



NEWSLETTER

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Moving into Advent at Christmas!

On Monday 1st Dec we will be well and truly moving into the Christmas period. The school tree will be decorated, and the nativity rehearsals are very much in full swing!

As this time of year is so busy and exciting, please do try to make sure children get to bed and have enough sleep – not only to help them regulate their emotions but also so they can fully enjoy all the activities in school.



Sending Best Wishes to Miss Edgar:

We wish her all the very best with her relocation to Wales. Miss Edgar will be greatly missed by all the staff, children & parents.

We are pleased to say that we have successfully recruited 2 new members of staff. More details to follow.



Open Day: We had a great turn out with prospective parents and children visiting Cams Lane. Some fabulous comments about our provision such as The Sunshine room and Forest School! Our Year 6 Tour Guides did a fabulous job and were complimented by every single parent – highly praised and they should feel very proud of themselves! Well done to Lexi, Joseph K, Mia, Joseph A, Francis and Lily – our Head Boy and Head Girl and fellow House Captains.



Y3 Parents That Lunch: Thank you to all the parents and family members who came this week – it was lovely to see the great artwork which was designed together.

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: Olivia Y1: Albert Y2: Robin

Y3: Oliver Y4: Akhyar Y5: Ayla Y6: Amelia

Lunchtime Awards: Y6 Lunchtime Helpers YR Whole Class

Attendance Awards: Y1 98.9% Y6 97.2%

Upcoming Events (Check the Diary Dates)

Footlights Pantomime: Footlights are once again visiting school with the pantomime Snow White. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child to cover the cost of this event. Please make your payment on Scopay.



Christmas Performances: Tickets have now been distributed.

KS1, (Reception, Y1 & Y2) The Very Special Spider



Wednesday, 10th December at 6pm and Thursday, 11th December at 2pm

KS2, (Years 3 -6) The Groovin' Nativity



Wednesday, 10th December at 2pm & Thursday, 11th December at 6pm

Photos and Videos from Parents at Xmas Performances:

As I say to all audiences before a performance “*please keep any photos and videos for your own personal use only and **DO NOT UPLOAD THEM on any social media***”

This is **absolutely crucial** as otherwise this becomes a safeguarding issue for our pupils. If this is broken and we find any photos or videos on social media you are putting children at a safeguarding risk and we would have to a blanket ban on all photos and videos going forward. You can take an individual photo of your children in their costume at home and use it for social media but not during the performance or in school.



Christmas Parties: Letters will be sent home from the classes regarding the parties. Please see the Diary Dates for more information.

Parental Questionnaires and Xmas Hamper Raffle: As you may recall, we have always asked parents to complete a paper questionnaire at the Christmas Performances, and this is then entered into the free raffle for a Christmas Hamper.

This year we will be asking you to complete a questionnaire online on a simple Google Form. Your name will still be entered into the raffle for the hamper.



Christmas Choir Visit: We will be visiting Bury Market with our school choir on Wednesday, 10th December for Christmas carols and songs. We will also be visiting our neighbouring care home HollyBank on Wednesday 18th December, to sing for the residents bringing cheer to their Christmas festivities.

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day: Friday, 12th December. This year we will not be collecting for Save The Children but please feel free to donate directly to them. This is because we have chosen to support Bury Hospice this Christmas with the sponsored Reindeer Run.

It will still be a non-uniform day with children wearing Christmas jumpers.



This day will also be Christmas Dinner Day.



If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner then please book on School Grid by December 5th. Please be aware that orders for sandwiches & jacket potatoes also need to be ordered by this date. If you have not placed your order by the 5th December you will need to provide a packed lunch.



Tesco Blue Tokens for Schools – Help Raise Funds for our Forest School:

The blue tokens for Cams Lane Forest School will be at Tesco Express, Radcliffe. Tesco express, Kearsley and Farnworth Superstore. The tokens are available now until 31st December. If you are shopping there, please pop your tokens in to help boost our fundraising! You may have to ask staff for the tokens as on several occasions they have not been out



FCL (Friends of Cams Lane)

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December 3.30pm – 5.30pm

We hope to have a great turn out as parents and children can come into the fair straight after school.

There will be NO Tiger Club on this Day

Teddy bear donations!

Please bring any teddy donations to the office.

