

# Burnside News

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DATE: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

2020 has been a very difficult year for us all. As many of you know, I lost my younger sister at the same time as the world was being hit by a deadly virus, which we now know as COVID 19. For the first time in my lifetime schools were closed. Our school was closed for the majority of children and we were advised not to leave our homes.

During this year many of us have experienced fear and sadness , for ourselves, our families and our employment.

Being the Headteacher of Burnside is never an easy job and is not for the feint hearted. I often compare it to captaining a huge ocean liner. This year, has been like travelling across a choppy ocean at full speed whilst doing my best to keep everyone safe.

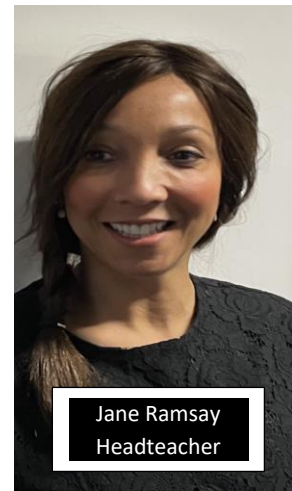
I would like to thank all of the wonderful Burnside Staff, particularly Mrs Williams my amazing and talented Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Shaw, Miss Lloyd and Mr Leedham.

I would like to thank our Burnside parents and governors for their support. The countless messages of encouragement and thanks have kept me going. Mr Lawson, the Chair of Governors, has given so much of his time to support our work and I am grateful.

Mostly, I would like to thank our amazing children. They have shown resilience, kindness and have been mature and responsible. These difficult times have brought our Burnside community together and I am immensely proud and grateful.

I have been Headteacher of Burnside for 12 years. I was Head of two other schools prior to this appointment. I have stayed at Burnside longer than I have any of my other posts because I truly love it and am grateful to lead such a wonderful school. These difficult times have shown again how amazing Burnside is.

For the foreseeable future, school will continue to run with full COVID measures in place. As a community we continue to face COVID challenges but the vaccine has brought us all hope and we can begin to look forward to getting life in school back to how it was.



Jane Ramsay  
Headteacher

I would like to end by thanking you all again for your support and wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas. And Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

Jane Ramsay

#### COVID REMINDER

The school building will be closed and the admin emails will be giving an out of office automated reply. So to contact Mrs Williams or myself to inform us of any positive COVID test result please contact us on the following number

**07496089975**

Please note this number is only to report COVID cases and we ask you not to use it to discuss other issues with us. Any other matters will be picked up when school reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2021.  
(Burnside Out of School Provision reopens on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021)



5 <sup>TH</sup> January 2020	Back to school
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Arts Week *Children need to bring in an old shirt or t shirt to wear over their uniform to protect the clothing
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	National Story Telling Week