



*Discovering the Wonders of Learning*

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter 1**

Dear Parents

I would like to welcome you and your families at the start of this new academic school year and to express how lovely it has been to at last see everyone and have all the children back at school! On behalf of us all I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined our school this term. I am confident that your child's time at Buriton Primary School will be a very happy and successful one. Back in July, some of the keyworker children made a short video to welcome our new children which you can view in our video resource centre on the school website, or just click here: <https://buriton-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/a-little-welcome-from-some-of-our-key-worker-child>

The children have settled back incredibly well and have adapted to our new routines and protocols beautifully. It has been a joy to see everyone's smiley faces and to see how happy they are to be back. Thank you for helping your children come back to school and adapt to our new 'normal' - they are a credit to you!

Thank you also to parents for adhering to our protocols for social distancing outside of school for dropping off and picking up your child each day at different times for each class.

#### **IMPORTANT - COVID -19 advice for parents**

I have attached a separate letter with clear guidance on what to do if you or your child has any symptoms of Coronavirus. It also explains the process that the school will follow if there is a confirmed case in school. As children are together again, there are lots of bugs around and several children are off school feeling poorly already (not with Covid-19)!

#### **Online payments**

We will now be only taking online payments for anything you need to pay for at school and a letter in a white envelope will be sent home in your child's book bag either today or tomorrow. Each letter contains your unique link code. If you have any problems please contact Jo Eades in the school office.

#### **Information about what your child will be learning this term**

In the coming weeks all class teachers will be sending out a Learning Overview to you detailing the learning that your child will be doing this term in all areas of the curriculum. The Learning Overview will include ways that you can help your child and homework arrangements.

### **Supporting your child at home**

Please help your child by encouraging him or her to complete their homework to the best of their ability or providing support if necessary. All children will be expected to continue some learning at home and spending some time every day with your child, to support them in this way, will be invaluable and will increase the progress they make in school. Also please continue to hear your child read every day if possible.

### **Your child's school uniform**

As it is the start of the new term, please ensure that your child's name is either sewn or clearly written in your child's clothing to help prevent the build up of lost property. New uniform can be purchased online at [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)

### **New fleeces and reversible storm jackets for sale at reduced prices**

We have a small supply of brand new fleeces with our school logo which we are selling for the half price cost of £6.00. We also have some reversible storm fleeces which retail at £18.00 but we are selling for £10.00. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase any of these items.

### **Subsidised Music Tuition within school time**

If your child is in Year 3 upwards and you would like them to have the opportunity to learn to play the flute or clarinet, please let us know and we can give you more information. **For children who wish to continue with these lessons, these will continue to take place during lunchtimes on a Tuesday starting from 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Specialist Music Tuition for Pearls Class**

This term, children in Pearls Class will be taught 'Body Percussion' by a music specialist from the Hampshire Music Service. Under normal circumstances the children would do a short performance for their parents towards the end of term, however, it is unlikely that parents will be permitted to come into school, in which case we may video it and upload it to our video resource centre on the website. We are extremely grateful to our Friends Association whose fundraising efforts up until March of this year have enabled us to continue to provide this enhanced provision for the children.

### **Before and After School Care**

We are working hard to ensure that we can offer wrap around care for those families that require it and I will keep you updated. Please let us know as soon as possible if you require this provision as we need sufficient numbers to make this viable.

### **Snacks at break time**

The free fruit and vegetable scheme for children in Diamonds Class and Year 2 will once again operate this term. If you wish to provide a mid morning snack for your child to eat during break time, then please only provide a piece of fruit or a vegetable in a suitable bag or container. We are encouraging eating healthily therefore your support in this matter would be very much appreciated.

### **Clubs**

At the moment we are not running any after school clubs. This may be reviewed if guidance changes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Brown  
Headteacher