

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH PRIMARY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably, we find ourselves at the end of yet another school year. I cannot speak highly enough of the pupils' and staff's achievements since September – it truly has been a remarkable year!

As a school, we have faced our fair share of challenges this year, but I can honestly say, the pupils and staff have made the school even more wonderful than it was before!

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible results that were achieved by our Year 6 children. As they are sadly leaving us at the end of term, it was only right to inform them, that 2022 has been our strongest ever year with regards to results, which once again demonstrates the exceptional level of dedication and perseverance of our pupils, teachers and LSAs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, the parents and carers of Burnham-on-Crouch Primary School. Thank you all, for your kind words, emails, cards and gifts. We are very grateful for your unwavering support. For me personally, and I know I am not alone in saying this, successes such as SATS results are fantastic, but they are not what makes our school what it is. I feel this year, there has been real sense of community and a staff united in providing the best possible environment for your children. We know the pupils feel safe, enjoy coming to school and realise just how brilliant each and every one of them truly are. Our school is only as good as the partnership between pupils, parents and staff and this was highlighted during both the School Fete and Sports Day. Seeing how happy our community was on both occasions is what really stands out from this year.

I could not be prouder of all the pupils and the staff this year and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve as a school community moving forward.

I wish you all a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

Alex Russ

Year 6 Leavers 2022

We will be saying goodbye to 59 very special children and would like to wish every single one of them the very best of luck at their new schools.

They have been kind, considerate, thoughtful, caring, crazy and most of all the BEST!

They have been a credit to themselves, their parents and our whole school and will be missed by us all.

We hope that they will maintain their positive attitudes and make the most of every opportunity that life brings them!

Good luck and remember

- Turn your numbers **green**
 - 'Do more'
 - You only get 'one'

We will miss you all!

BCPS Class of '2022'



PTA News

Our fundraising year ended on a high yesterday with our first discos since pre-Covid. In total, 314 children attended across the three discos, a number which blew us away! This number was a lot higher than anything we had previously experienced, so thank you for your support for this event. All of the children were so well behaved and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We would like to thank the volunteers who stayed to help supervise and Wayne Martin for being a fantastic DJ. One of the Year 6 mums kindly took some photos at the Year 5/6 disco of the Year 6s enjoying their final PTA event at our school.



We have had a great few months getting back to being able to plan and hold our events, and we are looking forward to September and the next academic year.

Back in 2019 we entered our Mad Science float into the Burnham Carnival procession and won a couple of trophies. We are looking to do the same again this year and planning has already begun for this. We will be looking for volunteers to help decorate and to walk alongside the float - watch this space!

We will also be launching a competition in September which will be open to every child in the school. The PTA needs a logo! More details will follow in the new term.

On behalf of the PTA core team we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers we have had help us this year. This includes those helping at discos and the fayre, to those running the uniform page and designing posters for us. We are a small (tiny!) team of parents who give up some of our spare time to organise and run these events for our children. Without the extra help this would be near on impossible to do. So thank you! And I know we always say this - but we are a friendly group of people and will always welcome new members and ideas. So if you fancy getting involved from September, let us know!

Stay safe and have a brilliant Summer!

Ceilidh, Emma and Sarah

Dear Parents/Carer of Year 2 Children

Just a reminder from **1st August 2022** you can apply for Free School Meals. If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals please see details below to apply.

Please note: If you do not apply before September you will be charged if your child has a school dinner.

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money. It also means your child will automatically receive additional tuition and access to enrichment activities that are paid for by the additional funding.

• **Your child will be moving up into Year 3 in September and will no longer receive Universal Free School Meals. However you may still qualify for them to receive Free School Meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please check the list above.

2. Registering is really quick and easy – just complete an online application at:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Healthy-Living-School-Meals.aspx>

If you do not have access to a computer please contact the school office who will be able to process the application for you.

Please complete an online application by as soon as possible so that your child qualifies for Free School Meals in September.

If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), access to extra benefits such as our Making a Difference fund and the school will receive extra funding each year.

4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals, they can continue as normal. As long as you qualify and are registered, the school will still receive the extra funding.

Your registration is confidential and will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child today and we can process the application with you.

Farewell

We are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Butcher who is leaving us.
We wish her all the best in her new school!

Welcome to our new staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Rana and Miss Mowforth to Burnham-on-Crouch Primary School.

We look forward to seeing you in September!



"Happy Summer Holidays"

From all of the children in Year 2, Mrs Bache, Mr Codling, Miss Morris and Miss Smith



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