

Burlington Infants School



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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

We hope that everyone is continuing to keep safe and well. Here is an update on the current situation in school. In line with government guidance for Infant Schools, we welcomed Reception children back to school from **8th June**. We have been really pleased with how well these children have settled and coped with all the new routines and COVID-19 safety measures we have in place.

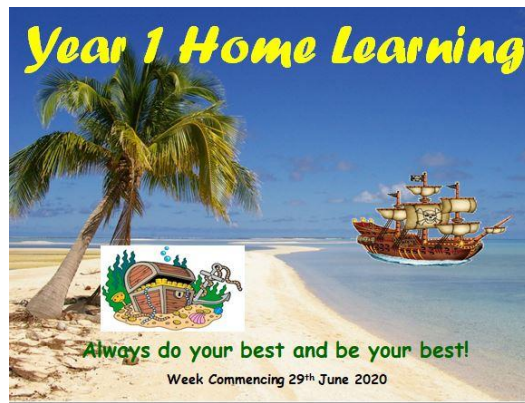
The children are split between 6 'bubbles,' throughout school, each with 2 members of staff. Each 'bubble' has its own classroom and dedicated outdoor space for playtimes and lunchtimes, with a staggered start and finish time each day. We have also increased provision for children of key workers and now have two 'bubbles' for these children. Every classroom in school is being used so that we can operate as safely as we possibly can.

We have also been making 'welfare calls' to all our families, offering help and support as necessary. Teachers are continuing to provide weekly home learning packs for children not in school. These are available to download from our school website. Please note, hard copies are also available from school.

Pirate Week

Next week, is 'Pirate Week' for Year 1 children, based on their topic work for this half term. Their home learning pack will be published on **Monday 29th June** and all the activities will be pirate related. We are looking forward to seeing lots of pictures of pirates in action! Please email these to school or post on the school facebook page, which can be accessed via our school website at www.burlingtoninfants.org.uk. If any children in other year groups want to join in, please do.





Annual Reports

Teachers are currently writing annual reports for all the children in their class. No statutory assessments (eg Phonics Check, SATs) have been administered this year and any teacher assessments will be based upon where each child was in March, prior to lockdown.

Reports will be available to collect from school during the week beginning **6th July**. We will be inviting parents/carers to come up to school, a class at a time, to collect their child's report - and any other work or belongings left in school. We will be in touch shortly to let you know your allocated time slot for this. If you have anything you wish to discuss about your child's report, we ask that you telephone school to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Transition

We are still waiting for government guidance to be published but the expectation is that all children will **hopefully** be able to return to school in September. We understand that many parents/carers and children will be concerned about coming back to school and anxious about the move to a new year group, new class or even new school. Please be reassured that we will be doing everything we can to support our families and children to ensure the return to school goes as smoothly as possible for everyone. Transition arrangements will continue to be our top priority.

We have been working closely with staff at the Junior School during the past few weeks to ensure that our Year 2 children and parents have access to lots of information about the Junior School, prior to September. We recently published a 'Transition Activity Booklet' on our school website and the Junior School have emailed each child a link for 'Class Dojo.'



If you log onto Class Dojo, you will be able to meet your child's new class teacher 'virtually,' hear them read a story and get a video tour of the school. Questions will also be answered every Friday, providing more information about Junior School life. Please check your emails if you have not received this link or contact school if you have any problems accessing Class Dojo.

When the children return to school, we will be arranging for the Year 2 teachers to be available to meet the children at the Junior School on their first day. They will spend time with them in their new classroom with their new teacher. More details about this, and the arrangements for Reception and Year 1 children, will be sent out in a separate letter once the government guidance has been published.

Staffing Update

Mrs Roberts, our Year 1 teacher in the Dolphin Class, will be retiring at the end of this summer term, after 20 years dedicated service at Burlington Infant School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her, on behalf of all our Burlington families, for all her hard work and commitment to our school during this time. We are going to miss her lots but we wish her a very well-deserved, long and happy retirement. We have started a collection for a special leaving gift for her and if anyone would like to make a contribution towards this, please could you send it into school in a labelled envelope. Thank you.

And finally, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or the school office if you have any further questions or need any more information. I will be in touch again shortly and, as ever, I would like to thank everyone for your on-going patience and support during this uncertain time. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Mari-Louise Booth
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