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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well we've made it to the end of the year – and what a year it's been! Thank you for your endless support and understanding through what has been a challenging time for our school, our staff and all those in our school community. Our children have been amazing at coping with changes, showing perseverance and resilience in abundance.

It has been a busy last few weeks of the year with Sports Day, class swap and filming in Y6 and Foundation graduation. I hope your children have talked about these with you with enjoyment.

It is with great pride that we bid farewell and wish our incredible Year 6s good luck as they prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. They have conducted themselves with integrity and humility in their final year and have been shining examples of what it means to be a member of a very special team, our Burton Joyce Primary School team. I know they will continue to achieve great things and I look forward to hearing of their many endeavours and successes in the future.

At the opposite end of school, I must congratulate our wonderful Foundation children who have completed their very first year in school – they have made a fabulous addition to our community and we are all excited about watching them grow and progress in the years to come.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank, once again, our incredible PTA who have continued to raise funds for the school throughout the pandemic – not an easy task! Their energy and drive for helping the school has been remarkable and everyone at school is so grateful for all they have done. Please remember that the PTA are always on the look-out for new members – if you fancy joining a fantastic group of people to help in any way to contribute then maybe September is a good time to join (you do know I will keep asking!).

We are very hopeful that in September we will have a 'normal' return to school. For those of us who can't quite remember what that means, the following outlines the timings of the school day for drop off and pick-ups:

Pupils return to School on Thursday 2nd September

Lunch time will go back to 2 sittings only (split by houses) and family service.

Gates will open at 8.45am

Y1 – 6 School starts at 8.50am -

Children should line up in their class lines on the playground and class teachers will collect the line and take the children in. Years 1 and 2 from the KS1 playground and Years 3-6 on the KS2 playground. *Please encourage your children to do this as independently as possible.*

Y1-6 School finishes at 3.30pm –



Children in Years 1 and 2, will be let out through their classroom doors in order to be handed over individually to whoever is collecting. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be let out from their classroom doors by the teachers onto the KS2 playground. Year 5 and 6 will come out via the lower door (next to Limetrees setting)- *there is not a handover to parents for these children*. Children in years 5 and 6 are able to walk home by themselves if a permission form has been filled in to do so.

Foundation 9am

Thursday 2nd September Start 9am – Pick up at 12pm from their classroom

Friday 3rd September Start 9am – Pick up 1pm from their classroom

From September 6th onwards Start 9am – finish at 3.30pm

Of course, should anything change, or we receive guidance to say we must do otherwise I will let you know as soon as possible.

Before I leave you in peace to enjoy the summer break I'm sure you would like to join me in taking the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff at school who have once again, worked tirelessly to ensure our school thrives despite the many challenges we have faced. Thanks to our kitchen and lunchtime staff for taking such good care of our children. The office staff have been incredible at sorting anything and everything from letters, lunchtimes, first aid to name just a few – school could not run without them! Thanks, must also go to Simon, our fantastic Site Manager, he has ensured the school is safe and well decorated as well as leading sports at lunchtimes! And last but not least of course, I need to thank our amazing teaching team who have gone above and beyond as always to ensure our children are safe, happy and developing so well. Thank you all!

It is with heartfelt thanks to the whole team, yourselves and our children, that our school is the special place it is.

So now it is time for a well-deserved break for all. Everyone at school wishes you a wonderful and safe summer. I hope you have the opportunity to relax and enjoy special times as a family and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs. Cook