



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Burfield Academy for our new and exciting school year! It has been lovely to see all the children coming back into school so positively and settling into their new classroom routines so well. The year 3 children are so proud of now being in the juniors and have been excellent role models for the whole school this week. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our updated Behaviour Policy which we have been talking to the children about in classes this week. Please have a read through and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

I would also like to introduce and welcome all the new staff to the Academy. Mrs King and Miss Marshall have both taken on the role of Assistant Head teacher this year and Miss Marshall the role of year 1 class teacher. We also welcome Miss Stephens as the year 3 teacher, Mr Hill as the year 2 TA, Mr Ellis as our Sports Coach who will work with us every Friday and Mrs Lawson as an additional Catering Assistant. We would like to invite all year 1 parents to a meet the teacher session in the year 1 classroom on Wednesday 19th September from 3-4pm. This will give you the opportunity to meet Miss Marshall, take a look at the year 1 classroom and ask any questions you may have.

Each class has now started their new curriculum and next week you will receive an update on what your child will be learning about this term. As you know Burfield Academy works closely with our partner academy, Hawkes Farm. Throughout this year we will be running a series of parent workshops at both academies aimed to share with you more information about our approaches to teaching and learning, how we teach reading, writing, phonics and maths alongside the way we are further developing our wider curriculum. These sessions will be led by myself, Mr Meek, Mr Swain and a range of other staff from across both academies. An overview of each session and the dates and times will be coming home to you shortly.

Our twitter page is now up and running @AcademyBurfield so please follow us and retweet! Following a few technical glitches with Facebook, we will update you on our new page as soon as possible.

Please could I remind you all to be considerate when dropping off and collecting your children at the end of the school day. Please do not block the main gate as this is our only vehicle access point. Please also be mindful of our neighbours and the houses, drives and pathways around the school community.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Hughes

Updates and reminders

- Celebration assemblies will now take place on Friday afternoons at 2.20pm. Celebration assemblies will start again on Friday 21st September.
- All children should be wearing a full school uniform, part of which is a Burfield Academy logo jumper or cardigan. Plain green jumpers or cardigans are not a part of the uniform policy.
- PE Kits should be kept in school all week and consist of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. Please bring these to school on a Monday and they will be returned home every Friday.
- Please label all items of school uniform and PE kit.
- Jewellery (such as necklaces and bracelets) is not permitted at school. Children may wear stud earrings but hooped earrings are not suitable for school. If your child wears hooped earrings please replace these with a pair of simple studs. A watch may be worn.
- All children need to wear sensible school shoes, shoes which they are able to complete the daily mile in. Our aim is for all children, where possible, to complete the daily mile in their normal, every day school shoes as this will ensure that no learning time is lost before, during or after the daily mile session. On PE days children will **always** change in to their full PE kit.
- If you haven't already done so please register for ParentMail and download the ParentMail app. We are now moving towards being a paperless and cashless community and therefore ParentMail will be our main method of communication including the way we send home letters and newsletters. If you are having difficulty with this please speak to Mrs Page or Miss Walters in the school office.



Diary Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 19th September— Year 1 meet the teacher, 3-4pm
Wednesday 10th October— Flu Vaccination years Reception—3
Thursday 11th October—Reception Class height/weight check
Friday 19th October—End of term

Term 2

Monday 29th October—Term 2 starts
Friday 16th November— School photographs

Attendance updates

Our whole school academy target is 96%. Unfortunately last year we fell below this and our whole school attendance was 94%. We will continue to work on improving that this year, working closely with Claire Erridge our Education Welfare Officer. Attendance updates will be sent home to all families regularly and both Mrs Erridge and myself will be holding regular attendance meetings with families who are falling below, or are at risk of falling below, our 96% target. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or need support in order to maintain this please do not hesitate to ask.

Clubs

Unfortunately due to low numbers both Pass & Move and Sama Karate have had to make the decision to cancel the clubs they provide. We are currently liaising with other external agencies to set up after school club provision as soon as possible.

In the meantime we are putting together a timetable of clubs that will be led by our support staff. Detail of these and sign up options will come home next week via ParentMail.

Friends of Burfield Academy

Hopefully you have now received a new Burfield Academy water bottle for your children. Please note that these water bottles are not dishwasher safe as they are made of fully recyclable material! Unfortunately they melt so please wash by hand. If you do break/lose the bottle, then replacements are available for £2.00. If the bottle requires a new top/cap, these can also be replaced at a cost of 50p. Please ask in the school office if you require replacement bottles or caps.

The next meeting of the Friends is on Monday 24th September @ 9am (after school drop off). New members are always welcome, or if you would just like to come along and find out what we do, please do!