We had an amazing response previously so fingers crossed for lots of lovely soft toys!



If anyone can donate homemade cakes, please let us know. Donations to be brought on the day of the fair.

Raffle prizes needed:

Please ask any local businesses you may have connections with if they might consider supporting our raffle by donating a prize!

Can you volunteer some time to help at the Christmas fair?

It's lots of fun and lovely way to contribute to your school community.

Please email fcl@camslane.bury.sch.uk to sign up to volunteer.

Santas Grotto: A flyer will be texted out and on the website with information on how to book tickets to meet Santa.



Forest Schools: Take a look at “Nature Wild” Facebook and Instagram pages – there are some great photos of our children thoroughly enjoying themselves!

If there is anyone out there with any experience or knowledge of Forest Schools who would like to volunteer – please get in touch with the school office and we will put you in touch with Tamsin.

Donations – one of the highlights of a Forest School session is making smores around the campfire with chocolate digestive biscuits and marshmallows.

Please can anyone donate a packet or two of chocolate digestives – just to help to keep the stocks up and not to disappoint the children. Thank you so much!

A reminder also that children need warm clothing, waterproof coats, boots or wellies. And their uniform and shoes to change back into.

After School Clubs: Now the clocks have gone back and the nights are darker, Y6 children will have to be collected from after school clubs. They will not be allowed to walk home alone from clubs. Please can all parents collecting children from clubs wait at the bottom of the steps as in the darkness you cannot be seen when waiting at the top.

Attendance: As a team of staff we have been looking at other ways to reward/treat good attendance – we already have the two awards each week in Golden assembly. However we would like to reward them further – ideas so far: craft & arts afternoon, extra Forest School session, an extra sports session – per class or per individual.

Please let us know your thoughts – thank you.



Online Safety: “Web Safe” we are reminding children to be Safe, Appropriate, Friendly and Educational.

In assembly we talked about scenarios about talking and meeting “someone” from online. We also discussed scams and sharing personal information.

We also talked about being unkind online and how it should always be friendly.

UNICEF Rights Respecting Award: This term we are working towards our Silver Award.

In January our school will be assessed for the silver UNICEF rights of the child (RRSA) award. We were really excited when we achieved the bronze award. The assessor will be asking the pupils what they know about the rights of the child, looking at how these have been included within our curriculum and how the rights of the child are promoted throughout school and to parents. There is a different right on each newsletter to parents. Please try and discuss this at home with your child/children each week.

Thank you.

Earrings: Please remember that only stud earrings are allowed and not hoop earrings. Also for PE lessons the stud earrings need to be removed or covered.

Hair style Reminder: Part of the school uniform policy is that there should be no tram lines or patterns shaved into hair.

Also please ensure long hair is ALWAYS tied back

PE Days: Reminder that children need to come in PE kits on their respective PE days.

PE Days

(Reminder PE kit is dark PE shorts, black or navy, plain white t-shirt and pumps/trainers. KS2 need plain joggers and jumper for winter)

All children to wear PE Kits to School on PE days

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| Reception, Y1 & Y2 | Tuesdays |
| Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 | Wednesdays |

Diary Dates

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| Friday 5 th December |  Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm |
| Tuesday 9 th December | Pantomime In School £2 Donation On Scopay |
| Wednesday 10 th December |  Choir Singing On Bury Market 10.30am |
| Wednesday 10 th December | KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm  |
| Wednesday 10 th December |  Reception & KS1 Performance 6pm |
| Thursday 11 th December | Reception & KS1 Performance 2pm  |
| Thursday 11 th December |  KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm |
| Friday 12 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 12 th December | Christmas Dinner Day Book your childs meal on School Grid Cut off date for ordering is December 5th |
| Monday 15 th December |  KS1 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 16 th December | KS2 Christmas Parties Y3 & Y4 AM Y5 & Y6 PM  |
| Friday 19 th December | School Closes for Christmas at 2pm (NO TC'S PM) |
| Tuesday 6 th January 2026 | School Re-opens |

**Friends of
Cams Lane
Christmas
Fair**

**Friday 5th December
3.30 – 5.30pm**

**Purchase your tickets to visit Santa
in advance via Scopay!**

Parentkind
Member Association

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



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IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160

4 children &
2 parents =
£1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid
within 21 days

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If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Instead your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000