

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The return to school after the half term break has gone smoothly and the children have settled back in very quickly. After the excitement of Halloween and Bonfire Night, we have already turned our attention to Christmas and started to practise singing familiar songs for the festive season.

Harvest Festival

It was a real pleasure to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival celebration assembly just before half term. The children performed brilliantly and entertained us all with their songs, poems and art. It is always a delight to see every child bravely taking part on the stage and we could tell that the audience enjoyed themselves very much indeed. Thank you for your support and for the donations for the food bank. An enormous 153kg of food was collected. Over half term, it was all delivered to the extremely grateful volunteer staff at the food bank and has already begun to be distributed to families in need.

Clothing Bank

You may well have noticed the large, bright green clothing bank on the grass alongside the school driveway. Outside the school fence, it is deliberately placed so that it is accessible at all times and is available for use by those of us in the school community and the wider community of Tadley as well. You can put donations in the bank at any time as the charity organises regular visits to the site to collect any items that have been given. The school receives some money from the charity according to the weight of donations received. Thank you for supporting the charity and the school in this way.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the school so far this term is, again, just over 95%. We have a number of winter bugs going round causing children (and staff!) to be unwell, so this figure is in line overall with what we would expect at this time of year. Unauthorised absence is low but there are still a small number of holiday requests being received which can not be authorised. Please remember that holidays during term time do not qualify as exceptional circumstances for authorised leave of absence and may therefore lead to a fine.

November 11th – Remembrance

On Monday we will of course be joining with the rest of the country to observe the silence at 11.00am. We are also holding a coin collection for the Royal British Legion as part of the national day of remembrance. Please give your child any coins that you can spare to bring with them to school on Monday morning. During the day, the classes bring their coins to place on the outline of a large poppy. We are very grateful for any contribution, however small. Thank you.

The children have been completing art work this week to contribute their own individual piece of remembrance bunting which is being displayed in each classroom. You may have already spotted some in the windows. We will be moving these to the entrance hall next week to form a whole school display.

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Foundation Stage Bear Hunt

The children in Robin and Nuthatch classes will be going on a local trip to Pamber Forest next week. More information has been sent home by the Foundation Stage teachers – please look out for this if you have not already seen it.

Laser Fireworks

This year's opportunity to enjoy the laser show on the playground is only days away. Gates open from 5.00pm on Thursday 14th and the laser show starts at 6.00pm. We hope to see you all there.

We hosted the first ever laser event last year and it was fantastic. The PTA have organised even more for this year. Gourmet Queens of Baughurst will be there ready to serve delicious crepes. Homemade samosas will be available to tempt your taste buds and, of course, plenty of hot chocolate and other refreshments to enjoy. In addition, for added fun, there will be the chance to enjoy Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball in the hall! There are a few tickets left so do pop into the office if you haven't already bought yours. They are also available online at www.pta-events.co.uk/burnhamcopsepta/

Children in Need

On Friday 15th we will be supporting Children in Need. There is an exciting day of activities planned for the children as we raise awareness of this great cause. The children do not need to wear their school uniform. They are welcome to wear their own clothes for the day. They can also include something yellow or spotty, the colours of Pudsey Bear, if they want to. We know there are some children who would rather wear their uniform, and this is absolutely fine too! We will also welcome any donations you are able to make as we will of course be collecting for the Children in Need charity.

Christmas

Apologies to those who feel it is too early to mention the word, but preparations for Christmas have started! Plans for the Christmas Shows are completed and the dates for the performances are set. You will receive more information about how to order your tickets but, for now, here are the dates and times so you can start to look forward to attending. Every child in the school takes part in some way and we always enjoy the enthusiastic support of all you in the audience!

Thursday December 5 th	9.30am	Key Stage 2 performance to Grandparents Show
Friday December 6 th	9.30am	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 performance to Grandparents
Monday December 9 th	2.00pm	Key Stage 2
Monday December 9 th	6.00pm	Key Stage 2
Tuesday December 10 th	9.30am	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1
Tuesday December 10 th	6.00pm	Key Stage 2
Wednesday December 11 th	3.30pm	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

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Movie Night

The PTA are hosting another Movie Night next week on Tuesday 12th November. Always a popular event, there is still time to arrange for your child to attend. Speak to the school office to sign up!

Tadley Christmas Lights Switch On

A reminder that the event on Friday November 29th includes singing by the children of Burnham Copse. Every child is invited to join in so if you are able to come along, please do. The largest number of children we have had in the past is 112 – we would love to beat this record this year!

Have an enjoyable weekend,

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INSET Days 2024-2025

Monday 6th January 2025, Tuesday July 22nd 2025

DIARY DATES	
November 2024	
Monday 11 th	Remembrance Day Collection for Royal British Legion
Tuesday 12 th	PTA Movie Night
Thursday 14 th	Foundation Stage to Pamber Forest for Bear Hunt
Thursday 14 th	PTA Laser Firework Show
Friday 15 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th	Road Safety Presentation in school for Year 2 Children
Friday 29 th	PTA non-uniform day in return for tombola items for Christmas Market
	Tadley Christmas Light Switch on – all children invited to sing
December 2024	
Friday 6 th	PTA Christmas Market, 3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 11 th	Rock Steady concert
Saturday 14 th	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Sunday 15 th	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Dinner – wear red, green, tinsel and/or Christmas jumper