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Burley Bulletin Board





Well done to Kestrels and Woodpeckers for putting on a wonderful Christmas Carol concert and thank you to parents for a great turnout!

Thank you to everyone for all the gifts we have received for Christmas. We cannot thank everyone personally but we are honestly overwhelmed with your generosity.



We wish all our Burley Primary School families a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2024.



<u>Tues 2nd Jan</u> - Return to school for Spring Term

Weds 3rd Jan - Woodpeckers 'Listen 2 Me' concert @ 2.45 p.m. in School Hall

Thurs 4th Jan - Robins trip to Bournemouth Aviation Centre



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Message from our Gardener Gemma

"As the end of term draws to a close, so too mostly, does the school garden. The leaves have fallen and the dead wood has been felled, ready to be made into some handy woodchip. The first raspberry canes are in and the leeks, swede and calvo nero will be overwintered until ready to harvest in the New Year. Hopefully there will also be plenty of onions and garlic (which the garden club children planted earlier last term), to be used as part of a future Key stage 1 lesson...so watch this space!

Congratulations are also in order, as The Woodland Trust have kindly accepted our school application to request a community tree pack! This means that come March, 210 saplings including hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, elder, dog rose and rowan will be delivered to our school, which we can plant as hedges and trees in the grounds. Once established, this should ensure a plentiful supply of fruits and nuts ready to be made into our very own jams, jellies, wines and more! Also the benefits will be numerous for the local wildlife, and those eagle eyed amongst you, may have noticed the bamboo forest at the back of the school house is slowly being taken down. Removing this non-native, invasive species will help to re-balance the ecosystem and encourage more wildlife into the school grounds, which the vegetables and fruit will surely be thankful for. It will also go towards the school and pupils working towards the National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Awards and becoming RHS School Gardening Champions; but more on that next year!"

















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