



# Burrsville Infants - Newsletter

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems very surreal to be writing this end of year newsletter today. It has certainly not been the year any of us had planned!

As many of you already know, school has remained open all year, through the lockdown period (including school holidays) for keyworker children. On 8<sup>th</sup> June, as per government guidance, we also invited back our year 1 children, with the offer being extended to our Early Years children a week later. Although things look a bit different, it has been great to see children learning in the classrooms and hear the buzz of excited voices echoing around the school.

Since March, school staff have worked hard to keep in touch with the children through weekly phone calls, learning challenges and updates to the school website and Facebook pages. We have made videos and posted photos to let you know we have been thinking of you all - but nothing replaces seeing you in person.

Last week we held a socially distanced sports day which children at home were also invited to take part in and send us their photos. We were very lucky and managed to avoid the rain! Thank you to the PTA for providing the children with an ice pole to enjoy; Mrs Turner for organising the event and Miss Harman-Page for preparing and cleaning a set of equipment for each bubble to use.

It is the time of year when sadly we need to say goodbye to some members of staff. We are saying goodbye to two LSAs Miss Montgommery and Miss Chandler and two MDAs Miss Webb and Miss Allen. They have each played an integral part in the lives of our children and we wish them well for the future - thank you for all you have done for the school and our children.

We also need to say goodbye to our Year 2 children. We haven't had the opportunity to do this in our usual Burrsville way, but Mrs Greene has been busy organising a leavers' video, which I know many of the children have contributed to. It will certainly bring a tear to your eye! We are all looking forward to welcoming the year 2 children back for a leavers' party one Friday after school in the autumn term, hopefully in September, where we can present you with your Burrsville bears and say a proper goodbye. I know some of the children (parents and staff too!) are feeling emotional about moving on to pastures new, but this is a time of excitement and new beginnings. I have spoken to many of the children and I know they have enjoyed their transition visits over the last few weeks. All staff wish each child the very best of luck and hope they settle well in their new school. We really hope they come and see us to keep us updated with their new experiences! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know each and every one of you. Your continuous support and engagement has helped to make Burrsville the wonderful school it is. We will miss you all.

Burrsville has had another very successful year. The effective running of all areas of the school play a major role. My sincere thanks go to our hard working and dedicated team. Our teaching staff have worked tirelessly again this year to ensure teaching and learning standards have remained high, while ensuring the curriculum has been as creative as possible. This year they have had the added challenge of how to integrate home learning challenges with supporting children returning to school – what an amazing team. Our team of support staff have also been invaluable – learning support assistants and our speech and language assistant, our learning mentor/Thrive practitioner and Family Wellbeing Practitioner. They consistently care for your children. Our MDAs have worked hard every lunchtime to look after your children, setting the tables with table cloths and place mats and making sure the dinner hall is a pleasant place to eat. This has been the first year of having our own school kitchen and I would like to say a big thank you to our catering team who prepare healthy meals every day, as well as engaging with the children to design the menus. The office ladies and school business manager have ensured all systems run smoothly. Our site manager, Mr Baker and his team of cleaners, have always played a vital role, but since March this has become even more pertinent, with increased cleaning, additional and changes to working hours and lack of time off, the school would not have been able to remain open without them. So, a special thank you must go to Mrs Lingwood, Miss Newark, Mrs Lamb and Mr Baker. Our governing body also deserve thanks for continuing to dedicate a great deal of time to ensuring the school is running effectively. The PTA have also worked hard to raise funds to enhance the curriculum and help us to provide exceptional opportunities for our children.

My final thank you must go to the children. I am so proud of each and every one of you for being such a fantastic 'stay at home superhero!' It has not been an easy time for any of us, but not being able to have your usual routines and time in school has been even harder. We will all support you however we can when you return to school in September.

From everyone at Burrsville, we wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to working with you all again in the new academic year.

Miss Siggery

### The Golden Book

#### Red Bubble

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Sofia Burch, Omilio Hawkins-McKitty, Freddie Miller, Henry Saunders, Suzi Taskin, Isabella Walker, Tommy Ward and Jullian Watkinson

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Henry Saunders      **26<sup>th</sup> June** – Jullian Watkinson

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Sofia Burch      **10<sup>th</sup> July** – Brody Wright

**16<sup>th</sup> July** – Sofia Burch, Freddie Miller, Henry Saunders, Suzi Taskin, Isabella Walker, Tommy Ward and Jullian Watkinson

#### Orange Bubble

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Darcy Browne, George Tucker, Harrie De-Ritter, Isla Biswell and Alice Hillier

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Darcy Browne

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – Harriew De-Ritter      **3<sup>rd</sup> July** – George Tucker

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Isla Biswell      **16<sup>th</sup> July** – Willow Olliffe

#### Green Bubble

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Ethan Barrett      **19<sup>th</sup> June** – Josie Woodcraft

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – Oliver Wall      **3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Jacob Horwood

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Peyton Denton-Redgwell

**16<sup>th</sup> July** – Jacob Brand and Archie Reed

#### Pink Bubble

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Scarlett Stephenson      **19<sup>th</sup> June** – George Monks

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – Sienna Laing-Bimson      **3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Oscar McCarthy

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Kayleigh Buer      **16<sup>th</sup> July** – Belle Watkinson

#### Purple Bubble

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Siena Lawrence      **26<sup>th</sup> June** – Jensen Burfoot

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Chloe Jay      **10<sup>th</sup> July** – William Cutts

**16<sup>th</sup> July** – Busta Emery

#### Yellow Bubble

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – Mason Yallop      **3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Lorcan Johnston

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Ruby Wiseman      **16<sup>th</sup> July** – Olivia Turner Bloomfield

#### Blue Bubble

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Elissa Coward, Ronnie Daubney, Summer Hales, Stanley Hook, Tinos Newbatt and William Parker

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Stanley Hook

**16<sup>th</sup> July** – William Parker

## Holiday dates 2020/2021

**Children return to school on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

#### Half term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Non-Pupil Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### End of Term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021  
Non-Pupil day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Children return to school on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## School Menu

When we return, we will be on week 1 of  
our school menu 😊

### School Uniform

Our uniform colours are blue and grey. Most items are available to order online at [www.yourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk)

Grey skirt or pinafore dress

White polo shirt/blouse

Plain navy/black coat

Grey trousers

School cardigan/sweatshirt

Blue chequered summer dress

Plain grey or black socks

Plain black or grey tights

Grey shorts

Please provide a pair of named wellies to be left at school

Black covered toe shoes for boys and girls should be worn. **Trainers, open toe sandals, crocks, flip flops and boots are NOT suitable footwear for school.**

**Jewellery - Children are not allowed to wear jewellery to school.** This is for safety reasons. Children with pierced ears may wear studs but these **must be taken out on PE days as in line with Essex Health and Safety Policy our staff are not permitted to remove the earring or to cover ears with micropore tape.** This applies to after school sports clubs too.

Any hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back and any hair accessories should only be blue, black or white.

All items can be found online at [www.yourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk)

If items are ordered before 12 noon they can be dispatched the next working day.

Items can also be collected from Prime Fulfilment Ltd, Prestige House, Valleybridge Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 4AD

PE Bag

5.00 }

Book Bag

4.00 }

Sun Hat

4.00 }

} These items can be purchased at the school office.