



Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it! Who decided it would be a great idea to perform a full-on panto at the end of term with all the usual Christmas events? The staff never fail to amaze me with their hard work and dedication. We have loved creating the panto for our school community. Not only did we love seeing our school families having so much fun, but it also allowed the staff to become even closer, find talents hidden within them and it was brilliant laughing therapy, great for staff well-being. Thank you for all your kind comments. We are glad you enjoyed it as much as we did!

It has been a busy few weeks starting with a beautiful nativity in the church. Well done to year 2 and our infant children for taking us on a magical journey. The juniors have taken their singing across the village singing carols and putting smiles on the faces in the community.

Thank you to all the families who donated to the food bank. They were very grateful of our delivery yesterday. I am sure they will go towards supporting families within our community.

Just a little reminder about school uniform. Please make sure your child has full school uniform in January. This includes school shoes and not trainers. PE kits should have been taken home. Please check that your child has a full PE kit including footwear. All children should have a green T shirt for PE as this has been school uniform for over a year now.

Year 5 will go swimming in the new year and they are not allowed to wear earrings, so please do not wear earrings on Tuesdays.

We are very excited to tell you that our media centre is fully equipped. The blue wall has been painted. We have a new projector in the hall and brand-new stage curtains made by Mrs Norris. We can't wait for the children to create and share their work with you next year.

Mrs Settle has started her maternity leave. We await news of the baby's safe arrival. We wish the whole family the best of luck.

Congratulations to Mrs Gilbert, otherwise known as Grandma in the panto, who married her best friend in November. We wish you many years of happiness. (Miss Donna to the children).

We are having a little change of staff in the new year. Mrs O'Toole will be working with the year 2 children and Mrs Whittaker will support in the Year 1 and Reception classes.

Thank you to Joanne, our school counsellor, for nurturing our children, providing them with skills and strategies to cope with different situations and feelings. Also, thank you to Ash, our play therapist, for supporting our younger children. We look forward to seeing you back in the new year.

I hope you have downloaded the school app (Schudio) and you are able to see all the news stories. Our office staff have been very busy this term giving you all the incredible updates.

Thank you to those parents who completed the parents' evening feedback. Please follow this [link](#) to see the very positive comments.

2023 has definitely been a year of awards, two Equality awards, finalist in the Lancashire school debate, local winner for the housing competition, gold sports award, Step into Quality Award for Year 1 and 2 and a local leader of education award. Well done to the whole school community, you do make BVPS a very special place to be.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year. The children are back on Tuesday 9th January. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Here's to another 365 days. 365 new days, 365 new chances. Here's to a year full of new possibilities.

Kind regards,

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

Miss Anna Smith
Headteacher