



Bursley Academy Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER: JANUARY 2024

Message from the Principal

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to our wonderful Bursley family! I hope that everyone had a restful Christmas despite the number of nasty coughs and colds going around. It was lovely to see the children return all smiley on Monday and I have been super impressed with the way in which they have settled back into their learning.

We have lots of exciting events and trips planned for 2024 and continue to plan events that bring parents and carers into school to showcase our amazing pupils.

Don't forget that we operate an 'open door' policy and welcome feedback from parents. If you don't feel comfortable chatting to me at the top of the drive or your child's teacher on the playground, you are most welcome to call the school office to book an appointment.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2024,

Mr Wilkinson

Changes to Staffing

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Fallows back from her maternity leave. The little ones have welcomed her with open arms and are enjoying their topic 'Space'.

We are also delighted to introduce Mrs Pye who has joined Mrs Micklewright in the school office every morning. Mrs Verdiani is now working in the finance office following Mrs Jennings' appointment as the Trust Accountant at the high school. I know you will join us in wishing them well in their new roles.

A reminder that the office opening hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30 & Friday 8:30-4.00.

Attendance Expectations

As you are aware, attendance at school is a statutory requirement in England and all schools must follow the school attendance policy, in line with the national expectations. Here at Bursley, we are working closely with VIP Education, an independent welfare support service, to help support attendance, punctuality and welfare needs.

Whilst we are aware that children miss school due to unavoidable illness, it is important that, as persistent absence and /or lateness has a direct impact on our pupil's learning, attendance remains a key priority.

The government classifies a child who has attendance below 90% as 'persistently absent'. We will be sending out a letter shortly, informing parents if their child falls into this category and discussing what we can do to help.

Please find below a number of key points

KEY POINTS

- If your child is absent, please call the school office before 9:30am stating the specific illness or reason.
- Home visits may be carried out by the VIP Education team to establish whereabouts or check on the wellbeing of families.
- If your child is absent due to illness, the absence may be unauthorised until medical evidence is provided for children with poor attendance.
- Late arrivals are deemed as absence and may be referred to the Education Welfare Service.
- Late collections may result in a Care Club charge.
- Term time holidays cannot be authorised in accordance with the school policy.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss how we can help you with your child's attendance, please call the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Verdiani and Mrs Wood (VIP Education)

Nursery Applications

If you have a child who would like to attend our school nursery in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2020 & 31st August 2021), application forms MUST be submitted by 31st January. We will be writing out to the parents of all children on the list shortly to enquire what type of space is required (i.e. full or part time) before we apply our admissions criteria to allocate spaces.

Dates for your diary

15th Jan - SATs booster classes start
16th Jan – Nursery/Reception Bedtime Stories (5:30–6:00)
19th Jan – Year 1 Parent Event 2pm
22nd Jan – Choir Trip to Young Voices Concert
29th Jan – Year 4 (RF) Assembly for Parents (9:15–9:45)
30th Jan – Parents of SEN children Coffee Evening (5:30–6:30)
5th February – Children’s Mental Health Week
5th February Year 4 (GR) Class Assembly for Parents (9:15–9:45)
5th February – Reception (AG) Come Learn with Me (Surname A-H) (9:30–11:00)
6th February – Reception (SM) Come Learn with Me (Surname A-K) (9:30–11:00)
6th February – Year 2 Liverpool Museum Trip
6th February – Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
6th February – Valentines Disco (Times to be Confirmed)
7th February - Reception (SM) Come Learn with Me (Surname L-W) (9:30–11:00)
8th February - Reception (AG) Come Learn with Me (Surname J-W) (9:30-11:00)
12th – 16th February – Half Term
19th February – Year 5 CCSC Taster Day
5th March – Nursery Mothers Day Craft Morning (9:30-10:15)
5th March – Year 5 Mothers Day Event Time to be confirmed
6th March – Reception (SM) Mothers Day Craft Morning (9:30–10:30)
6th March – Year 2 (EH) Assembly for Parents (9:15–9:45)
7th March – Reception (AG) Mothers Day Craft Morning (9:30-10:30)
7th March – World Book Day Celebrations
8th March – Chocolate Bingo (4:00pm)
11th March – Science Week Celebrations
12th March – Year 5/6 Geography Fieldwork Event with Parents
Time to be Confirmed
13th March – Year 2 (AM) Class Assembly for Parents (9:15–9:45)
14th March – Year 3 Liverpool Museum Trip
15th March – Red Nose Day Fundraiser
18th March – Reception (AG) Trip to Trentham Gardens
18th March – Year 3 Easter Performance (1:30pm)
19th March – Parent’s Evening (3:40–7:00)
19th March – Nursery Trip to Apple Tree Town
20th March – Year 3 Easter Performance (6:00pm)
21st March – Year 3 Easter Performance (6:00pm)
21st March – Year 4 (RF) Parent Event (9:30–11:00)
21st March – Year 4 (GR) Parent Event (10:45-11:45)
21st March – Reception (SM) Trip to Trentham Gardens
25th March – 5th April – Easter Holidays

A massive thank you!

We are excited to announce that our Christmas fair and raffle raised over £1,500 for our school. We are so very grateful for those who helped, donated and attended.

We have also raised just over £200 for the charity Headway.

You may have seen the beautifully painted bench near the school office. This glorious creation was made/donated to be placed in our new wildlife area by Headway. A very talented gentleman who accesses the charity painted all of the wonderful images.



Take a look before it gets moved to its permanent position next week.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8 January

Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Inset Day: Monday 3 June

Term ends: Friday 19 July

Holiday: Monday 22 July – Friday 30 August