

PTA News!

The PTA held their AGM via Zoom this week and we would like to welcome the new members who joined us. There were plenty of fundraising ideas to discuss and we are excited about the year ahead, despite the challenges we may face due to Covid restrictions.

We are pleased to say that it was agreed that Ceilidh Embling will stay on as Chair, with Sarah Robison and Emma Hatton as co-Vice Chairs and Sonia Meneer as Treasurer. Leah Knowles has kindly agreed to take on the role of Secretary.

If anyone else would like to join the PTA we meet on the first Wednesday of each month. We normally meet in a local pub, but currently will be meeting via Zoom instead until restrictions are eased. It might be an ideal time to see what we're all about without having to sort out any childcare for an evening!

We would like to remind you that the Cauliflower Christmas Card design sheets need to be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 16th October at the very latest to ensure products can be printed and returned to us in plenty of time for Christmas. Thank you to those of you who have already placed an order online. We really do appreciate your support.

This morning Ceilidh and Jodie have been busy doing some planting to make the rainbow planters look a bit more cheerful! They are looking great and we would like to say a huge thank you to Jodie Edinburgh for supplying the plants free of charge and for helping Ceilidh plant them. Well done to both of you!

World Rainbow Day

Thank you to all who donated to our world rainbow day!

An amazing £354.00 was raised!



World Rainbow Day

Social Distancing

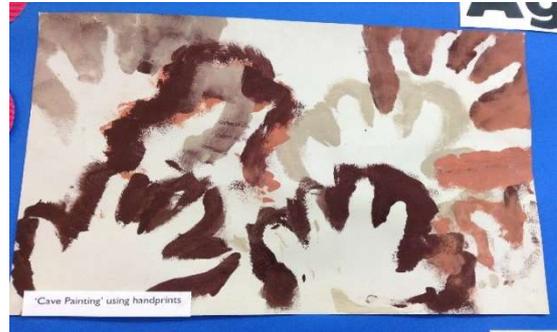
Despite our request to parents and carers last week, a number of parents are still coming to us concerned about the lack of social distancing outside the school gate. Can we please remind you that only one adult should enter the school with each child and please avoid gathering around the entrance and exit areas. So far all our safety measures have prevented a positive case and we want to keep it that way. By working together we can do our best to keep all children at school.

If we get a positive case we will have to send home complete bubbles for two weeks at a time.

If you need an extra incentive just remember the joys of home schooling!

Stone Age Day – Year 3

On Tuesday 6th October, Year 3 took part in various activities relating to The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The activities completed were similar to those that children would have done back in the Neolithic times. We made figurines from salt dough, cave paintings by using our hand prints as well as going on a mammoth hunt. We also tried soap knapping, where we had to carve the soap into Stone Age tools. We all had lots of fun trying these activities!



Census Day Success

The Census lunch was a great success! Our catering team served 311 dinners, 91% of Key Stage 1 children ordered a Universal Free School Meal, which is way above the national average.

Your support means more money for the school.

Thank you!

Punctuality

Can we remind you that children should be in class on time in order to start their learning. If you have an unexpected problem please phone the school office as soon as possible.

Please note: The Local Authority can issue a penalty notice for persistent lateness in the morning for the sum of £60 per parent per child.

School Office/End of day arrangements

A polite reminder the school office is currently closed. Should you require any assistance please contact us on 01621 782070 or e-mail admin@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk

All absences must be phoned into the school office by 9.20am. Please do not hand messages to the class teacher at the beginning of the school day as this is a busy time for them and they are trying to see the children into school safely. If you need to make an end of day arrangement for your child please contact the school office by 2.30pm so we can ensure all messages are handed to the class teacher in time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th October – autumn half term

Monday 2nd November – Return to school

World Mental Health Day

This year's World Mental Health Day is on Saturday 10 October

This year has been a tough one for many of us. The months of lockdown and loss have had a huge impact on many people's mental health.

Prioritising mental health has never been more important than it is now.

This year, National Mind aims to bring everyone together to mark World Mental Health Day on 10 October and to 'Do One Thing'.....one thing that promotes positive mental health. Whether it's going for a family walk, learning a new skill or doing something creative, taking the first steps to getting support for yourself, or reaching out to someone else; take the opportunity to do one thing this World Mental Health Day.

Please send photos to jevans@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk so we can include on the next newsletter



Nuclear Mud Race

Tommy and Bradan in Wolf class today took part in the Nuclear Rookie Race.

Very cold and very wet but both were determined and finished with big smiles :)

Well don Tommy and Bradan!



Congratulations to Mrs Lynch!

We would like to congratulate Mrs Lynch who is expecting a baby next year! We cannot wait to meet the new arrival



After School and Breakfast Club Activities

Clubs for next half term will be available for booking online via parentmail from Wednesday 14th October.

School Uniform Labelling

Please can we remind parents/carers to clearly name **all** items of school uniform, particularly sweatshirts, cardigans, coats & jackets.

If all items are clearly labelled they will make it back to their owners.

Please remember if you write names on in pen it needs redoing after it has been washed.

A parent shared the following website if it helps:

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