

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Friday email on a Wednesday this week but don't worry, we have no plans to close for a long weekend!

As we move closer to the launch of our new website we have been told to expect intermittent disruption to our current site and email facilities over the next few days, so we thought it best to get news out to you while we can. This week has certainly got off to a bustling start with everything from cycle safety, abstract collage and pizza making keeping the children busy across the school. It has been particularly great to see all of our 'transitioning' pupils so well settled in their new classes. Our new 'Year 3' pupils have been working hard with Mrs Copley on a morning and Mrs Torode on an afternoon. Our 'Year 5's have stepped up to the increased challenge of morning sessions with Mrs Torode brilliantly and together they make a wonderful Key Stage 2.

Class 1 are also well settled into their new routine and it has been great to see all of our new starters skipping into school with a smile on their faces so early into what is a big adventure for them this year! We are also pleased to say that the slightly over running conversion work, which sees our bottom building becoming a group work space should all be all finished next week. We have great new Key Stage 1 furniture arriving anytime now and specialist heating going in next week to help us through this early onset of Autumn! We are all very eager to start making full use of the much needed space in weeks to come. The plan being that all of Class 1 will use the space throughout the course of the week for short, small group activities; one to one reading, focussed, teacher led tasks etc. Space is always at a premium within every school but for a school of our size this new room is particularly exciting and offers us some great new opportunities as we move ahead.

Class 1 News

Class 1 have continued to look at stories written by Julia Donaldson. Over the next few days they will bring home one of her books to share with you. Please talk about characters and ask children to predict what they think will happen next at different points in the story.

In numeracy we have continued to focus on place value. Children are learning to represent numbers with different objects and in Year 2 the value of tens and ones.

We have also been learning about where food comes from. Reception children have learnt about wheat and have made their own pizzas. They really enjoyed choosing their ingredients. Reception children have also been listening to different sounds and have had fun trying to copy these sounds. This is a precursor to learning letters so any practise at home would be fantastic.

Thank you

Mrs Newton

Class 2 News

Class 2 have had another great week: singing with Mr Senogles, collage work based on a German artist and self-portrait, sport with Mr Westerman and have shared more lovely holiday boxes.

Years 5 and 6 have had a big focus on spelling and have continued to read our novel. In maths we are focusing on place value and specific mathematical vocabulary.

Years 3 and 4 have begun to read *The Lion and The Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes. We are basing our Literacy work around the book this term and the children have produced some fantastic descriptive writing about their feelings around being evacuated this week. "Bewildered" has been our word of the week.

In maths, Year 3 have been looking at how 3 digit numbers are made up and represented, whilst Year 4 have been practising rounding to the nearest 10 and learning about Roman Numerals.

Mrs Torode and Mrs Copley

Housekeeping

Parents of pupils in year groups from Reception to Year 4 should now have received an email from school sharing information about the upcoming 'Flu Immunisation Programme'. Parents are required to give consent via the link sent to you as soon as possible. Primary age children are particularly vulnerable to the bug, especially at this time of the year and we would actively encourage all parents to sign up for the scheme.

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline for high school applications is looming, with your choices needing to be submitted online by the 31st of October.

P.E days this term will generally be Tuesday and Wednesday for Class 2 and Wednesday and Thursday for Class 1. Please ensure kit bags are in school on both days and include clothing and trainers suitable for outdoor sessions. Ideally P.E kit is best left in school all week as quite often the weather and other events do mean P.E days can be flexible.

On the 18th & 19th of September Year 6 pupils will be completing their 'Bikeability' training. Pupils will require a suitably sized bike, in good working order and with both front and rear brakes. All pupils will also require a helmet. If providing a bike for the course is tricky please let us know and we will see if we can help.

On the 22nd of September Years 1 and 2 will make their final visit of three to Stockbridge Farm. Fingers crossed for some pleasant Autumn weather but I suspect wellies and waterproofs may well be required! This week you will also receive full details of upcoming trips for all of our pupils with Reception and Year 6 heading to Harewood House, Year 1 and 2 venturing to Eureka! and Class 2 being evacuated along the Pickering Steam Railway! As ever, these off site visits offer pupils and fantastic learning experience and rely on your financial contributions via Parentpay.

In addition, we are also very excited to announce that Years 4 to 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in the Young Voices concert in Sheffield this coming January! This is a tremendous experience for the pupils and one which I know as a parent was a real highlight of my son's primary years. Details will follow via email this week.

Further dates for diary can be found on the school website.