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Newsletter Autumn term 2018

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are very pleased to welcome you all back to a new school year. We hope you had a most enjoyable summer.

We would especially like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new children and families that have joined us this term. We are sure you will soon feel part of our school community and enjoy your time here at Burton Joyce Primary School.

As always it is great to see the children keen and ready to start work. It was lovely to see lots of smiling faces on the first Tuesday (and of course pristine uniform and lots of shiny shoes!).

Many exciting things have already been planned as part of the curriculum for your child's year group as you will have seen in your child's class newsletter. Other exciting whole school events have also been planned,

including International Dot Day this Friday 14th September for FS2 and KS1! A day where we consider how we make a difference and make our mark on the world. Children may wear something dotty if they wish on this day, otherwise uniform as normal please.

Attached to this letter are other forthcoming school activities and dates for your diaries over the autumn term- and yes can you believe it, Christmas events are on there! We will of course send more details of extra events as information becomes available.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' evening on **Wednesday 19th September. Each class will hold two meetings, the first at 4.30pm with the second following at 5.15pm.** They will take place in your child's classroom. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's

new teacher, ask any questions and get a little more information about the year ahead.

Building Update & Improvements

Work on the roof has continued all through the summer and we are hoping (fingers crossed) that it will be completed by half term. Thank you for your continued patience during this time.

Our new library is now ready for use and looking fantastic! Thank you to Simon and the staff involved this summer for all their hard work in making this happen. A big thank you too to the PTA who raised the money to fund the project. The children have already enjoyed spending time in there and it has received a 'big thumbs up' from them.

The new equipment and play surfacing on the KS1 playground is also now complete and being

enjoyed by our children – again thank you to the PTA and for your support in raising funds for this project. These improvements lead me nicely onto....

Our Wonderful PTA!

The PTA have already organised several fundraising events for the school this term. Please support our PTA, as you have heard the school benefits in many ways from their hard work and dedication. They are also an integral part of the life and soul of the school helping to develop children's learning and understanding of the world. So, if you could join them, offer any help or support the events they hold, this would be greatly appreciated. Many of the resources that make our school special have been made possible because of the hard work of the PTA. Please remember they are always looking for new members, so if you feel you have a little time or any skills to offer, please contact school or any of the current members. Thank you.

PTA AGM Monday 17th September 7.45pm at school – all welcome
Halloween Disco – Monday 22nd October

Important Reminders

Now for a little housekeeping! As always, please make sure that ALL school uniform is labelled. There was a huge amount of lost property at the end of last term. **Please do remember that if you buy second hand uniform from the PTA, this will need renaming.** Sometimes it is very tricky to work out which child is the rightful owner! Thank you.

Please also remember that no jewellery, including earrings, nail varnish or other make – up can be worn at school by any child. Thank you for your support with this.

Could we please ask, as always, if bringing children to school by car, you could park safely and with due consideration to our neighbours.

Also, please ensure that you do not drive on to the school site at any time without prior permission from Mrs Cook. This includes parking for The Lime Trees.

Attendance

Just a reminder about attendance. I know it's difficult some mornings however if you could ensure your child is on time to school it does make a big difference to the start of the day. If they are 10 minutes late we have been told to put this down as an absence. I know this is in the news a great deal but we are not able to authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. We appreciate holidays are a lot cheaper in school time, but the national average for attendance for individual children is 96% and taking a holiday in school time really can have a detrimental effect for your child on their attendance figures and education.

Communication

We will continue to develop our communications this year. This newsletter, along with all other letters including class newsletters

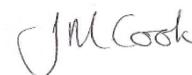
and dates will all be on our website (sometimes we have to send a paper copy of a letter, so please remember to check your child's bag every day). We will always try to give as much notice as possible for any upcoming events. However, please could we ask for your patience and understanding where we haven't been able to send communications as far in advance as we would like- this is often due to circumstances out of our control.

There are many ways you can contact school: by email, letter, phone call, a note to the teacher or putting a note in the entrance red box. If you need this newsletter in another format, please contact school.

We hope you are as proud of our school as we are! If there is anything you would like to ask us or add to the life of the school please contact the school office – we would love to hear from you.

As ever, if you have any questions, suggestions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Best wishes



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.