the same bin by the gate or there will be a box in the office to drop them into.

Further information on what can be Terracycled can be found at [www.Terracycle.com](http://www.Terracycle.com) or please ask in school.

### **Parent Consultations**

You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher during the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Appointments will be available to book online on Monday – we will send you a message when the system goes live. These important meetings enable you to discuss how your child has settled in to the year so far and how their learning is progressing.

### **End of School Day**

It is lovely to see the children enjoying a short play time with their friends at pick up time and parents and carers having the opportunity to chat to each other. To keep everyone safe, please could you remind your children that they should not be going into the wooded area at the end of the school field and should also stay away from the goal posts. Thank you for reinforcing this message with your children.

### **Laser Fireworks**

Following the huge success for the laser firework show last year, the PTA have booked the experience again! You will be able to enjoy the show here at Burnham Copse on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

Tickets will go on sale through the school office from Monday and are already available on line at the following link. We hope to see you all there!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/burnhamcopsepta/>

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### INSET Days 2024-2025

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

DIARY DATES	
<b>October 2024</b>	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Basingstoke Variety Show
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
	PTA Movie Night
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Art Festival – St Mary’s Church
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Annual General Meeting – 6pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Ancient Greece Workshop
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 last sharing assembly before half term
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FS/KS1 last sharing assembly before half term
	Year 5 final swimming session
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Foundation Stage 2025 Open Morning 2
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival (9.15am)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
<b>HALF TERM WEEK (28.10.24 – 01.11.24)</b>	
<b>November 2024</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school after half term
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage 2025 Open Morning 3
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Collection for Royal British Legion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Laser Firework Show
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Movie Night
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTA non-uniform day in return for tombola items for Christmas Market
	Tadley Christmas Light Switch on – all children invited to sing
<b>December 2024</b>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Market, 3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Steady concert
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner – wear red, green, tinsel and/or Christmas jumper

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