



Burrsville Infants Newsletter

27th September 2024

Wow what a busy 3 weeks it has been. The children have settled in well and have been working hard within all their lessons. We have been very lucky with the weather, so we have been able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine whilst learning.

New Values:

I have been working with the staff and pupils to look at our learning dispositions and values. As a staff, we decided to realign the values and learning dispositions into just 5 values. These are as follows:

At Burrsville we are **Resilient**, we show **Respect**, we are **Kind**, we **Aspire** and we **Engage**.

The pupils have been working hard to create a display so that the values are displayed for everyone to see. I am going to get certificates created so that each week in Celebration Assembly we will celebrate pupils who have demonstrated one of the values across the week.

Behaviour Policy:

We are currently also reviewing the Behaviour Policy – there is a working party looking into this. The values will be an integral part of the policy. I would really like to seek parental views regarding the Behaviour Policy – at the bottom of the Newsletter there will be some dates for Parent Forum. This is a chance for parents to come into school to meet with me where we can discuss matters such as the behaviour policy and other pertinent issues that may arise.

PE:

We have also welcomed a new Sports Company who will be delivering high quality PE to all the pupils within the school. They will also be offering a range of clubs after school. They are a very experienced Sports Company who are amazing at promoting fitness and sport. It has been a pleasure to see Year 2 go out for swimming lessons – they all came back very excited and raring to go back to the pool next week. The children attend swimming for a block of lessons so if you have not had a swimming letter, it will be your child's turn later in the year.

School Dinners:

As a school, we are extremely lucky to have a kitchen on site that produces cooked dinners everyday. They are extremely high quality and I would urge you to let your child try them. As we are an infant school, all pupils qualify for universal free school meals so there is no cost to you. If your child is unsure about having a cooked meal, then you could always send them with a packed lunch incase they do not enjoy their meal. There are 3 different options everyday to try.

EYFS Open Days:

Across the next couple of months we would like to warmly invite Reception Starters for 2025 and their families to attend our Open Days that we will be running. Further details will be sent out on a flyer shortly. The dates are: 21st and 23rd October and the 6th and 21st November. Please come to the School Office to book your slot to attend.

Attendance:

As you are aware the rules around attendance have changed this year. Fines will now be issued when pupils are persistently late to school. It is a legal responsibility as a parent/carer to make sure that your child receives an education by attending school everyday. The Department of Education have provided the following statistics:

'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. [Evidence](#) shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Our research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and [secondary school](#) missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.

The data also shows that in 2019, [primary school](#) children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.'

As a school, we promote attendance and the importance of being on time and attending everyday. I am currently reviewing the rewards for excellent attendance and will communicate this through the updated Attendance Policy shortly.

If you are struggling to get your child into school or require support from us around attendance, please do not hesitate to speak with myself, Mrs Tower or Mrs Fuller. We are here to support and help.

Dropping off and picking up:

Please can you support us as a school by ensuring to stay on the paths when dropping off and picking up at the start and end of the day. In addition to this, no child should be playing on the play equipment or with any of the equipment in EYFS.

Tapestry:

All parents who gave in their Tapestry letter were added to Tapestry before the summer holidays, or since then if it was handed in late. We have a number of parents asking if we can add them on, so please follow the below guidelines first as this does take the class teachers a lot of time:

-If you want a parent added and you have not supplied their name and email address, please pass this on to the class teacher.

-Please check your junk folder for the email. When you are added, all parents receive an activation link. All class teachers can do is send this, you then set up your own account. If you need this resent, please follow the step above so we can check your details and resend.

-If you are having issues using Tapestry because you previously had an account for your child at nursery, you need to go onto the settings and switch user.

-Thank you to those of you who have added comments and observations. Please remember we require all parents to evidence home learning, so continue to add observations of your children applying their learning at home.

2024 Term Dates

October Half Term - 28.10.24 returning 4.11.24

Christmas -

Last day of term 20.12.24 1:30pm finish
returning 7.1.25

February Half Term - 17.2.25 returning 25.2.25

Easter - 7.4.25 returning 22.4.25

May Bank Holiday – 5.5.25

May Half Term - 26.5.25 returning 2.6.25

July Summer Holidays - 21.7.25
1:30pm finish
returning September 2025

After School Clubs

Clubs are now termly and all clubs at present are full.

Please look out for an email towards the end of the Autumn
Term to sign your child up for next term.

Just a reminder to current parents with children in clubs, they
are as follows.

Monday – Dance

Tuesday – Singing

Wednesday – Art

Thursday – Multi Skills (with Sports Coach)

Clubs run from 3:15 – 4:00pm.

Diary Dates

30.09.24 - Individual and Family Photographs
Family Photos 8:00am – 8:45am

07.10.24 & 02.12.24 - Parent Forum
09:30am – 10:00am

11.10.24 - Harvest Festival at St John's Church – Year
1 and Year 2 Parents welcome

14.10.24 & 04.11.24 - SEND and Pastoral Coffee
Morning
09:00am – 10:00am

EYFS Open Days - Reception places 2025
21.10.24 - 10:00am – 11:00am
21.10.24 - 4:30pm – 5:30pm
23.10.24 – 10:00am – 11:00am
6.11.24 – 1:30am – 2:30pm
21.11.24 – 1:30am – 2:30pm

22.10.24 - EYFS Family Fun Time 2:20pm

4.11.24 & 7.11.24 - Parents Evenings
More information to follow

15.11.24 - Children in Need

06.12.24 - Pantomime Day

9.12.24 & 10.12.24 - EYFS Christmas Show
More information to follow

11.12.24 & 12.12.24 - Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
More information to follow

13.12.24 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Breakfast Club

Monday – Friday 7:45am. £2.50 per child. No need to book.

We are seeing an increase in late arrivals - please drop your child at the drop off point at 7:45am.

After school club at Gt Clacton Juniors must be pre-booked and paid for through them prior to your child attending.