

# Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, we are presented with the perfect opportunity to reflect on everything we have achieved together. This year has flown by, and we continue to receive wonderful feedback about our vibrant and caring school community.

#### **New Staff**

We're delighted to share that two new members of staff will be joining us from 1st September. Miss Turner will work alongside Mrs Porter in Year 1 as she completes her Level 3 teaching assistant apprenticeship. Mrs Turgay will be supporting our Year 5 children. We're also pleased to announce that Miss Rimmer, who recently joined our cleaning and lunchtime team, is now part of our Kids' Club team. Please join us in giving them all a very warm welcome to Burscough Village!

#### **Year 6 SATs Results**

Our Year 6 pupils have exceeded expectations, which is precisely what we encourage them to do. Their fantastic results are only part of the story; the real achievement lies in the tremendous progress they have made. We are so proud of every one of them—well done!

## **Year 4 Multiplication Test**

We are proud to report that our Year 4 multiplication scores continue to soar. Last year, our teaching expertise was even sought after by other schools in Lancashire—a testament to the effectiveness of our approach. An outstanding 83% of our pupils achieved a perfect 25 out of 25. Congratulations to all our Year 4 children and to Mrs Swift for these fantastic achievements!

### **Counselling Grant – Success**

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to a generous £14,400 grant from the Town Council, our Head and Heart Well-Being project will continue to support local children with the guidance of our wonderful counsellor, Jo. This year, the funding will also extend to pupils at Burscough Priory, smoothing their transition to high school. A huge thank you to Mrs Newsome for securing this grant—her dedication ensures our pupils receive the care and support they need to flourish.

# **Community Unity Through Sports Project**

We're overjoyed to share more good news: another grant of £20,000 has been secured, bringing our total funding to exciting £36500! With £10,000 from the school's budget, £5,000 from our incredible PTFA and families, and generous contributions from so many supporters, our children's ambitions are nearly within reach. This autumn, those dreams will begin to blossom into reality.

### **Transition**

Transition sessions have gone smoothly, with children and staff enjoying the chance to get to know one another. We have completed all our transition and pupil progress meetings, ensuring the children have a great start in September.

We are especially excited to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children! Summer is a wonderful opportunity for our Reception children to take their Bow teddies on adventures and share special stories together. We would love to see your photos and letters about your fun—please do send them in! And if your child is still working on independent toileting, now is a great time to keep practising. Your efforts truly help them feel confident and ready for school.

## **Attendance**

We're delighted to share that our overall school attendance is currently above both national and regional averages—what a fantastic achievement! Our attendance officer has expressed how impressed she is by our collective efforts to encourage regular attendance, and it's clear that working together truly makes a difference. Thank you so much for your ongoing partnership in ensuring your child is here every day, ready to learn and thrive.

Looking ahead to next year, we want to keep supporting every family and child as best we can. In line with updated guidance and after careful consideration with the governors, we'll be making a small change to our attendance policy: we will no longer be giving out attendance certificates to pupils. We believe that regular attendance is something we all value and strive for together, not just something to reward individually. Your encouragement at home is absolutely vital, and we're confident that, with your continued support, our brilliant attendance will remain strong. Let's keep working hand-in-hand to give every child the very best start—thank you for all that you do!

### **Farewell to Year 6 Pupils**

As our Year 6 children prepare to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey, I find myself reflecting fondly on the years we have shared. This group will always hold a special place in our hearts; we have watched them grow from wide-eyed Reception pupils into remarkable young people, full of kindness, resilience, and curiosity. It has been an honour to witness their transformation, and we wish each and every one of them happiness and success in all they pursue. May their futures be bright, and may they always believe in themselves and their dreams.

## **Holiday Challenges**

We wish you all an enjoyable holiday and hope you create wonderful memories with your family. The infants have greatly benefited from their introductory swimming lessons; continued practice over the summer will boost their water confidence. Additionally, we encourage families to help children develop cycling skills during the break, as we have noticed an increasing number who are not yet able to ride a bike.

### **Thank You and Holiday Wishes**

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend our thanks to you, the parents and carers, for your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement makes all the difference in our children's lives and helps our school

continue to thrive. We hope you have enjoyed the 'Come Learn with me sessions' and we look forward to inviting you in the autumn term for more learning and fun.

Have a wonderful, restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back when school reopens on Wednesday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Yates Headteacher