



"Working Together, Learning Forever"

27th January 2025

Dear parent carer,

Staffing

Mr. M. Wotherspoon one of our Y6 teachers has ruptured his Achilles tendon and been placed in plaster. Therefore, he will not be able to attend work for a minimum of 3 months. In his place we will have Mr. M. Hussain joining us from Thursday 30th January to cover the absence. Mr. Hussain has not worked at the school before but comes highly recommended from his work in other school across the city. I'm sure you will give him a big Burlais welcome when he joins us.

Mrs. K. Bishop also has an injury which will stop her attending work for a number of weeks. Mrs. N. Richards will be covering her duties.

I'm sure you join with me in wishing both teachers a speedy recovery.

Parking around the school

As always, a huge thank you to all parents/carers parking sensibly around the school and a reminder on the arrangements for the safe use of the school car park:

The arrangements for the safe use of the car park are not new and have been in place since September 2022.

They were implemented following concerns about the safe use of the car park with instances of double parking, people parking on the grass, people exiting through the entrance and entering through the exit.

A number of near misses involving pupils were reported and parents and carers raised these concerns directly with the school and asked that action be taken.

The school is responsible for the car park during the day. After the school has closed and pupils have left the vicinity, or during weekends and school holidays, the car park is the responsibility of the council with the public allowed to use it for visiting Cwmbwrla Park.

During the school day the car park is for staff and authorised users such as children and families with disabilities or families who need special agreements.

The safety of all our pupils and staff is our number one priority and as our recent very positive Estyn inspection found our approach to caring for pupils and their families is a strength of Burlais Primary School.

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We have written to parents and carers regularly asking that they respect the rules that are in place to ensure pupils' safety and urging them to be considerate if driving their children to or from school and to obey all traffic regulations including not parking on double yellow lines. We would again ask that you do so. All previous letters are available on our website.

NSPCC Number Day- Friday 7th February

Our Maths Pupil Senedd group have arranged that on Friday 7th February we will be supporting NSPCC Number Day. There will be lots of fun maths sessions for that day e.g. bingo, outdoor maths and fun games. We will be having a guess how many sweets are in a jar competition on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week and the winner will be announced on the Friday in assembly. We are also having a dressing up competition. The children can wear something related to numbers, a onesie or just non-uniform (please do not feel pressured to buy anything new). There will be a competition for the best costumes. There will be a £1 voluntary contribution which will be given to the NSPCC charity and the sweet jar is 20p a go.

Important dates

Friday 21st February – last day in school before the half term holidays (non-uniform day for pupils, no cost)

Monday 3rd March – pupils start back after the half term holidays

W/c 24th March – individual meetings with teachers for parents. Your child's class teacher will contact you closer to the time with your appointment date and time

Thursday 10th April – last day in school before the Easter holidays (non-uniform day for pupils, no cost)

Friday 11th April – INSET day (school closed for pupils but open for staff)

Monday 28th April – school starts back after the Easter holidays

Regards,

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