

BURFORD SCHOOL



Burford School & Nursery

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to school this September as you and your children continue your learning journey here at Burford School. To our new families who have joined us in Nursery, Reception and throughout the school, welcome to Team Burford!

Thank you to everyone for their generous end of term gifts in July. Staff really appreciate the kind words in cards and small tokens of gratitude. Thank you also, on behalf of all staff, who received a voucher. Whilst this is appreciated – and not expected or necessary – please be mindful that staff are not allowed to receive money as per the school's code of conduct. Again, staff are very appreciative and do not expect gifts, but should you feel compelled at the end of this term to give a member of staff a present, please note that cash cannot be accepted by staff, thank you.

Over the summer, we have been busy with more site work. Many of you will be pleased to see that we have repaired the broken fence panels at the end of the school drive. This not only makes the area safer for your children, but will hopefully discourage them from climbing the trees at drop-off and pick-up. We are also very grateful to the Softcat team who painted the silver railings outside the Music block before the summer, and returned after school had closed at the end of term, to paint the small picket fence along the drive. Thank you Softcat for your continued support.

This week, to launch the start of our new year, we are going to be focusing on a wonderful book called *The Planet in a Pickle Jar* by Martin Stanev. We hope by starting the new year with a lovely reflective book about how to appreciate the wonders of the world will be a great opportunity for the children to build a relationship with their new teacher(s) and teaching assistants as well as seeing their friends again. Please look out next week for our newsletter which will showcase some the inspired work your children have produced.

I look forward to our new learning adventures that lay ahead this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

