BURSAR PRIMARY ACADEMY

"learning together for a life of opportunities"

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Autumn Term 1: Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families as we begin an exciting new school year together.

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday filled with opportunities to relax, spend time with family and make special memories. We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support; the children have returned to school with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school routines. Their behaviour, attitudes to learning and conduct around school have been exemplary. They have demonstrated kindness, respect and responsibility, setting a fantastic tone for the year ahead.

Upcoming Refinements:

In place of the Learning with Parents platform, we will shortly be sharing information on our half-termly **'Reading Challenges'.** At our school, we are passionate about developing a lifelong love of reading, and we are excited to introduce these new opportunities for children and families to engage with reading this year. These will be Key Stage specific, and information will be shared via Class Dojo. We will also be introducing 'DEAR' – 'Drop Everything and Read' in our classrooms.

Each half-term, in addition to posts/ photographs on Class Dojo and on our school website, we shall be sharing our new **'Learning Overviews'** – these will share the over-arching areas of study for each half-term, plus any key events, e.g. Year 4 Swimming and Year 5 Bikeability.

Reflective of many of the effective teaching strategies used in school, we are delighted to be introducing the **Active Spelling programme.** Active Spelling is an interactive and engaging programme focusing on learning different spelling rules, but in a fun way! The programme focuses on slowly building knowledge of key spelling rules, whilst having opportunities to practice and

revisit previously learnt spellings. **We will no longer be sending lists of spellings home to learn; this will all happen in school – there will no longer be formal weekly spelling tests.**

Site Developments:

As previously shared last academic year, we are delighted to be embarking on our journey of developing a SEND Resource Base on site here at Bursar. Building works will begin week beginning Monday 14th September on the disused parts of the building which are currently used for storage – this will not affect the day to day running of the school or the teaching and learning environments of our children. As when developing our 'Bursar Den', there will be contactors working on site – this will be self-contained and site managed at all times.

Please note during this time, the walkway inside of the gates from outside the main office to the silver KS2 gates will not be accessible; entry and exit points to all areas of the school will remain as they currently are.

Class Dojo:

As always, please check Class Dojo for specific information regarding your child's class. If you are not connected to Class Dojo – please pop and speak to the office/ your child's class teacher regarding any upcoming events/ information.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping all children at Bursar flourish and shine!

We are excited for the year ahead and cannot wait to celebrate our pupils' successes with you.

Warmest regards,

Mrs K Finney
Headteacher