

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

2018 is off to a great start here in school! Classrooms have been buzzing this week and it seems all of our pupils have really returned with a spring in their step.

Next week will see our Years 4, 5 and 6 travelling to Sheffield for the Young Voices Concert. We are certainly excited in school and hope parents and family attending as audience are looking forward to it too! A separate email will be sent to parents today just detailing final arrangements for the event so please keep an eye out for that.

Class 1 News

A lovely positive start to the New Year. Over the next couple of weeks we are sharing and performing poetry. The children are preparing poems to perform on Tuesday which I am looking forward to seeing. Reception children have enjoyed sharing nursery rhymes. For homework please help your child find a poem they enjoy which they would like to share with the class on Wednesday morning. We also have a reading tree in class which the children can add a leaf to every time they complete/share a book.

In numeracy we are looking at money. This will involve Reception children playing shops and counting out the correct amount in 1 or 2 pence coins. Year 1 and 2 children are using money to support addition. Year 2 children have number bonds to 100 using multiples of ten to learn and Year 1 children will shortly be bringing home a numeracy skills book. Reception children have practised the sounds they know and will be bringing home new sound sheets next week.

Thank you.

Mrs Newton

Class 2 News

Class 2 have had a great start to the new term. We have been practising for Young Voices, researching D-Day, sharing lovely holiday moments and have had some great sport sessions.

Years 3 and 4 have been learning about Imperative (or bossy) Verbs and using these to improve their instruction writing. By attempting to follow verbal instructions only on how to draw an unknown object, they discovered instructions have to be very clear and specific; otherwise your picture (which should have been a dog) looks quite unusual! In maths, we have all recapped doubling and halving, plus Year 3 looked at multiplying by 3 and Year 4 focused on multiplying larger numbers by 10 and 100.

Years 5 and 6 have been focusing on perimeter and mental maths this week. They have practised reading through comprehension and have done really well in their spelling teams to tackle some tricky 'ity' words. Year 6 have had some focused SAT preparation sessions leaving brains exhausted! Well done girls!

Mrs Torode and Mrs Copley.

Golden Book

Jasmine Fisher for improving her number bonds to 10 - great recall! Well done!

Harry Mulherin for good work in numeracy and always listening to instructions. Well done, Harry!

Primrose Copeman for fantastic doubling and halving work. Well done, Primrose!

Archie Hodgson for a great start to the Spring term! Well done, keep it up.

Housekeeping

We are aware that it is often at this point in the year that thoughts turn to holidays. Can we remind you that we cannot authorise any absence during term time for family holidays. Also national guidelines mean any pupil with less than 95% attendance must be monitored and parents may be asked to meet with the Local Authority Attendance Officer. This means any pupil with more than two and a half days absence throughout the school year is flagged as

'poor attendance'. We appreciate that ill health can unfortunately leave pupils unable to attend but any time away for other reasons is really best avoided. Thank you for your support with this.

We are now lucky enough to have sports coaches in school with us on three days of the week. This means there will be more flexibility in when year groups are having their PE lessons. With this in mind can PE kits (suitable for the weather!) please stay in school all week. In the majority of cases kit can be left in school for the full half term and if we feel it has become particularly muddy we can always send it home when required! Thank you.

There are still a few places left for this term's multi sports after school club which takes place on Wednesday afternoons – to book a place please log on to your ParentPay account.

Pupils in Class 2 will also have the opportunity this half term to take part in a free after school club on Mondays starting on 22 January – please see the separate letter coming home today.

Have a lovely weekend.