



Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already making decisions about next year. This year has flown by!

A huge warm welcome to our new reception and nursery parents. Thank you for attending the reception welcome meeting on Wednesday evening. I hope that you have some information to get you started with your child's learning journey at Burscough Village.

We are very excited to tell you that we have appointed two new teachers for September. Miss Waring-Collins who is an experienced Year 6 teacher with a performing arts background. We think she will love teaching our current year 5's next year. Miss Lawrence has just completed her teacher training with flying colours and is excited to be teaching our current year 4 children in September. She will be coming in to meet the class and join in school activities during the summer term. We look forward to them joining the Burscough Village family.

After the holidays, we will start our transition sessions. Our new Reception children will start them on **Friday 7th June** with a drop-in session for the parents and children. Then, every Friday afterwards until Friday 5th July, the children will move up to their new classes with their new teachers.

In September 2024, the class teachers will be as follows:

- Nursery: Mrs Prytherch
- Reception: Mrs Beevers
- Year 1: Mrs Porter
- Year 2: Mrs Berkley/Mrs Settle (when she returns from maternity leave in December)
- Year 3: Miss Morgan (Mrs Sheridan in September)
- Year 4: Mrs Swift
- Year 5: Miss Lawrence
- Year 6: Miss Waring-Collins

On Friday 28th June we would like to invite the nursery children, who are staying in nursery for another year and don't usually attend the setting on a Friday, to join us for the transition day and get the opportunity to meet Mrs Prytherch.

I will confirm the teaching assistant's roles after the holidays. We still have some aspects to confirm with the school budget and we are awaiting some EHCP's as well.

The majority of the year 6 pupils will go on their transition days to Burscough Priory on Thursday 27th June and Friday 28th June. For the other transition sessions in school, they will work with Mrs Logie to complete the year 6 curriculum.

Transition Afternoons

All children will move classes at 1.30pm with all their belongings to go home. We ask you to pick your child up from their new classroom. This will give you an opportunity to meet the staff, ask any questions and start to build relationships with the staff for September. If you would like to meet the teacher to discuss your child's needs further, please arrange a meeting with the teacher.

New Reception children 2023- If your child already attends our nursery, the children will be taken to the Reception classroom for their induction sessions.

For those children who have additional needs, we have already begun to handover information and discuss the needs of the children. ISP's and EHC plans are being discussed and shared. The staff are attending appointments or sessions with speech and language, OT and other professionals. Where needed, the teachers will arrange a meeting to discuss a smooth transition for your child.

The Nursery, Year 1 – Year 4 'Meet the teacher' meetings will take place on **Wednesday 5th June**. We will have two sessions one at 3.30pm and one at 5.00pm - please book via School Comms. **Year 5 and 6** meetings will take place on **Friday 28th June at 3pm and 5:00pm**.

You will receive a transition questionnaire for your child to take with them to their new class on Friday 14th June 2024.

SEN appointments – Mrs Beevers SENCO – Monday 10th June

We are seeing a significant increase in parents wishing to meet with Mrs Beevers regarding Special Education Needs. Unfortunately, there is only one Mrs Beevers and she does have teaching responsibilities as well. To try to accommodate parents and manage Mrs Beevers workload, she will be available on Monday 10th June 3:00pm – 6:00pm. An appointment can be made if you have any specific SEN questions, or you would like to discuss your child's next steps and development. This will be your opportunity to meet with Mrs Beevers in the summer term, no further dates will be available until Autumn term. Mrs Beevers will aim to get back to all parents and carers but there is starting to be a little wait to fit it all in.

Please make an appointment by selecting the link <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DNPM>

Classroom bases

Pick up on Fridays- staff will be at the gate to direct you on the first Friday.

- New Reception children – Reception classroom
- Reception – Year one classroom (next to the reception classroom)
- Year 1 – Year 2 (first door at the back of school)
- Year 2 – Year 3 (The outside door nearest the hall)
- Year 3 – Year 4 (door at the back side of the school opposite the tree house)
- Year 4 - Year 5 (back junior doors - any children who will be walking home will need a letter)
- Year 5 - Year 6 (door at the back of the school near the table tennis)
- Year 6 – Year 7 (back hall door)

School Lunches

You may recall at the end of Easter we advised that the local authority had increased the cost of the school meals. We have been subsidising the school meals since the 1st April. Unfortunately, the school budget is unable to with stand this and we are all aware of the increased costs associated with food. From 3rd June 2024 the cost of a junior school lunch will be £2.70.

Dates for the Summer 2

Sports Day – please note that Sports Day has been moved to **Tuesday 25th June** due to our junior children attending Quad Kids that day.

Junior Show – this year we are delighted to announce that the junior children will be performing – Mary Poppins Jr. Tickets will be available shortly.

- Show 1 - Tuesday 9th July at 2pm
- Show 2 - Wednesday 10th July at 6pm
- Show 3 - Thursday 11th July at 2pm

Trips

- Year 3 Greek History Event – Wednesday 5th June in school
- Year 2 Rock and River – Wednesday 5th June
- Year 1 Knowsley trip – Monday 24th June
- Reception – Canal boat trip – Wednesday 3rd July / Thursday 4th July (small groups) letter to follow.

The Year 4 residential to Winmarleigh was a huge success. Both the children and adults had fun making dens, mastering the zip wire, bouncing on Aero ball, navigating an orienteering course and working their way through a night walk. We are just waiting for the dates to be released for next year and we will be sending out a letter to the Year 3 parents. Please have a look on the Facebook page and the school website to see the photos.

House competition

Well done to Earth house. They have won the house competition for Spring 2. Children in Earth house can come to school in their own clothes on **Friday 7th June**.

PTFA

We are hoping to have some events for the children next half term. This does mean that we will need some parents and carer volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

Summer School Disco – Wednesday 19th June Infants 3.30pm-5.00pm and Juniors 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Colour Run – Wednesday 17th July. The children absolutely loved this last year and I think some of the teachers enjoyed using the water pistols as well! It was great having Mrs Nolan dressed up as a huge banana. We will be sending the sponsor forms out after the holidays.

School Uniform

We are seeing more children starting to wear trainers. Please ensure that your child has school shoes after the holidays. We still have half a term left of the school year and it is important that all children follow our school uniform policy. We do have pre-loved uniform in the main entrance. Please remember that the Year six pupils must remove their earrings for swimming next half term.

We are looking forward to all the exciting activities for next half term. If you have any questions regarding transition and moving to the new classes, please have a chat with the class teacher or come and speak to me. Happy transition!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Smith', written in a cursive style.

Miss Smith
Headteacher