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31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Easter egg competition yesterday was unbelievable. Mrs Matchett, our Chair of governors, judged the contest and it was one of the hardest decisions she has ever made. Well done to all the children who joined in. Our winners received £15 gift cards in assembly this morning. We have uploaded the photographs on the school website and Facebook Page. The children excelled in their bouncing. Thank you to JN Sports for their kind donation of the bouncy castle. After deductions, we raised a whopping £587.78. Thank you for all your kind donations. The money raised will go towards our media hub in school.

During the Easter holidays, we will be having some decorating work to prepare the area for the green screen (although it needs to be blue because of our school jumpers!) Mrs Newsome is busily working behind the scenes to apply for grants to help support this project as well. We are hoping that we will be able to have the centre in place over the summer if we get enough funds. If you are aware of any funds that school may be able to bid for, please let us know.

We are very pleased that Mrs Rowlands has completed her Level 3 teaching assistant apprenticeship course with distinction. She is a true asset to the school. The children particularly enjoy learning Spanish with Mrs Rowlands, music lessons, art and craft activities and her nurture groups. Mrs Rowlands will be staying at BVPS to undertake her teacher training next year. Well done.

We are well on our way in completing the Monster Phonics training as a staff. We would now like to invite Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents to 'Come learn with me sessions' to find out more about the scheme, learn some of the games and how seen how you can support your children at home with reading. All dates are attached.

The Y2 and the junior staff will be running 'Come learn with me' sessions on various aspects linked to their classes, including writing, spelling, transition, and Online Safety. We hope you can join us to learn more and have fun with your children.

We have a new school counsellor starting with us after the school holidays. Her name is Joanne Bleasdale. Joanne worked as the safeguarding lead at Elm Tree for 6 years, has an extensive knowledge of SEN and is experienced in many aspects of supporting children. She will be able to refer parents for counselling if they need someone to talk to as well. We look forward to Joanne working with BVPS on a Wednesday morning.

We are also pleased to be holding the Triple P parenting course in school on Thursday mornings. This will be run by West Lancs Children and Family Well-being service. The

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed up by more than 35 years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage their children's behaviour, and prevent problems developing.

These sessions will take place on Thursday mornings from 20th April. For further information and to sign up for the course, please email me head@burscough-pri.lancs.sch.uk.

We return to school on Monday 17th April 2023. Have a lovely Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Smith Headteacher

We have added the following dates to the summer term calendar.

Meet The Teacher Meeting – All Year Groups – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 4pm and 5:30pm

Come Learn With Me Sessions:-

- Nursery Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 or Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 2.15pm–3.15pm
- Reception Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 9.15am 10.15am
- Year 1 Friday 21st April 2023 1.30pm 3.15pm
- Year 2 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 9.15am 10.15am
- Year 3 Friday 5th May 2023 2.15pm -3.15pm
- Year 4 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 2.15pm 3.15pm
- Year 5 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 2:15pm 3:15pm
- Year 6 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 2.15pm 3.15pm