



Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to all the school community. It has been lovely to welcome back familiar faces and meet some new families. All the children look very smart in their school uniforms and have settled nicely into their new classes. Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Logie who has started her maternity leave to prepare for her new arrival.

Thank you for all the congratulations. We had a beautiful wedding day spending time with our family and friends. Bow was a little superstar, and she was an amazing ringbearer! We have thoroughly enjoyed our holiday, and I am getting used to my new name. The children are helping though!

I was devastated to hear about the tragedy in Southport at the beginning of the holidays. We offer our condolences to all the families involved and appreciate that we all want to hold our loved ones a little closer. We will not be bringing the incident to the children's attention as respect that parents will have told or chosen not to tell their children. If there are any children that mention the incident, we will speak with the children privately.

We have reviewed our security risk assessment and have chosen to only have one entrance into the school to allow us to view more clearly who is entering our school premises. In an ideal world we would have electronic gates, however, this is not financially viable at this time. We were also concerned that some children were being allowed to walk through the carpark unsupervised. Please bear in mind that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am so please allow enough time to get in and out of the school gate. You don't want to get locked in. Myself, Mrs Newsome or one of the office team will be on the gate, on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon you will be greeted by Mr Lemaire who is our caretaker and supported by Mr Dineley.

Spelling and Homework

Children in Year 1 upwards will have homework on Friday. The children will have a homework book that they need to keep neat and tidy. Please try to write in pencil so the children can rub out the mistakes. Homework will be collected in every week. If your child is struggling with their homework, please speak to the class teacher. We have noted that some parents have requested extra challenge for the homework so we are aiming to include this within the homework, this year.

Reading

All children should be reading every night. Please make sure you record in their reading books when they do. The junior children should be able to make a note of their reading books but we still need parents to sign their reading records once a week to ensure their child is reading. The children should have a library book and their reading book. Thanks for your help in advance.

Uniform and earrings

The children look extremely smart in their uniforms. Just a few reminders.

- **Lip gloss** attached to uniform are not allowed
- **Earrings** must be removed for PE and swimming as per the Health and Safety policy.
- **Hair Accessories** – all hair accessories should be school colours.
- **Stanley cups** - We are seeing an increase in these large cups in school. They are starting to fill the tables and create wet tables where the children are working. We kindly request that children bring in a small water bottle.
- **Trainers** – the children can change into trainers for playtimes. They must be in their lockers and they must change back into their school shoes afterwards.

PE Kits – please make sure that your child has full PE kit. No football tops or shorts allowed.

School reps

It is that time of the year when the children choose the new reps for the different aspects. The children in Year 2 upwards will bring an application if they wish to apply. We have discussed the various roles in assembly today. The deadline for the application is Friday 13th September. The children will present their ideas to their class/house the following week. Good Luck!

School Lunches

Please ensure that you pay in advance for the school dinners. We have many children with severe allergies in school so we request that parents work with us to keep all our children safe. We are a nut free school. We have a child with a legume allergy which includes beans and peas, surprisingly, there are a lot of things that contain pea protein including ice cream. Children should not share food with other children either. We encourage the children to eat with their knives and forks so it would be good to practice this at home too.

Medical

Please make sure that we have an up-to-date medical record for your child. If things have changed over the holidays, please let us know. Also, please check the expiry dates on the medication and order new ones where needed.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate the children's birthday at school. On Friday, we always invite children and staff up during assembly. If you do choose to bring something in for the class on their birthday, please make sure this is just a small gesture and there must be a list of ingredients. Please note we are a nut free school.

Play Therapy and School Counsellor

Jo and Ashley will return to school next week. We are in the process of gaining parental consent for the children to work with the specialists. If you have been given some forms to complete, please bring them back to school asap.

Office

We kindly request that you only drop off or pick up children at the set times. Any messages for the children need to be given to the children at home. We appreciate there are times when messages need to be passed on, but these interrupts are getting

unmanageable for the office staff. Please work with us to be punctual and organised. Appointments, where possible, should be arranged outside school hours.

Year 6 Robinwood

The deadline has now passed for payments, please ensure that any outstanding monies are paid to enable school to pay the final invoice. Robinwood parent meeting will take place in school on Wednesday 9th October at 5:15pm.

Year 4 PGL

Please ensure that deposits are paid by Tuesday 10th September.

Come learn with me

We have introduced a new Maths Scheme. A separate letter will be sent to explain this. We will also focus on this during our parent sessions this half term. We will send out dates of the sessions shortly.

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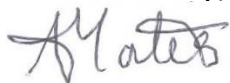
We have had a busy start to the half term with some EHCP's coming into school and new reports from children who have been recently diagnosed. Mrs Beevers is a full-time class teacher this year, so it is important to allow some time for her to get back to you. Emails will be responded to during school hours. She has designated SEND time on a Wednesday afternoon. She is going to conduct a SEND parents meeting on Wednesday 18th September, 1.30pm-5.00pm. If you would like to speak to her, please book an appointment via the following link - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DVVV>. Thank you for your support.

Divine Days

We will be starting our Dance Sessions with Divine Dance. We will be sending letters home for the children that will be starting next week. We are looking forward to welcoming Katie and the team back to BVPS.

We have finished the week with a full achievement assembly, we have been very impressed with all the children, so it was a hard choice. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Yates