

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,

Friday has arrived and it looks like Burton Salmon has survived the 'thundersnow', so we can all breathe a sigh of relief! We have had a great 'first full week of 2017', everyone has been working hard, having fun and making school a great place to be!

In your child's bookbag today you will find your first update for the year on their current level of achievement in reading, writing and maths. These stages of progress are reported using the 'STAT System', as mentioned previously. We are sending these out to you a little later than expected and I must apologise for that. As with all 'new systems' we had a few teething problems with things at our end but these are now fully resolved. The levels shown represent those achieved last term and we will give you an update on these at the upcoming parent's evenings towards the end of March. If you have any questions regarding the information received please don't hesitate to speak to class teachers about it.

Class 1 News

A lovely week in class 1 with children working really hard for all their teachers and Mrs Boulton. Mrs Boulton would like to praise all the children on their beautiful manners and attitude to learning.

The children have continued to work on fantasy stories and next week will be planning their own stories. It would help if you could share fantasy stories at home to help build up ideas for settings and characters. In maths the children in year 1 continue to work on making numbers below 10. Children in year 2 have been solving missing number problems and adding and subtracting multiples of 10.

Class 2 News

We started off our week learning lots about Ancient Greek Art: pottery lessons to come! The children have also created individualised portraits with Mr Blackwood.

In Literacy Class 2 have read Pandora's Box and writing related to this. We have continued with a big focus on reading comprehensions and vocabulary extensions, including age – related spellings.

Years 3 and 4 have focused on multiplication: calculation methods leading up to problem solving. Years 5 and 6 have focused on negative numbers in different contexts and reading and interpreting graphs and tables.

Another good week!



GOLDEN BOOK

Special mention in assembly this week will go to –

Daisy Brown for Working hard in literacy and completing set tasks and always being helpful and polite to adults in class.

Jennifer Leach for excellent progress with writing. Well done.

Chloe Green - fantastic homework, beautifully handwritten, with great vocabulary and well presented to the class. Keep it up!

Neo Conor - Improved attitude to his learning, resulting in some fantastic contributions in class discussions. Keep it up!

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

Primrose Copeland

Hadley Carrington

For fantastic manners and wonderful behaviour in our dining hall!

Other News

Burton Salmon, along with the majority of local schools, is still suffering from an ongoing outbreak of sickness amongst pupils. Whilst we are always keen to have pupils in school we do ask that in the event of sickness pupils do not return to school until they have been 48hrs without vomiting. We would also appreciate it if you could remind your child of the value of handwashing, covering our mouths when we cough / sneeze etc. as we are desperately trying to get the school as a whole back to full strength!

We are probably aware that there is currently a nationwide focus on 'online safety' and in particular on how we can educate our children about the dangers (and of course the many benefits) of the internet, digital communication, mobile technology etc. We have been asked to bring the NSPCC website to your attention, which can be found at –

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Also I would like to remind you that should you ever have concerns relating to the safety of your child and their use of technology please make us aware and feel free to come into school to seek support.

Housekeeping!

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us this week in our 'new year's resolution' to arrive at school on time! The pupils have responded positively to the initiative and their enthusiasm has been great to see. We have reminded pupils that on occasion we all run a little late and this is no cause for concern, it happens to the best of us!

Our PE coach Mr Westerman has asked us to remind all parents that children will be outside for sport every Wednesday unless weather conditions are 'extreme'. With this in mind please can you ensure they have a full outdoor kit in school with them, including a separate pair of trainers than can be worn on the field and potentially get muddy! Please send PE kits into school every Monday and they can go home on Fridays. Thank you!

Mr Blackwood