



Burwell Village College Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been a wonderful start to the year. The children have returned with enthusiasm and excitement. They have been calm, hard-working and engaged. They have played brilliantly together at break times and lunchtimes and have enjoyed being back together with friends and teachers.

Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be sending home reading books and phonics books. Phonics books are specifically designed for children who are still learning and developing their phonics recognition. They are specifically linked to the phonics stage that your child is reading at. This is the book they will read at school and should be the first book they read at home. Reading books are to expose children to greater vocabulary, a wider range of stories, conventions and themes and to keep interest in reading. This book is one for you to read with them and where appropriate for them.

If you would like more information about reading and phonics please visit the [website](#).

Last year we had a real focus on reading, maths calculation and maths reasoning and problem solving. We also continued to develop further our foundation curriculum, particularly history, DT, geography and art. We are pleased with the progress we made over the year and we are confident that these improvements will continue this year. This year we will focus on spelling, handwriting, mental calculation in maths, music, computing and PSHE. We will continue with the busy bees cafes and we are looking at ways to focus support for aspects of school that parents have identified to us that they perhaps know less about or that have changed over the last few years.

A couple of quick reminders:

- School day starts at 08:40. The class room doors will be shut at this time and any children who arrive later than this will need to go through the front office.
- School ends at 15:20. If you are running late please telephone the office so that we can reassure children and bring them down to the office ready for you when you arrive.
- Please check the [uniform policy](#) if you are unsure of any of the expectations. Trousers, shorts and skirts etc. should all be black and not jersey material. Navy polo shirts. Black socks and shoes. No leggings please.
- PE kit should be worn on Fridays for years 1-6. The PE kit is identified in the uniform policy and children should be wearing white or black trainers. Where parents have already purchased different coloured trainers there is no insistence to replace them, however, we will expect that the next pair to be bought follows the policy.
- All clubs begin next week.
- Tutoring for invited children begins next week. Your child's tutor will have given you a letter if your child is invited. We offer tutoring to ensure that children have the best possible opportunities to succeed so if you are offered tutoring places please take them up.

We have enjoyed fantastic support from parents over the last few years and I am sure this will continue over the next academic year. We are in a very privileged position now that we have an effective staff team in place who are all committed to providing the best possible education for all our children and make Burwell the school we all know it can be.

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As always, if there are any improvements you think we can make or concerns you need to raise please do so either by speaking to the class teachers or making an appointment to speak to myself or another member of the SLT. If you are unsure of who is who please have a look at the [website](#).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antony Kern', written in a cursive style.

Antony Kern
Headteacher