

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



We aim to provide a rich, stimulating and enjoyable curriculum where children are encouraged to work both independently and together in a happy, secure and caring environment. We respect and value each other, show responsibility and celebrate our achievements

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I do hope everyone has had a fantastic Christmas break and a positive start to 2017! It seems all of our pupils have arrived back in school focussed, settled and raring to go!

News from Class 1

A great start to the term with all the children working hard after a good break. We have started learning about our country and have looked at pictures of London. We have named the countries that make up the United Kingdom. In science our topic is materials. We have named different materials and will be carrying out lots of investigations. In numeracy year 1 children have been practising number bonds to 10. This would be a helpful activity to continue at home. Year 2 children have been working on missing number problems. In literacy we are studying fantasy stories. We will be testing spellings every Wednesday.

News from Class 2

A great start back for Class 2! We've hit the decks running with reading comprehensions, focused writing and some challenging maths! Our topic this term is The Ancient Greeks and we've launched our new topic with a leisurely picnic. The children have thought hard about what they want to achieve this year and have made New Year Resolutions; so watch out for tidy bedrooms, unbitten nails and homework done without a fuss! P.E. is still Tuesday and Wednesday and homework arrangements are the same as before. We are looking forward to a good 2017!

GOLDEN BOOK

Special mention in assembly this week will go to –

- Alfie Mallett** - For a great start to the year, good contributions in lessons and a positive attitude. Keep it up!
- Summer Collins** - For fantastic enthusiasm with everything she does – especially her reading comprehension!
- Jak Kennedy** – For challenging himself in Literacy and attempting some of the Year 2 work.
- Rhys Holliday** – For making good decisions and working hard.

Our **LUNCH TIME SUPERSTARS** this week are –

- Ang Fungmake**
- Alesha Daltry**



Other News

By now you should have received a pack of information relating to our upcoming election of new 'Parent Governors', if not please have a look in your child's book bag perhaps it is still lurking in there! Please take some time to consider the position, the Governors play a huge part in the life of our school and really are an invaluable asset to us. Our current Chair of Governors, Mrs Mitchell will be available this coming Monday morning at 9am, in the dining hall. If becoming a Governor is something you are considering or you would just like to know a little bit more about what it entails then please pop in and have an informal chat with her. Equally if you can't make that time do feel free to give the office a call and myself or Mrs Mitchell can always make arrangements to meet at a convenient time or perhaps have a chat over the phone.

Class 1 parents – we have rearranged our methods of individual reading / changing books this term, plans are as follows;

- Year 1 and 2 pupils will have a group reading sessions with the class teacher on Monday or Tuesday.
- Reception individual readers / book changing will be done on a Wednesday
- Year 1 individual readers / book changing will be done on a Thursday
- Year 2 individual readers / book changing will be done on a Friday

We still ask that book bags/books come in every day as we may also have reading sessions in addition to these throughout the week. Please record home reading in your child's reading diary; just to let us know if they are finished with the books, how they got on etc. As ever, we encourage you to read additional books at home that interest your child, beyond their 'school books'. Feel free to record this reading in the reading diary too as quite often pupils like to talk to us about these books as well! Daily reading at home is really the best 'homework' your child can do at this stage and we thank you for your support with this.

Housekeeping!

We are having a big push this coming term on punctuality and would really value your support with this. We know circumstances occasionally come along that can make us run late on a morning but by and large we do need every pupil here for 8.50am when the doors open, five days a week. The first ten to twenty minutes of the day are often a really valuable time, when pupils are given a chance to respond to yesterday's marking, consolidate prior learning or complete a task that is key to the coming lesson. When pupils arrive late they often miss these opportunities and as a result their progress can suffer. In accordance with new Local Authority guidance we will be recording persistent late arrivals and are obliged to pass this information on to the Attendance Officer for further action.

Multi Sports Club will start again this coming Wednesday, we still have two places left for pupils wishing to attend, details available on Parentpay.

Keyboard lessons will also start this coming Wednesday, during regular school hours. Keyboards are now in school and will more than likely be coming home with those pupils following the first lesson, this may require some forethought as they are quite a size!

Finally, I am once again meeting with local councillors next week to discuss the thorny issue of parking. Can I remind all parents that they must not park on the yellow lines in front of school at any point during the school day. Equally parking directly opposite school, particularly mounting the pavement to do so, causes a real safety risk to pupils and parents and a significant inconvenience to local residence. Whenever possible please park a short walk away from school to avoid congestion and potential dangers at peak times. Thank you!

We have a number of bags and cake boxes etc. left over from Christmas Fair donations, if you would like these back please pop into the office to claim them!

Have a great weekend,
Mr Blackwood