



Burrsville Infants - Newsletter

Website: www.burrsvilleinfantacademy.org

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to see the children and hear their voices in the school during the last two days. We have had a great start to term and I am looking forward to the weeks ahead. As I said in my letter last week, this has been a very unsettling time for all of us and the children's emotional wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds. We are very conscious that some of our children have not been in school since March. Our curriculum will reflect this, and the teachers have been working hard to plan learning opportunities to support the children's emotional health. We know that some children will find it harder than others to settle back into school, but please be reassured we will do everything we can to make this transition as smooth as possible.

If you have not been receiving correspondence from us over the holidays, please firstly check your clutter/junk email box, then contact the school office to check we have the correct details for you. We are trying to do our bit for the environment and go paperless as much as possible, so all letters will be emailed to you. Copies can also be found on the school Facebook page and the school website. Next Thursday you will receive an email with our 'Meet the Teacher' presentation from your child's class teacher. Hopefully this should answer any questions you may have. As always, if you do have any queries, please contact the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. The question I have been asked more than any other this week has been about PE kits. Please bring these into school next week. On their PE day (which will be shared with you in the presentation), the children will get changed when needed. They will then go home in their PE kit. We are not allowed to do PE inside due to Covid restrictions so this year more than ever it is vital that the children have an outdoor PE kit for when the weather gets cold. Preferably a dark colour, but I would rather a tracksuit in a different colour than no tracksuit at all.

Thank you for helping to keep us all safe by following our new procedures for the start and end of the school day. Please remember only one adult is allowed to bring each child into/collect from school to help us to minimise the number of people on site.

Please refresh yourself you some other key information:

- Parents and carers will not be allowed to enter the school building.
- The school office will not be open for parents and carers but the staff will be able to answer any queries and book appointments over the phone and via email.
- All three school gates will be open every morning and afternoon to reduce congestion on site.
- Parents and carers are asked to say goodbye to their children behind the orange marking, situated 2 metres in front of the classroom door.
- Parents and carers are asked not to congregate outside of the school and to remain 2 metres apart from others while on the school site. Floor markings will support this. School staff will not be able to chat to parents and carers at this time. If you have anything you wish to discuss with myself, Mrs Wright or the class teachers, please call the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time when we can call you.
- Please stand behind the orange marking in front of the classroom door, adhering to social distancing.
- When your child's teacher sees you, they will dismiss your child straight away. There will be no bell to wait for, but staff may not be familiar with who you are at first, so please be patient.
- Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.
- Children are not allowed to bring in their own alcohol hand sanitiser. Handwashing will be taking place regularly, and when this is not possible (e.g. during forest schools sessions), the children will use our foam sanitiser designed for children, which does not contain alcohol. Please note, handwashing will always be our preference.
- From the government guidelines:

Schools should ask parents and staff to inform them immediately of the results of a test:

- *if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.*
- *if someone tests positive, they should follow the ['stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection'](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.*

Wishing you all a lovely weekend! Next week we are looking forward to welcoming our new EYFS children and their families to Burrsville.

Miss Siggery

There will be a member of staff outside reception every morning from 8.30am where parents/carers will be able to purchase book bags and PE shorts.

Book bags £4.00
PE shorts £5.00

Holiday dates 2020/2021

Half term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Non-Pupil Day Monday 2nd November

End of Term

Last day of term 18th December – finish at 1.30pm
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021
Non-Pupil day Monday 4th January 2021

**Children return to school on
Tuesday 5th January 2021**

School Menu

Next week we will be on week 2 of our school menu 😊

Year group	Start time	Finish time
EYFS	9:00am (Gate open 9:00-9:15am)	3:00pm (Gate open 3:00-3:15pm)
Year 1	8:45am (Gate open 8:45-9:00am)	2:45pm (Gate open 2:45-3:00pm)
Year 2	8:30am (Gate open 8:30-8:45am)	2:30pm (Gate open 2:30-2:45pm)

School Uniform

Our uniform colours are blue and grey. Most items are available to order online at www.yourschoolwear.co.uk

Grey skirt or pinafore dress
Grey trousers
Plain grey or black socks

White polo shirt/blouse
School cardigan/sweatshirt
Plain black or grey tights

Plain navy/black coat
Blue chequered summer dress
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

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 }	These items can be purchased at the school office.
Book Bag	4.00 }	
Sun Hat	4.00 }	