



Burrsville Infants - Newsletter

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Tuesday 20th July 2021

Holiday dates 2020/2021

End of term

Tuesday 20th July
Children finish at 1.30pm

**Children return to school
on Monday 6th
September 2021
WEEK 1 MENU!**

Menu

When we return, we
will be on week 1 of
our school menu.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of term and what another unusual year it has been. We definitely weren't expecting to be facing the many challenges Covid has brought us for a second academic year!

It is the time of year when sadly we need to say goodbye to some members of staff. Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Baynes, an LSA who has been part of our Burrsville family for the last 6 years. I would like to thank Mrs Baynes for all her hard work over the years and wish her every success in her new role. You will be missed. Mrs Edwards, one of our MDAs will also be leaving us today and I would like to thank her for supporting us in year 2, particularly working with Hazel class. We also have a new addition to the Burrsville family - I would like to welcome Mrs Fuller to Burrsville from September. She will be working alongside Mrs Wright and I to support our children with additional needs and will be our new SENCO.

We also need to say goodbye to our Year 2 children. Luckily this year we have been able to give you a great send off yesterday with our leavers' BBQ and fun afternoon. The sun shone brightly, and a great time was had by all. Mr Baker shared his hidden talents by not only running the BBQ, but also being the Superstar DJ! Thank you to the PTA for covering the cost of the BBQ, decorations and assembling the gazebos over the weekend. A special thank you must also go to Mrs Walker for letting us use her ice cream cart and donating the ice cream for the children. The staff did a wonderful job of putting on a great afternoon of fun for the children - thank you all very much. Mrs O'Reilly and Mrs Greene have been busy putting the finishing touches to our leavers' assembly video which you will find on our school website soon. It will certainly bring a tear to your eye! I know some of the children (parents and staff too!) are feeling emotional about moving on to pastures new, but this is a time of excitement and new beginnings. All staff wish each child the very best of luck and hope they settle well in their new school. We really hope they come and see us to keep us updated with their new experiences! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know each and every one of you. Your continuous support and engagement has helped to make Burrsville the wonderful school it is. We will miss you all.

Burrsville has had another very successful year. The effective running of all areas of the school play a major role. My sincere thanks go to our hard working and dedicated team. Our teaching staff have worked tirelessly again this year to ensure teaching and learning standards have remained high, while ensuring the curriculum has been as creative as possible. The added pressure of planning and delivering remote learning for children at home, and face to face teaching has again proved to be particularly challenging, but they are an amazing team! Our team of support staff have also been invaluable - learning support assistants and our speech and language assistant, our learning mentor/Thrive practitioner and Family Wellbeing Practitioner. They consistently care for your children. Our MDAs have worked hard every lunchtime to look after your children. This has been another great challenge in our current 'bubble' format! I would like to say a big thank you to our catering team who prepare healthy meals every day, as well as engaging with the children to design the menus. Covid has again brought additional challenges to the kitchen with the preparation of food parcels for isolating families entitled to pupil premium funding. The office ladies and school business manager have ensured all systems run smoothly. Our site manager, Mr Baker and his team of cleaners, have always played a vital role, but with increased cleaning responsibilities, they have been invaluable. Our governing body also deserve thanks for continuing to dedicate a great deal of time to ensuring the school is running effectively. The PTA have also worked hard to come up with socially distanced events and activities to raise funds to enhance the curriculum and help us to provide exceptional opportunities for our children.

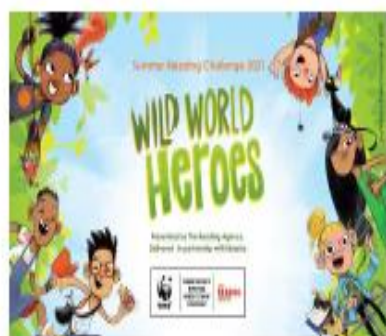
My final thank you must go to the children. I am so proud of each and every one of you for being so fantastic. It has not been an easy time for any of us and having another disrupted year in school has been even harder.

Please don't forget to complete our parent survey - I have extended the closing time as we didn't have many responses. You can find the link here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EGorMwEtEi30d9QFOXND4r6W6D_BNKpqbmlKR_YAgJUODdJRE9QSURWSjhaQkZQRzNFUEFBTFBUWC4u

From everyone at Burrsville, we wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to working with you all again in the new academic year.

Miss Siggery



**Saturday 10 July - Tuesday 31 August in all
Essex Libraries and mobile libraries**

This year's Summer Reading Challenge will be WILD!!

Children aged 3-11 will be challenged to read 8 books to earn cool nature themed stickers and if they complete the challenge a certificate and medal.

With a specially designed activity for the 0-2s there's fun for all the family over the summer holidays.

More details will be available on our [website](http://www.burrsvilleinfantacademy.org) in the coming months. You can also keep up to date by following us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/burrsvilleinfantacademy) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/burrsvilleinfantacademy).

