



Burscough Village Primary School

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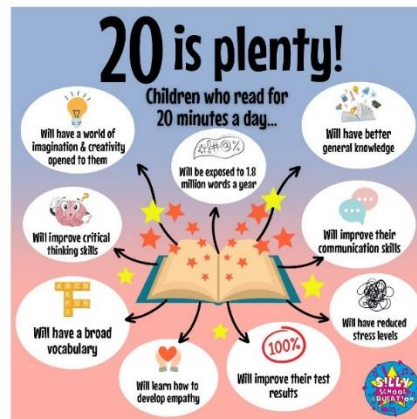
Headteacher: Miss Anna Smith

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We finished the half term with a beautiful assembly. Well done to all the children who achieved the awards. The teachers and parents were very proud of you. Holly A in Year 6 won an Art Competition. She came 1st out of 11 schools in our region. See the news story on the [school website](#).

Reading Focus



Next half term, we will be focusing on raising standards in reading for the whole half term. We are looking for your support in hearing your child read at home every night. The diagram above, 20 is plenty, highlights the importance of the children being able to read. There are so many benefits of being able to read. We will start the term with our parent Come learn with me sessions – see below for the details. This will give you some tips for reading at home with your child including some games and activities to play together. All children will visit the local library.

- Nursery - Wednesday 28th February @ 2:30pm
- Reception - Friday 23rd February @ 9:00am
- Year 1 - Thursday 29th February @ 9:00am
- Year 2 – Wednesday 21st February @ 9:00am
- Year 3 - Wednesday 28th February @ 9:00am
- Year 4 - Friday 23rd February @ 2:30pm
- Year 5 – Wednesday 21st February @ 2:30pm
- Year 6 – Friday 1st March @ 2:30pm

Mystery readers

We would love to have some mystery guests to read to the children. This would involve choosing a suitable book for the age of the children and reading to them for 10-20 minutes. We keep the readers a secret from the children, and they love looking forward to a visitor. If you would like to take part in this, please speak to the class teachers.

Sharing stories

On Friday 8th March, Friday 15th March and Friday 22nd March, we will be opening the infant classes (Nursery, Reception, year 1 and 2) for a family member to join them to read their reading book or share a story in school. The junior children will sit in the hall while a mystery reader reads

them a story from the media centre. The children need to guess who the mystery reader is. We are hoping to have some special guests!

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March, in true BVPS style, the children and staff can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please bring the book into school to share. Mrs Prytherch will be sharing some further information with you about the actual day. I believe we are talking Footie, Bookie and a Cookie! The PTFA will also be organising a costume sale.

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

Book Swap

We will be creating a book swap in the main entrance for next half term. If you or your child would like a book, please bring a book to swap. Exciting!

Reading Books

The children love our new Monster phonic books, and they did cost a lot of money. We are finding that some of the books are not being brought back to school. Unfortunately, if the books are not returned, we will be charging parents £6 per book. Please have a good look over the holiday and bring back any books you have.

Reading Volunteers

We would love to have some more volunteers to read the children read in school. If you or you know someone who would be good at this, please get in touch. Often, grandparents or retired people are perfect and love to give back to the community.

Uniform

Further to parental feedback on sizing and returns, we are pleased to inform you that we have secured an additional uniform supplier for the school. **Premier Sports, Aughton Street, Ormskirk** will now be stocking our entire uniform from Monday 19th February. Stitch Design will remain our online supplier. Full details on the website.

Trainers

Our school uniform states that children must wear black school shoes. There have been a number of children in trainers this half term. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear after the holidays. In emergency situations that the children do have to wear trainers, parents must communicate this to a member of senior staff, and they should seek new school shoes.

Earrings

Year 3 will go swimming after the holidays. Children should not wear earrings on swimming days. Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum so please ensure that earrings are not worn. Earrings worn should be small plain studs.

Kids' Club Voucher Payments

Thank you for your patience with the latter half of the term, we aim to catch up with the kids' club voucher payments at the start of next half term. Please keep sending the remittance documents so we can track the payments.

Parenting Course

Parenting is not easy! We are lucky to be holding a parenting course on Wednesday after the holidays. The sessions will start at 9.30am from Wednesday 21st February. These courses are amazing. Just little tips that can help with parenting on a day-to-day basis. If you wish to sign up for this, please send an email to head@burscough-pri.lancs.sch.uk with your name, address and date of birth. We will provide the brews and biscuits. Why not come with your friends or meet new friends at the sessions!

Family Hub in Burscough

Next half term, The Grove is becoming a Family Hub. This is a place where children, young people and their families can access support. They work with partner organisations like the NHS or schools to provide you with the help you need. We look forward to the Family Hub launch in March.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see separate letter and [timetable](#) which has been emailed and can be viewed on our website.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is on 26th February and 6th March. Children will receive a progress card. A separate letter has been sent to parents so you can book an appointment. It is important that all parents attend. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/54970?>

The travelling book company will be returning to school on 6th March where children can redeem their world book day tokens!

PTFA Update

The PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the 'Break the Rules Day' the total raised - £338.87.

The PTFA have further events planned in the Spring Term, please save the dates.

- World Book Day Costume Sale – please bring any dressing up outfits to the school office.
- Film Night – Wednesday 20th March
- Spring Bounce – Wednesday 27th March

Have a restful break over half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Smith
Headteacher