



Reception Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Burton Joyce Primary School! We have had a fantastic, few days with your children and they are settling in brilliantly. Thank you for encouraging your children to come in independently and for your patience as we dismiss them at the end of the day, we really appreciate your support. Thanks also, for taking part in the 50 Things to do This Summer challenge. The photographs will be used as a stimulus for your child's first write. If you haven't yet emailed a photo in from your summer, please send it to marc.faulder@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk.

Our enquiry question for this half term is **'Are you Ready for Anything?'** and we will be focusing on what it means to be ready for anything at Burton Joyce Primary, where we live and about ourselves. The children will be reading these stories with us: Not a Box, The Dot, The Lion Inside, Some Dogs Do, My Body, My History and The Brilliant Beast. You could read these stories at home too, but it is just an optional extra if you would like to look at them together. These texts can be found on YouTube so don't feel like you need to buy any! Please see the attached grid for an overview of the tasks the children will be undertaking this half term.

International Dot Day

On Friday 15th September we will be celebrating International Dot Day. It is a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration. In Foundation, we will be learning about how we can make a positive 'mark on the world'. Children may come in spotty clothing or accessories on this day if they wish.

Traffic Lights

In school we have a behaviour management 'traffic light' system. We praise and reward positive behaviour with house points and stickers and expect all children to stay on Green throughout the day. We use Amber when children have needed reminders about one or more of the school rules, and they can work their way back to Green. Children are "put on Red" for more serious incidents - we will inform you if there are any incidents or concerns about your child's behaviour.

Tapestry and Foundation Stage Homework

We use an online communication system called Tapestry. You will be sent an invitation to join Tapestry and you will then be able to view the Homework Menu and any relevant information. The Homework Menu has your child's homework for the first half term including a mixture of tasks to choose from over the weeks. Your child will earn stars for completing the different homework tasks and will be rewarded with a mini certificate, sticker and a place on The Pot of Gold chart if they achieve 20 or more stars.

Parent Phonics and Early Reading Meeting

You will be invited to a parent Phonics and Early Reading Meeting on Tuesday 3rd October. This is an opportunity to learn more about how your child learns phonics and reading in school and how you can support this at home. You will receive a letter with more information about the meeting soon.

We are here to support you and your child, so if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know. We can have a quick chat at the door, you can call via the office or email your child's teacher. If you need more time to discuss matters, we can arrange an appointment.

With thanks from
The Foundation Team

- **Reading books:** Every week your child will come home with two reading books. Initially, one book will be a picture book for your child to talk about what is happening in the story. Once more formal phonics sessions have begun, one book will be linked to the letter sounds they are learning, the other will be a book to read with you. Please log any reading or talking about the pictures/story in your child's reading diary.

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Reminder 1

Please ensure **all** clothing items, PE kits, water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly labelled.

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Reminder 2

Look out for your invitation to 'Tapestry' and view the new Homework Menu.

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Reminder 3

Please bring reading folders to school every day and log home reading in the reading diary.

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Reminder 4

Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school before **Monday 18th September.**

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