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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you about your child's upcoming move into Key Stage 2. I have found in recent years the move into year 3 is a big jump and due to the rise in expectations the children often struggle to adjust. I feel this year we will be facing an even bigger challenge, with most children not being in school since March. I will do my very best to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible and I hope your child is looking forward to being in Class 3!

Firstly, in Key Stage 2, the children take part in book talk sessions at least twice a week, where they read for approximately 40 minutes, taking time to talk about and answer questions about a text to an adult. They also do comprehension activities once a week, where they also read and discuss the text. Due to this, your child will not be heard read individually and the reading will not be logged in their reading records. This is to be completed at home and we still expect the children to read at home as much as possible.

Homework is another big change in Key Stage 2, it is sent home every Friday and should be completed and brought back in every Tuesday. It will never be a lengthy homework, usually linked to Literacy, Numeracy or Topic work. Your child will bring home a homework book and folder, where they are expected to complete their homework and bring it back with their homework on a Tuesday. It is also expected that spellings and times tables are practised at home throughout the week- these can also be written in the back of their homework book if children wish. Please can any work be completed in pencil, rather than pen or felt tip. Unfortunately, if children have not completed their homework by Wednesday, they will stay in at playtime to complete it.

Children in Key Stage 1, are given free fruit at playtimes, when they get to Class 3 however, this is no longer the case so if your child would like to bring some fruit for breaktimes they are more than welcome to do so. There is also a requirement for you to pay for school dinners as the government stop funding it at this stage.

The children start swimming lessons when they begin Key Stage 2 and will have these for a series of ten lessons at Drifffield Sports Centre. We are hoping these will be going ahead this year, although we are yet to hear about when these will be happening- we will keep you updated!

Finally, the difference in the work load between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 seems to be a shock to some children, as the children are expected to work formally all day. Mornings are generally structured the same, with Literacy and Numeracy, but afternoons are filled with PE, Topic work, RE, Science, ICT and French. You might find your child is rather tired until they get used to the shift in workload!

I hope you find this helpful and I will be giving you a ring before the end of term to discuss any questions you might have. Please do not hesitate to email me on gemma.grainger@burtonagnesprimaryschool.co.uk if you have any questions at all. I will be more than happy to help! I am looking forward to teaching your child and I hope they will enjoy Class 3.

Thanks for your support,
Mrs Grainger