



Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We had a very successful non-uniform day yesterday. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the funds for the PTFA. The money will go towards projects in the summer term. The 'egg competition' entries were fantastic. It was very difficult to pick the winners. Well done to Eddison, George, Margot and Izzy who received a £10 book token.

Ofsted

We are still waiting for our Ofsted report to come through, so we are officially able to share the news with you. We were very pleased with the overwhelmingly positive comments about Burscough Village Primary. In particular, the children truly shone and were great advocates of the place they love to learn! We can't wait to share it with you.

Special Education Needs/Nurture Group

One of our strengths as a school is supporting and nurturing our children and, specifically, children with additional needs. As with all schools, there is an increasing number of children with special needs. We always consider ways to help and support all of our children. This term, we are going to trial having a nurture group. It will be called our 'Nurture nest.'

Mrs Beevers, our Special Educational Needs Leader, will run the group in the mornings. Initially, this will be for specific children identified in Reception and Key Stage One. Mrs Beevers has already spoken to the parents of these children. Once, the provision has been established, we are hoping that more children will be able to access the nurture group to support their needs. We are re-locating the library for the Summer term so that we can use the library room for the nurture group.

To allow Mrs Beevers time to set this up and work with the children, Mrs Prytherch will be joining the Reception Team. She will teach alongside Mrs Seddon, Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Beevers. A letter has been sent separately to Reception parents. Mrs Rowlands-Pidd will continue to teach Year 3 with Mrs Prytherch teaching on a Friday.

Staffing update

We are sad to say that our 'singing queen' Mrs Riley is leaving us this year. She is jetting off to teach in Dubai from September. We look forward to having lots of singing celebrations in the Summer term to bid her farewell!

We would like to offer Mrs Logie and her family a warm 'congratulations' because she is expecting a baby in early September.

We will start the process of recruitment for the two teaching positions in the summer term.

Nurture and Professional Development

As well as nurturing the children, we love to see our staff grow and develop. I am pleased to share that Mrs Porter has achieved her NPQ in Leading teaching and learning. She has been working hard to successfully develop different aspects of our curriculum and develop

her own leadership skills. Although, on maternity leave with a small baby, Mrs Settle has also submitted her NPQ in English course work, we have no doubt that she will achieve this during the summer term. That's dedication for you! Well done to them, we are very proud of you both.

Mrs Swift is currently engaged in a NPQH, National Professional Qualification for Headteachers, Mrs Beevers is completing a Masters in Special Education Needs and Mrs Garner, Office Business Support, is studying an apprenticeship in School Business Professional Level 4. When we learn as practitioners, we are able to improve the outcomes for our pupils and school systems.

School Meals

We have been informed of a price increase for the cost of school dinners. As we are aware, the cost of food has significantly increased. Our school dinner prices have remained stable for the past few years and school has been subsidising this for families, unfortunately this is not sustainable, therefore from the 1st May, the school meals will need to increase.

Year 6 Transition Project

We are pleased to be engaged in a transition project with the local secondary school, Burscough Priory. Our Year 6 pupils will receive a morning session, from the NHS Headsup initiative, with a focus on emotional well-being. The children will explore which strategies they can use to have a successful transition to the high school. The year six transition days at Burscough Priory are 27th and 28th June. There will be an additional visit for pupils who may benefit from a more focused session. For those pupils going to other secondary schools, they will still be able to take part in the Headsup session. We will liaise with their high schools.

Year 4 Residential

We are looking forward to having our first residential with the Year 4 pupils. We are off to Winmarleigh in Preston for a fun-filled, two days in April. I will be attending this trip with Mrs Porter, Ms Blunt, Mrs Newsome and Miss Morgan. The children remaining will join Year 3 for the two days. Thank you to the parents who attended the pre-visit meeting. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Porter. We can't wait to enjoy the trip with the children.

Transition

We will find out the children who have been allocated a primary school place at BVPS just after the Easter holidays. We will begin our transition process with the teachers starting to get to know the children, where possible. Due to having to appoint two new teachers, we will share the class teachers for September, later in the summer term. After the May half term, on Fridays, the children will move to their new classes with their new teachers. On Friday 28th June to children will stay in their new classes for the whole day. The final day for the transition sessions will be Friday 5th July. For the last two weeks of the term, the children will be back in their own classes to celebrate the end of the year.

New School App – School Gateway

Please make sure you download the new school app so that you can pay for snack and book kids' club sessions before the term starts. We have had 120 accounts set up within the app; any parents / carers can download the app, as long as school has their email. We are excited that the children will be able to self-register and select their own school

dinners on the new system. You are able to choose school dinners with your child at home, if you prefer. From today we will be stopping payments via ParentPay, this will allow the office team to move the balances to the new system in time for go live over Easter. Please bear with the team whilst this is set up, you will receive a message during the Easter holidays when payments and bookings can start being made. Please ensure that all payments are made at the start of the new term.

Winners

Well done to all our Spring term award winners. It was lovely to see their smiling faces in assembly this morning.

Easter Bunny

We finished the day with a visit from the Easter bunny. All children have a sweet treat, kindly donated by the PTFA.

Summer Term 2024 Dates

- Year 6 assembly – Friday 19th July at 9am
- Summer Junior Production – Tuesday 9th July at 2pm, Wednesday 10th July at 6pm, Thursday 11th July at 2pm
- Year 2 Rock and River trip – Wednesday 5th June
- SATS week – Year 6 w/c 13th May
- SATS week – Year 2 w/c 13 May & 20th May
- Year 5 Visit to partner school – Monday 20th May
- Class Photographs – Wednesday 22nd May
- Year 4 Multiplication Test – Week beginning: 10th June
- Year 1 Phonics Screening – Week beginning: 10th June
- Year 5/6 Career's Fayre – Friday 21st June
- Sports Day – Wednesday 26th June

We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 15th April at 9.00am.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Smith
Headteacher