



Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I think I must say this every year, but I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by! We have been extremely busy with end of term celebrations and saying goodbye to our year six pupils and staff who are leaving us for pastures new.

Staffing

I am pleased to share that Mrs Rowlands-Pidd has successfully graduated and gained her QTS. She has secured a teaching position at a school in Skelmersdale. Thank you for your expertise in Spanish and your creative and artist flair where you have supported so many productions and school projects. We wish her all the best in the next stage of her teaching career.

Mr Prescott has decided that he is going back to studying. He is going to train to be able to teach abroad. Thank you for your patience and thoughtful interventions with the children. We have enjoyed your games and activities at lunchtimes and Kids' club. Good Luck!

In the true Mrs Riley style, we sing 'Goodbye.' We will miss DJ Riley and all the fun and laughter that she brings to the BVPS team. Good luck in her travels across to Dubai and have fun in your new school.

We thank Mrs Prytherch for her dedication and commitment to Burscough Village for the past six years. You certainly will be remembered for your memorable assemblies and whole school yoga sessions. She is moving to a new school, and we wish her all the best with her new class.

Mrs Logie will return in September for a short period to have some well-deserved rest before the arrival of her new baby. Good Luck to the Logie family.

We will see Mrs Settle return in December to work with Mrs Berkley to teach Year 2. We are excited to have her returning.

We wish Miss Morgan the best of luck because she gets married next week. She will become Mrs Sheridan when we return in September. We hope you have the best time celebrating and enjoying your honeymoon.

PTFA

A huge thank you to the PTFA and staff for organising an amazing colour run. It is definitely an afternoon that the children and staff look forward to. I think it may be the opportunity to soak each other that the children like. There were a lot of giggles! If you have not seen the fun, please have a look on our website and Facebook page. Thank you for all your kind donations. The PTFA are in the middle of counting up the sponsor money and we will let you know the full amount shortly.

I have to say a personal thanks to Jenny Nolan who has been Chair of the PTFA for the past two years. She has run many exciting events with Mrs Willock, Mrs Rimmer and Mrs Gregg. Thank you for dedicating time to our school and children. It is hard work on top of running a family and full-time jobs and we really appreciate everything that you have done. They are stepping down this year, so we do need some new faces to lead the PTFA in school. As a

teaching staff we do help in arranging the events, but we need a Chair, Vice Chair, treasurer and secretary in order for school discos, colour runs, cinema night and quiz nights to go continue next year. Please email me or come and have a chat on the gate if you are interested.

Mary Poppins Jr.

Mary Poppins Jr. was outstanding. We just love how the children shine. You forget that the children are between seven and eleven years old. The singing, dancing and performances were out of this world. Well done to Mrs Swift, Mrs Porter and Mrs Rice for leading such a beautiful show. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who were behind the scenes making sure the children came on at the right times. We raised a total of £385.50 after costs and the PTFA made £984.16.

Next year, Music will be one of our school improvement areas so the funds will be spent on new musical instruments. We are excited to be taking all the Infant children to a Panto and the Junior children to a musical. More details will follow in September.

BVPS's Summer Treasure Trail

If you are looking for something to do over the school holidays in Burscough, you can take part in the summer treasure trail. We are very grateful to the very talented Mr Horsfall who has created the map and signs. You need to pop to Tesco's to collect the map (£1), complete the trail and return the map to be in with a chance to win a prize. I am hoping to do the trail with Bow and my family on one of the days so I will keep you posted on Facebook page if you want to join us. We can meet at school to start. Good Luck!

Snack

Please make sure that you pay for snack before you return to school in September. The cost of snack will be £18.75 for the term.

Kids' Club Changes

You will see many familiar faces in Kids' club in September as our teaching assistants support Kids' club while we appoint new staff. Please note that **from September 2024, it will be compulsory for parents/carers to be pay in advance of the booking being made.** Any credits will be issued per the cancellation policy. Following receipt of the proof of payments, your account will be credited. Attended sessions will be deducted from the balance. Failure to provide proof of payment may lead to your child not being able to access Kids' Club sessions.

Multiplication Test results

We are very impressed with the overall results for the multiplication test that Year 4 completed in June. The children have worked extremely hard, and we are pleased to say that 81% of the children achieved 25/25. Last year, the national average of children achieving 25/25 was 29%. This is amazing news! Well done!

End of term results

Please [follow this link](#) to see the end of term results for statutory year groups. Please note that the national average for most year groups will be from 2023. The Year 6 national data is current for this year. We are extremely pleased that 71% of pupils achieved expected in Reading, writing and Maths. This is above national standards which is 61%. Well done to all the year 6 pupils for working extremely hard under Mrs Swift's motivation and guidance.

Building Works

As the school continues to grow, and we are keen to provide more opportunities for our children we are sometimes short of space or rooms. To free up more room space, we are removing the fixed benches from the ICT suite to allow us to use this room more flexibly. We have purchased a laptop trolley, and the children will continue to have Computing lessons in

their own classroom. The blue screen and media centre will remain for use throughout the curriculum. This will mean we will have more space for music lessons, counselling, play therapy and many more things. This will take place next Monday.

Holiday Clubs

We are pleased that we have three holiday clubs based at Burscough Village over the school holidays. I hope that this helps a little bit for families who need childcare of the holidays. Don't forget families of BVPS will receive a 10% discount. Please follow the links below to sign up for the various activities. [JN Sports](#) | [Diddi Doodlerz](#) | [Divine Days](#)

School Counsellor

Mrs Newsome has worked her magic again to secure a grant from the Town council of £15,960.00. This is a grant to continue to fund the school counsellor for the Primary Schools in Burscough. We are pleased that the Town council recognises how important early intervention is with children's mental health. Joanne Bleasdale will continue to come into school on Wednesdays to support the children as and when they need it. Thank you for your nurturing our children and families. Don't forget that West Lancs Counselling can provide funded support for parents and carers as well.

School Play Therapist

Congratulations to Ashley Barrow. She has successfully completed her Play Therapist qualification. We have seen a positive impact with the children she has worked with this year. We are excited that she will continue to work with us next year. Well done!

Good Luck

I wish the year 6 pupils the best of luck and success in their new schools. In the words of Mary Poppins, ***'Everything is possible, even the impossible. Carry the magic with you and dream the impossible.'*** I am sure you will all continue to grow and flourish. Please remember to come back and tell us all about your new adventures.

I have an exciting summer as I also get married on 2nd August! So, when I return in September, I will be known as Mrs Yates. I am sure it will take some time to get used to, but I am looking forward to the celebrations and a good rest!

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and enjoy some cherished time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September for another terrific school year.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Smith
Headteacher