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No. 3

Dear Parents/Carers

Emergency closures

Should the school need to close in an emergency, such as for adverse weather conditions, the closure will appear first on the East Sussex website:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosurealerts/>

It is possible to subscribe to alerts so that if Burwash does have to close you will be notified. The closure will also appear on the school website and we will try and notify you by parentmail or text alert if possible.

Reading

Children have responded really well to the challenge to read 5 times a week this year with the following results for classes:

		Mercury	Mars	Venus	Neptune	Jupiter
Term 1	15/09/2017	79%	93%	84%	58%	100%
	22/09/2017	93%	83%	87%	77%	97%
	29/09/2017	93.1%	89.7%	83.9%	29.0%	84.4%
	06/10/2017	86.2%	86.2%	90.3%	71.0%	96.9%
	13/10/2017	93%	90%	84%	81%	94%
	Average	89.0%	88.3%	85.8%	63.2%	94.4%

Percentages are far higher than last year- thank you for supporting your child with this initiative.

Malawi

Thank you so much for your generous support of non uniform day on Friday. Money is still coming in but we have made at least £332 which will be sent to Malawi as soon as possible. I have informed the charity about all your efforts and Starfish Malawi has informed us that the money should cover one book and pen for every child in standards 2-8(I am assuming standards are classes), a hardback book & pen for each teacher with a remaining £30 or so which will probably go towards a whole class resource for standard 1 (there are 486 children in this standard, as the numbers tail off with age).

Mrs Ricca and I are really looking forward to our visit to the school and hope to come back with lots of tales to tell and photographs to show.

The children have been writing texts for us to share with the children in Malawi and we have made some bunting saying "Hello from Burwash" to give. We also have some footballs to take over, books and pens and a few traditional British treats such as marmalade, shortbread, marmite and tea.

After school

Please be aware that children should not play on the equipment or climb on the fence or small house before and after school. In the past we have had instances of children being injured after school. All the children are aware of this rule. Please support us by reminding your child- thank you.

Autumn break

School will be closed next week for the Autumn break. I hope everyone has an enjoyable break and that all those new to Burwash have enjoyed their first term with us.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Gilbert
Headteacher

Dates for Term 2	
w/b 23rd October	Autumn break
30th October	Term 2 starts
w/b 7 th November and w/b 13 th November	NO CLUBS
7 th November	5.30-8.00pm Parent Consultations
9th November	Meetings for parents of prospective reception children- Sept 2018 9.30am OR 7pm
16th November	4.00-6.30pm Parent Consultations
1st December	PTFA Christmas fair 3.30pm start
8th December	Whole school trip to Kent Life- more details to follow Christmas tree festival at the church
13th December	Christmas dinner day Carol Service in St Bartholomew's, 6.00pm
14 th December	FS/KS1 Nativity 2:00-3:00pm
15 th December	FS/KS1 Nativity 2:00-3:00pm
19 th December	Christmas parties
20th December	Last day of term 2
2 nd January 2018	INSET day 3
3 rd January	Term 3 starts for children

We intend to print the dates for the term with each Newsletter; please note that this chart will be updated as new events are planned with new events appearing in **BOLD** text.

