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Newsletter Autumn term 2024

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WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are very pleased to welcome you all back to a new school year. We hope your summer was enjoyable (*it may seem a while ago now!*) and the first few weeks back have gone well for you and your families.

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 was great to see the children keen and ready to learn. It was lovely to see lots of smiling faces on the first Thursday (*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 which you will see in your

child's class newsletter. Other exciting whole school events have also been planned, including can you believe it Christmas things! You have already been sent the whole school dates in an email, they can also be found on the website. We will of course send more details of the events as information becomes available.

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the team Mr Jennings who has joined us in Y3/4. We hope he will be very happy here.

School PRIDE Values

This term, in classes and assemblies, we will be reaffirming our school PRIDE values; not only what each of these words mean but how we can demonstrate these qualities in all we do. Firstly, we want our children to take **pride** in all they do, from how they move around school, present themselves, take pride in their

work as well as their many curricular endeavors. The **P** stands for **Positivity**, **R** for **Respect**, **I** for **Integrity**, **D** for **Determination** and **E** for **Equality**. Our new PRIDE Ambassadors have been voted for and elected for this year. Their role will be to help develop and model each value throughout the school. We will keep you updated with this work through our PRIDE PRESS which will be published later in the term. It would be wonderful if you could ask your children about these values and praise them if you catch them demonstrating one of them. Of course, we would love to hear from you if you do! There will be special certificates for children who demonstrate any of the values.

School Improvements

As always Mr. Appleton (*our wonderful Site Manager*) has worked tirelessly over the summer cleaning, fixing and

painting around school ready for the start of the year. A huge thank you to him, from us all, for his efforts.

Our Wonderful PTA!

Our PTA have already organised several fundraising events for the school this term. Please support our PTA, 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 email

bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk

Thank you.

Halloween Disco – 24th October
PTA quiz night November..date to follow.

PTA Family Photo shoot Saturday 30th November. Info to follow.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 7th December

Football Fun

A big well done to all those that took part in our 'friendly' match with Parkdale. The children played brilliantly and represented our school fabulously! Finally thank you to Parkdale for being a great host and opposition.

Important Reminders

(apologies there are a few)!

Now for a little housekeeping! As always, **please make sure that ALL school uniform and property**

is clearly labelled. There was a huge amount of lost property at the end of last term and we already have lots again. **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.

Whilst thinking about uniform please ensure children have the correct PE kit in school each day. Black/blue shorts, plain white T-shirt or blue school sports top, blue/black joggers and blue jumper for outdoors for inclement weather. **Trainers must not be worn instead of school shoes.**

Please also remember that **no jewellery, including earrings,** nail varnish or other make – up can be worn at school by any child. Novelty head bands and hair accessories are also not permitted (including the large bows, things with ears etc). Small simple headbands in either school colours or black or brown only please. Thank you for your support with this.

Water bottles – all children should bring a refillable water bottle to school every day. **They must only contain water – no juice please.** Please avoid sending expensive water bottles to school. School will not be responsible for lost bottles or breakages.

Packed lunches- please ensure if your child has a packed lunch, they contain a balanced healthy meal. Children should not bring sweets or chocolate bars.

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

Finally, 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

I know it's difficult some mornings, however if you could please 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 this will be recorded as 'a late arrival'. We appreciate holidays are a lot cheaper in school time, but we aim for an attendance of 97% and taking a holiday in school time really can have a detrimental effect for your child on their attendance figures and education. **Please be aware that we will now have to introduce 'Fines' for term time holidays and persistent absence and lateness from this term. We are not able to authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence.** More information regarding this will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

Communication

This newsletter, along with all other letters including class newsletters and dates will all be on our website. We will always try to give as much notice as possible for any upcoming events. However, please could we ask for your 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.

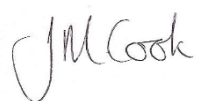
There are many ways you can contact school: by email, letter, phone call, a note to the teacher or putting a note in the entrance red box. If you need this newsletter in another format, please contact school.

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.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events (*Harvest assemblies for KS2 and information evenings pre half term break*).

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

Best wishes



Mrs Jenny Cook
(Executive 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.

