



# Burrsville Infants - Newsletter

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting week in school and I have enjoyed being able to spend some time in each classroom, observing teaching and looking at the children's books. The staff are all working so hard under very different circumstances. It has been lovely talking to the children about their learning this week and seeing how excited they are.

You should have received a letter I sent yesterday about the new start and finish times we are trialling from next week. I hope these changes will mean you are waiting around less in the cold and there will be less gathering. Thank you once again to everyone who is following our social distancing guidelines and wearing a mask when on the school site. Yes, they are uncomfortable, hot and nobody likes wearing them, but we are wearing them to protect each other and prevent the spread of Covid-19.

There has also been a lot of information around our Christmas plans shared this week. If you haven't received any emails, please check your junk and clutter boxes and contact the school office if you still can't find them.

Following a further three parking incidents this week, where distressed parents have shared they have had to pull their children out of the way from cars recklessly mounting the kerb to park, Mrs Wright and I have been making further enquiries to local councillors, Essex County Council and the North Essex Parking Partnership to seek advice on our next steps. My advice to you all is to please report any issues directly to Essex County Council. We will continue to follow any advice we get from other agencies.

Now the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school and any scarves and gloves are named. This makes reuniting lost items with their owners much easier. Thank you.

I have spoken to most year 2 parents now but if there is anyone who still hasn't completed their year 3 application, please click on the link. This must be done by 15<sup>th</sup> January to ensure your child has a school place for September. <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-junior-school-place>

You may have seen on the last day of term we will be finishing at 1.30pm. We do this three times a year (at the end of the autumn, spring and summer terms) to allow staff to prepare their classroom environments for their new topics. As we will still be operating a staggered end to the school day, 1.30-1.40pm will be for children with siblings at Burrsville or Great Clacton, and 1.40-1.50pm will be for all other children.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Siggery

**If your child is in year 2, you have until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January to apply for a place for the juniors.**

Click on the link below from Monday to complete your application form. Last year we had two families who didn't apply and it was very stressful for both the children and their parents when they didn't get places next door. It doesn't take long to do but must be done before 15<sup>th</sup> January.

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**Is your child due to start school in September 2021?  
Click on the link below to learn more about what we offer  
at Burrsville Infant Academy. Applications are due by  
15.01.2021**

<https://youtu.be/yBoJyRmP0MQ>

**We will be on week 1 of our new school menu next  
week 😊**



### This week's Attendance

Class	Attendance	Lates
Rowan	94.4%	2
Maple	96.4%	0
Cedar	99.3%	2
Sycamore	97.4%	0
Elder	98.1%	7
Hazel	98.1%	3

Well done Cedar class for the best attendance this week 😊

### The Golden Book

#### Cedar Class

Alfie Boggas for amazing learning in phonics.

Beau Johnson for great science learning about the weather.

#### Elder Class

Libby Brown for brilliant understanding of the past tense.

Freddie Miller for fantastic problem solving in maths.

#### Sycamore Class

Emily-Rose Busson for trying hard when writing and remembering lots of facts.

Sophie Wall for excelling in her writing.

#### Hazel Class

Alice Hillier for always having such amazing ideas and facts to share in class.

Rowan Page for enthusiastic attitude towards reading at home.

### Dates for the diary.

#### Half Term

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas dinner day

#### End of Term

Last day of term 18<sup>th</sup> December – **finish at**  
1.30-1.40pm children with siblings at Burrsville or GCJS

1.40-1.50pm for all other children

Non-Pupil day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Children return to school on**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



### MDA Special Table

This week we were celebrating people who....

Help others feel welcome

#### Year 2

**Special mention to Vaughan Read – Cedar**

**Olivia Turner-Bloomfield – Sycamore**

**For being extra kind and made their MDA's very proud 😊**

### Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day 2020

Our Christmas dinner will be on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be no cost for the meal as all the children of infant age are entitled to a free school meal.

It would be lovely if all the children participated in this festive occasion as it is also **Christmas Jumper Day**. We will order a meal for every child **unless you email or call the school office** by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Santa Video call, Letter & Gift**

The PTA, have managed to get a very special Christmas video call from Santa & Mrs Claus, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This special fundraiser has been arranged as we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Bazaar.

Each class will be able to ask Santa one question, listen to a special story time with Mrs Claus. Each child will also receive a special letter and gift.

The cost of this event is £3 per child or £5 for two or more siblings.

### **Name the Christmas Teddy**

Instead of a raffle this year, we have organised "Name the Christmas Teddy" at 20p per guess. Or five guesses £1

There will be one winner per class winning a sweet treat, and one overall winner for the teddy. Which will be drawn on the last day of term.

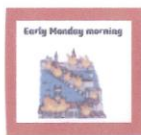
Please put your child's guess on a piece of paper along with their name & class, and hand into their class teacher along with money by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. (One guess per slip).

## **Writer's Corner**

This year our whole school focus is on writing. To ensure we keep this focus high profile, each week we will share a special piece of written work. This week the special work is from Scarlett Stephenson in Sycamore Class.



First the fly started  
on pudding Lane.



Next the houses were  
burning.



Finally the red ferry was  
put out.