

Burnside News

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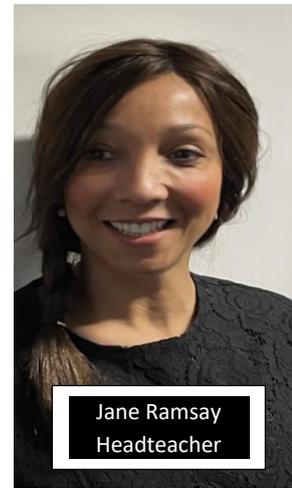
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

DATE 27th Jan 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached of our 4th week of a rather unusual Spring Term and I am immensely proud of the efforts of all of our children at home and in school in adapting so well to a very different types of learning. Can I again thank all of our parents and carers who are working so hard to balance the many demands of home and work life with also supporting the learning of our children and also express our continued gratitude to the many Burnside parents who are Critical Workers at this challenging time.



Jane Ramsay
Headteacher

We are now at full capacity in school and have a waiting list of those who would like to be considered for a place. We will get in touch should a place become available. If your circumstances have changed or are likely to change please let us know so we can offer the place to another family.

We have had a very high response to our home learning and the teachers are working incredibly hard to make sure that we are able to teach our children in school at the same time as providing the very best education to those at home. As the headteacher, I am very lucky to be able to look in on the learning of every class and child in school and hear what each child at home is doing from my staff. I would like to thank all of our children for the work they are doing and to say how much we are inspired and motivated by their energy and enthusiasm.

This week we are beginning zoom lessons for children in Years 1 and 2 and I hope they are as well

received as they have been by our other pupils. Next week we are looking into providing targeted sessions for pupils who need additional support as we would have done in school during normal times.

In addition to supporting learning we also want to support our children's mental health. These are challenging times and have a profound effect on us all. Our plan is to incorporate health and well-being into our timetable. Parents who feel their children are experiencing concerning well-being issues may wish to email us and we will consider them for our small group sessions via zoom to support them further.

Parent Support

The feedback I am receiving from families is that many people/ families are feeling a little bit isolated. I know many parents keep in touch with each other via facebook but I wondered if any parent(s) would like to organise a virtual family quiz for our Burnside Families. We could assist in advertising the event and encouraging families to participate. We could even help the quiz master with questions if required. If this is something you would like to volunteer for please email or telephone the school office.

Devices for home learning

The extension of our live lessons is a positive thing but may now mean that families are struggling with access to devices. We still have some spare devices which were kindly donated so please get in touch via email or the school office if you would like to collect one.

Kind Regards

Jane Ramsay

Headteacher