

Welcome back

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the whole community for returning to school over the past week with such positivity. All of the children are settling back into routines well and have worked extremely hard to readjust after the unprecedented period of school closure that we experienced due to COVID-19.

It has been a wonderful week, full of excellent learning across the school. Our new Nursery children have settled well, and it has been lovely to welcome in our summer and spring born Reception pupils. Next week, we look forward to welcoming our autumn born children. In Year 1, the children have enjoyed spending time exploring both of their classrooms. They have had the opportunity to access free-flow provision alongside their formal phonics, writing and mathematics sessions which is proving a successful transition for all. In Year 2, 3 and 5, Mrs Nash, Miss Nicholls, Mrs Hodgson and Mr Hunt have had a wonderful first week at Burfield and enjoyed getting to know our community. The junior children have returned with passion and are extremely eager to get straight back into their learning. I've seen great work in science, art and PE to name just a few of the subjects!

I have been exceptionally proud of the resilience shown by all of the community and look forward to working together this year.

Mrs King

Interim Head of School

Staffing Update



Following a successful recruitment process over the summer holiday, we are pleased to welcome Mr William Hunt to our Burfield community.

Mr Hunt, who started working with us at the beginning of the term, will primarily work with Year 2 and 3 as a Teaching Assistant.

Home-School Communication



We appreciate that the new routines in the morning could make it trickier to speak with a member of staff at the classroom doors to pass on important messages.

In order to facilitate a speedy and smooth transition into school, and for messages to reach class teachers efficiently, please contact the office via telephone or email. Mrs Page and Mrs Adams will then pass any urgent messages on to the relevant staff after registration.

Contact Us:

Phone: 01323 819309

Email: office@burfieldacademy.org



Important Updates

Health and Safety Reminders

As we are now approaching our second full week back at school, I would like to thank everyone for the support that you have shown in the new systems and procedures that we have put in place to ensure that we comply with the latest government guidelines. I would just like to reiterate the following points and thank you in advance for your ongoing support with these actions:

- We ask that only **one parent/carer** accompanies their child/children to school and that you ensure that all children stay with their accompanying adult at all times when on the school site.
- We also ask all parents and carers to ensure the **2 metre social distancing rule** is adhered to at all times as we cannot allow any gatherings or groups of people to take place onsite. We understand the difficulty of this but appreciate your support in implementing the 2 metre social distancing rule.
- Please only enter the main office if your query cannot be answered remotely, or if you have not been able to speak with a member of staff outside.
- Unfortunately, our toilet is not available for use by parents / carers unless in exceptional circumstances.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We understand the importance of wrap-around care for our community, especially the need for breakfast club. Please be assured that we are working hard to open our breakfast and after school clubs as soon as we are able to. We are continuing to explore options that enable us to open these provisions whilst adhering to the most recent Government guidance.

Building Work

Over the summer break, Mr Belchem has been busy coordinating the building of our new Key Stage 2 toilets.

The building work was completed ahead of the start of term which means that we now have access to a further set of toilets, located at the far end of school, opposite Year 5.

This year, the new toilets will be used by the upper juniors (Year 4 and Year 5).

Friends of Burfield

Welcome back! Our team are very much looking forward to resuming fundraising events as soon as it is safe to do so in the new academic year. Please continue to follow our Friends of Burfield Academy Facebook page where we will add details of upcoming events.

