



Education Resources
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Dear parent/ carer,

Welcome to the October newsletter. The clocks have changed, and Autumn is in the air! We have had a very settled and productive start back after the October holidays, and we are excited for the busy term to come. We have a few updates to share, and as always, please get in touch if we can help with anything at all.

Communication

Just a reminder that all important information will be shared with families on ParentsPortal, including permission slips and consent forms. Please take a minute to log in to ParentsPortal and check for any outstanding actions.

Quick notices and memos will also be shared on Bluesky (@burnsideps) and on your child's Google Classroom.

Volunteering

There are lots of opportunities to help out and get involved in our school, including helping in the school library, helping to support our learners in the classroom, outdoor learning with Grow73, or helping at events like discos or the Christmas/ Summer fayres. If you would like to help at the library, please contact Alise Middleton directly, and if you would be interested in being involved in any other way, please drop as an email at the school office.

Homework Consultation at Burnside Primary

Thank you for taking the time to share your opinion on the topic of homework, as part of a consultation to help us adopt a more consistent approach as a school. The next step in this process is to collect staff and pupil views, then we will write a draft policy which we can share with you for comments.

My intention is to have the consultation completed, and draft policy agreed, by the end of this term, so we can implement it in January. I will, of course, keep you updated along the way.

Halloween Disco and parking

Our Halloween Discos are taking place this Thursday, with our P1 party taking place during the school day. The times are as follows:

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P2 and P3: 6:15 – 7:15

P4 – P7: 7:30 – 8:30

Entry is £3, which includes a snack. We will be trialling a card machine for entries, as a dry-run before using them at the Christmas Fayre- but cash is still fine on the door.

Please consider parking a little further away and walking to the disco, as Glenlui Avenue is tight and there will be lots of children walking around in costume. Please be extra mindful of this between discos, when there are children both coming *and* going.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th November, at 7:10**. Anyone is welcome to join us, and previous minutes can be found on the school website: [Home | Burnside Primary School](#)

Office Update

Unfortunately, we remain short-staffed in the school office due to staff absence. We are grateful for Mrs. Eve Kinnear, who has started and is already fitting in fantastically with Team Burnside. We ask for your continued patience as she finds her feet.

The office is open from 8:30- 3:30 every day to provide assistance. *It is closed each day for lunch between the hours of 11:40 and 12:20*. We are happy to help at any other time- feel free to pop in, email or call.

Dates for the Diary

I would like to start with **festive dates** (despite it being October- it's good to have advance notice!)

Wednesday 26 th November	Pantomime- The Snow Queen (thank you, Parent Council!)
Saturday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 th December	School Show for P4 families and guests only (1:45)
Wednesday 10 th December	P4 Nativity, featuring P5 – P7 singing Christmas songs (2 showings, at 9:30 and 1:45)
Thursday 11 th December	P1- P3 Christmas Family Singalong (2 showings, 9:30 and 1:45) Christmas Dinner at lunchtime
w/b 15 th December	Parties (children can wear party clothes to school) Monday 15 th - P2 and P3 Tuesday 16 th - P4 Wednesday 17 th – P5 and P6 Thursday 18 th - P1 and P7
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Unwrapped for P6 (Chaplaincy Team)
Friday 19 th December	Winning House Treat 2:30 close
Monday 5 th January	Back to school 9am

And some other dates:

Thursday 30 th October	Halloween Discos (P1s have party in school time)
Friday 31 st October	Buddy lunch
Monday 10 th November	Inservice day 3- schools closed
Wednesday 12 th November	Parent Council 7:10
Friday 21 st November	Dress Down Day- chocolate donations for raffles at Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 26 th November	Pantomime in school (Snow Queen)
Friday 28 th November	Dress Down Day- bottle donations for raffles at Christmas Fayre Buddy lunch
Friday 5 th December	Parent Council collecting home baking at the gates @ 9am
Saturday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 8 th December	Parent Council 7:10
Friday 19 th December	School closes at 2:30
Monday 5 th January 2026	School reopens at 9am

Please get in touch if I can help you with anything at all. My email address is above, and I can also be reached via the school office on 0141 634 1916.

Kind regards,



Ms. Gayle McDonald
Head Teacher