



## *Discovering the Wonders of Learning*

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### **Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter 1**

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you and your families at the start of this new academic school year and hope you enjoyed the long summer holiday. Everyone here is really looking forward to starting a new school year with your lovely children and having an exciting and fulfilling time with them! On behalf of us all, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families who are joining our school this term. I am confident that your child's time at Buriton Primary School will be a very happy and successful one.

#### **Staff retiring**

Mrs Tapster has decided to retire from her role as teaching assistant in Sapphires Class at the end of September. Mrs Tapster has worked at Buriton Primary for 19 years, during which time she has worked in every class and for many years was also a lunchtime supervisor as well. If anyone would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for her, then please hand in an envelope to the office marked 'gift for Mrs Tapster'. We wish Mrs Tapster a wonderful, long and healthy retirement, - she will be greatly missed by the children and staff and we know that she'll miss us too!

#### **New member of staff**

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Yates to our staff team. Mrs Yates will be our Admin Assistant until mid-morning each day before working as a Teaching Assistant in Sapphires Class for the rest of the day.

#### **Save the date! Smart Phone Free Childhood – talk for parents**

Together with some local primary schools, we have organised for a speaker to talk to parents about the potential dangers of children having access to a smartphone at a young age on **23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00-8.30pm at Langrish School**. Whether you are already a supporter of the Smartphone Free Childhood movement or are unfamiliar with the campaign, please join us for this informative talk concerning this important issue.

#### **Online Safety Newsletter for September**

Please find attached this month's online safety newsletter which includes information to educate parents to help them keep their child safe online. This month's newsletter has information about Artificial Intelligence (AI), Roblox, grooming online and the Online Safety Act.

#### **Reminder that we are a nut free school and snacks at break time**

Please ensure that you do not send your child into school with any nut products as we have several children in school with a severe allergy to nuts. As a break time snack, fresh fruit is available for children in Years R-2 and children in other year groups may bring in their own fruit or vegetables as a snack.

## **A reminder of the start and end of day procedures**

### **Start of the day:**

To ease congestion all **children can go straight into their classroom from 8.35am-8.45am.**

### **End of the school day**

- Parents of children in Diamonds Class are asked to wait **in the outside area by Diamonds Class.** Diamonds Class will leave at 3.10pm.
- All other parents are asked to **wait on the playground** to collect their children at 3.15pm. Teachers will bring their classes out onto the playground.
- Parents and children may leave by any gate.

### **PE lessons:**

PE will continue to be taught by external sports coaches from JC Sports and on PE days **children will continue to come to school in their school PE kit.** Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit ready for the autumn term. Details are on the school website under the tab 'parents,' then, 'useful information'

<https://www.buriton.hants.sch.uk/uniform/>

Timetable for PE lessons is as follows:

- Diamonds – Tuesdays and Fridays
- Sapphires – Tuesdays and Fridays
- Pearls – Thursdays and Fridays
- Emeralds – Thursdays and Fridays

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

In the coming weeks all class teachers will be inviting all parents to a meeting with your child's class teacher and myself detailing the learning that your child will be doing and discussing class routines and expectations. Learning Overviews will also be sent out shortly. Dates for each class meeting are set out below:

#### **Class meetings for parents**

Diamonds Class parents' meeting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

Sapphires Class parents' meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm (*staff will be available in Pearls Class to look after your child and their siblings*).

Pearls Class parents' meeting – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm (*staff will be available in Sapphires Class to look after your child and their siblings*).

Emeralds Class parents' meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm (*staff will be available in Diamonds Class to look after your child and their siblings*).

### **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.

**Contacting members of staff**

If you need to talk to your child's class teacher, then please see her either at the start of the day or at the end of the school day if it is not urgent. Alternatively you can leave a message with me or Miss Eades or Mrs Yates in the office who will ensure that it is passed on to your child's class teacher. If you need to talk at length, please make an appointment to discuss the matter at a mutually convenient time.

**Contact details**

Please ensure that we have the most up to date emergency contact details for your child (mobile numbers, emails and addresses).

**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 keyboard, please let us know and we can give you more information. Tuition takes place during Thursday lunchtimes and charges will apply.

**All important dates on our calendar!**

Please note that all important dates for the academic year will be on our website under 'news and events' then 'calendar'. You can subscribe to this calendar which will automatically pull through events to your personal calendar.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Yours sincerely

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Headteacher