

# Burnside News

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DATE:

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school this week. Thank you to our children for coming back with so much enthusiasm and happiness!

We would like to extend a big Burnside welcome to all the new families in our Nursery and Reception classes. We are very pleased to be welcoming in a large number of siblings of children already with us alongside many families new to our school.

I would like to thank you all for adapting to the new drop off and pick up routines.



Jane Ramsay  
Headteacher

## WELCOME

As you already know we have specialist teachers teaching the Art and PE curriculum in Years 2 – 6. The children who have participated in the lessons delivered by our specialist have shared with me how amazing their lessons have been, many describing them as the best part of the day. Thankfully their class teachers have not been offended at all!! As the class teachers are also present for the lesson it has been a great opportunity for them to learn new skills.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

WOW WOW WOW. The children have literally been buzzing. The learning that has taken place has surpassed anything we hoped to achieve in the first week. Highlights this week include Year 4s amazing geography lesson learning about rivers. Year 2 literacy based lesson around their class text *The Gruffalo*, Year 1 lesson literacy based on their text *We're Going On A Bear Hunt*. Nursery have experimented herbs using a pestle and mortar to blend smells.

To ensure the continued success Miss Lloyd will be writing to you to make sure everyone is clear about what clothing is most suitable for the children to wear as we approach Autumn and Winter and the weather changes.

**COVID**

Despite our excitement at getting back to “normal” this week we have been reminder very clearly that COVID most certainly has not gone, as one of our Year 4 teachers has tested positive. Thankfully the guidelines have changes so I did not have to ask her class to self-isolate. My understanding is this would only happen if Track and Trace instructed us to do so because there may have been several cases in a particular class.

If your child has any COVID symptoms please DO NOT send them into school, follow the current guidelines and get tested.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Our wonderful Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Miss Hedley has recently achieved 6 credits at level 3 on a course entitled SUPPORTING THE DEVELEOPMENT OF CLEAR SPEECH. The skills she has developed with be a great asset to our work.

**MUSIC**

Mrs Walker has asked me to share the exciting news that if everything in relation to COVID remains as it is now we will be able to resume Music and Choir after half term.

**EARRINGS**

Please note; earring are not to be worn in school under any circumstance. We do allow children to wear plastic invisible retainers which assist in ensuring their piecing does not close.

**CAMPING AND ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL TRIPS**

This is exciting news for children in Upper Key Stage 2 although I recognise visits come with financial costs. I would never want a child to miss out on an experience due to cost so please contact the school office and we will be more than happy to work with you in confidence to come up with an affordable payment plan.

Kind Regards

Jane Ramsay

Headteacher