



'ad omnia paratus'

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

If I haven't yet seen you personally, I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed spending special times with friends and family.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the various Christmas events and productions. I think you will agree the children and staff did an amazing job. The shows provided us with many magical moments that I know will be treasured.

A big well-done goes to those children who were nominated for the Eric Ashworth Reading award. Nominees were Austin Kirk, Will Blackmore, Heidi Huntington, Olivia Kelham, Isaac Carroll, Levi Wright, Khushkiren Johal, Mae Reed, Oliver Naish. The overall winner, for making excellent progress with her reading was Olivia Kelham. Well done and congratulations to all of them from everyone at school.

Another important well-done is deserved by the children in our fantastic choir who performed at various events throughout December. We have received many compliments on how well the children sang and behaved – they were real ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of their efforts.

We are now only a few weeks into a new term but as always life at BJPS has been as busy and productive as ever with trips, visitors and tournaments! More news of these to follow later in the term.

As you will know our school motto - 'Ready For Anything' is at the heart of our ethos and all we do. We aim to instill in our children the skills and attributes needed now and as they progress through their education and life. The high expectations we have in school for behaviour, attendance and attitudes towards learning forms an important basis of this. Being ready to learn and participate in P.E. is just one example of how we show this, therefore please could I ask that children have a **school P.E.** kit in school every day.

This consists of navy/black shorts, white PE T-shirt, (navy joggers/tops for outdoors if cold), plimsolls for indoors and trainers for outdoors. Could I also remind everyone that jewellery should not be worn to school at any time – including earrings.

As I'm sure you will be aware, parking on Padleys Lane and Willow Wong continues to be an issue. I have been communicating with the Council and the local police (Carlton Police Station: 101 ext 8116667) on how we can improve the situation. If you experience difficulties, please could you report this to Notts CC directly (Gedling Borough Council: 0115 9013767) as collectively this may help to gain a more permanent solution to the problem. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Our fantastic PTA are in need of a willing volunteer to run the 'second hand uniform project'. Every year the PTA raise a lot of funds through sales of second hand uniform and parents benefit too. The project is completely independent, and an individual or small group could arrange sales to suit their own availability – at the moment the PTA normally arrange one sale per half term. Full training can be given from the

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current volunteer. If you are interested and would like to find out more email bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Houghton, who is expecting her second child. We will be recruiting for her maternity cover this term and we will let you know as soon as her replacement is appointed.

Attached to this letter are forthcoming school activities and dates over the Spring term. More details of extra events will follow in further newsletters as information becomes available. As ever, if you have any questions, suggestions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jenny Cook
(Head Teacher)

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.