



Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

A warm welcome back to Burscough Village. I hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and spent some valued time as a family. It was lovely to see all the children looking extremely smart in their uniforms. I am pleased to be getting back into a routine and most of the children agreed they were excited to be in school. I am sure we have some happy parents!

Welcome to all our new families. We hope your child had a brilliant first day. Please come and ask us if you need any help over the coming weeks. I am sure you and your family will make many happy memories at Burscough Village.

The children were surprised to see the new historical timeline as they entered the school yesterday. I have set the children a challenge to try to memorise the timeline this year. We had some keen children playing on our new table tennis tables and navigating their way across the new playground markings at breaktimes. Our outdoor classroom has had a new lick of paint and looks very smart. We are hoping to use this more throughout the year.

We have listened to parents about their concerns with children walking through the carpark. There is now a designated yellow path for children and adults to walk along as you enter or exit the school grounds. Nursery parents are welcome to use this to walk to the nursery. As it is the first week of term, we will allow parents to take the children to the classroom doors. From Monday, children in Year 2 upwards should be encouraged to walk independently to their classrooms.

Just a reminder to be extremely careful when driving and parking near the school. Please be courteous to our neighbours by not parking across their driveways. If you can park further away from school and walk, please do. This will help us to keep our children safe.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Beevers has successfully achieved the 'Senior Mental Health Lead' qualification. She will continue to lead our work on Mental Health for all members of the school community. Don't forget there are many courses that you can access on a whole range of subjects such as anxiety, SEN needs; mental health; personal, social and emotional needs.

<https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/add-yourself-to-your-school-or-colleges-membership/?ca=87f10d5a3984f8370082b32d8480cd1b>

Over the holidays, Mrs Calvert has withdrawn from her apprenticeship course and taken up a new job. We are disappointed to see her leave Burscough Village but respect Mrs Calvert's decision and wish her all the best for the future and her new career. Mrs Graham will be working in Year 2 with Mrs Berkley.

After 22 years at Burscough Village, Mr Beer has decided that he wishes to take early retirement at Christmas. We will truly miss Mr Beer when he goes. He is a dedicated teacher with high standards. Mr Beer never fails to make us smile and I am not sure how we will cope without the regular Man City updates. We will ensure that we have a special send-off at the end of the term. We will be swiftly advertising for a new teacher to join us in January to teach Year 4 and I will keep you posted.

I never thought I would see the day that Mrs Sadgrove decided to retire. I am still not convinced she will be able to leave the school building because she lives and breathes Burscough Village. We thought we would have her for at least another year, but she has made the difficult decision to retire at Christmas. I am sure there will not be a dry eye in the house when she leaves. We look forward to making her final term at BVPS a very memorable one. We will be advertising for a new Kids' club manager this term.

We have committed to a project called 'Let's Go Zero.' The government has set a target that schools should be carbon zero by 2030 and this supports our 'Environment' curriculum driver. Mrs Newsome has already changed our milk contract so the children will have reusable cups instead of the milk carton reducing our waste. We will be exploring other ways that we can become carbon zero. If you have any suggestions, please email me.

Through our PSHE curriculum and School Improvement Plan, we will be providing opportunities and experiences for children to develop their CONFIDENCE, RESILIENCE and INDEPENDENCE. Reading will remain a high priority and we will continue to build on our high standards from last year.

Writing has not been as strong following the pandemic, so we aim to raise standards in this aspect across the whole school. Computing and Art will be our focus areas as we continue to personalise and enhance our curriculum.

Mrs Swift will lead further developments as we seek to gain the Lancashire Equality Mark. We are looking to achieve the Religion and Belief and Socio-economic (Pupil Premium) strands. Mrs Beevers will further develop our provision to gain the Dyslexia Friendly Award.

PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association)

We need parents' help to be able to provide amazing activities for the children in school, such as discos, tuckshops, Santa Dash, Sports Day refreshments and many more events. We would love to add to the small groups of parents who are currently members. To find out more information, please come and join us for tea and a bacon buttie on Friday 16th September at 9.00 am. If you cannot attend the meeting but would still like to be involved, please email head@burscough-pri.lancs.sch.uk.

We are really looking forward to an exciting year. Please find attached a key information sheet that you can pin to the fridge in your house. If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please come and speak to me. We also love to hear about the things we do well! Working in partnership we can ensure that all the children in Burscough Village continue to thrive.

In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind

Yours sincerely,



Miss Smith
Headteacher