



## BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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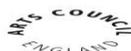
Dear Parents and Carers

I thought I would write to you all as we break up today for the Easter holidays. It has been just 15 days since I stepped into Burwell as its Interim Head. I honestly never thought that in my wildest of dreams I would enjoy the role as much as I have done. Although I have worked closely with primary schools and their Heads for many years, this has been my first actual experience of working in one. I can honestly say that I have been blown away by the whole community – from the incredible dedication and commitment of the staff at all levels to the great humour, enthusiasm and desire to do well from all the pupils.

As a parental body you have also made me feel very welcome and I have very much enjoyed all the opportunities I have had to interact with you, whether in the playground before and after school or indeed in the more challenging conversations that have had to take place in the Head's office because of issues individuals have needed to raise. Rest assured, everyone here is working so hard to ensure BVCP returns to its rightful status as a *very good* local community school. One of my first visitors to the school was Jenny Rankine, Principal of Bottisham Village College who had not been to Burwell since the new build was finished. She was deeply impressed with the ethos and atmosphere that pervades the school and commented very positively about the behaviour and motivation of the pupils. She is very much looking forward to welcoming (most of) the Year 6s to BVC next term.

There have been very many highlights over the past three weeks: Year 3's Roman Day, Year 4's wonderful performance of 'Charlie', Year 3 and 4 heading around the village undertaking some orienteering, Years 5 and 6 choir at the Circle Choirs Festival, the visit of the Academy of Ancient Music. However, the strongest impressions for me are the daily visits to classes to see the wonderful work and learning being undertaken. This is the 'bread and butter' of any school and the children are so fortunate that this is in such capable hands. The staff are so committed to improving provision at Burwell and all the indications from visits by the IEB and the Local Authority is that this is happening. Put it more simply, I would not hesitate to have sent my own children to this school as it stands today.

This week the IEB held another Parents' Forum and it was pleasing to see the turnout and learn that things continue to improve, particularly around communication. Now that I am here, I would welcome any contact you might need to have regarding any aspect of provision here. My email is [rcampbell@burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rcampbell@burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk). And don't forget to share the good stuff because it is always a pleasure to pass that on to staff too!



Burwell Village College Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Over the Easter break, Mr Bish, our wonderful Site Manager, will be very busy in school as we are having the remainder of the flooring laid in the corridors in KS1 and the rest of the lighting is being updated too. Friends of BVCP have very kindly fundraised for this flooring to be replaced in KS1, along with carpets in the classrooms. The fund that Friends have raised has been used for the flooring so far and the School is 'topping up' the fund to ensure the classrooms are completed as part of this work.

I am sure many of you will be wondering what is happening next regarding leadership of the school. I understand from the IEB that Mr Smith's illness means he is not able to return yet and they are happy for me to extend my interim role until 30 April, which I am also very happy to undertake. We will continue to update you if anything changes. On the topic of leadership we have also just started the recruitment process for the post of Deputy Headteacher. Details are on the website of EPM (the school's personnel advisers).

Finally I would like to wish you all a relaxing Easter. I hope your children are able to have a good rest (and hopefully enjoy some fresh air and reading too!). I look forward to welcoming them all back on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

Yours sincerely

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