



A Warm Welcome to Burbage Primary School:

We are thrilled to be welcoming Freddie, Esme and Penny to Burbage Primary School next week. George and Daisy who have joined us remotely, will be meeting their classes in person for the first time. I know they will be given a very warm welcome and wish them every happiness here in our lovely school.

We are also excited to be welcoming two new members of staff; Miss Claire Slater and Mrs Sandhya Baker. They will be working in Years 3 and 4 as well as in Owl's Nest. Mrs Baker will also be working with some children identified for 'Catch Up'.

World Book Day – Monday

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday when we will be celebrating World Book Day (a little later as the official day is today 4th March). Children are asked to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. We will have an outdoor socially distanced assembly parade and the teachers have some exciting activities planned to celebrate reading.

Reading is of course not just about World Book Day, it is the foundations for academic progress along with personal wellbeing. Developing regular reading at home can be the golden ticket to managing stress, sleep issues etc. These statistics make interesting reading from The Reading Agency:

- Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.

16-year-olds who choose to read books for pleasure outside of school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs in later life.

- Having books in the home is associated with both reading enjoyment and confidence. Of children who report having fewer than 10 books in their homes, 42% say they do not like reading and only 32% say they are 'very confident' readers. For children who report having over 200 books at home, only 12% say they do not like reading and 73% consider themselves 'very confident' readers.
- Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

Well done Hattie and Immy:



We are so proud to hear that these responsible community members have joined a small socially distanced group of volunteers who picked up a



staggering 13 bags of litter. Thank you so much for taking the time to do something for the benefit of the wider community.

KS2 – please remember you need trainers in school:

We will be running the daily mile starting on Tuesday – please leave trainers in school.

Pencil Cases:

Please remember your child will need a pencil case with a selection of stationery to include, pencil, colouring pencils, sharpener, ruler, glue stick, rubber. This is because we can't share resources at the moment.

Owl's Nest:

We are open – please book in if you are in need of childcare. We open at 7.30am in the mornings and after school until 5.45pm (4.30pm on Fridays).

Pre-School:

Pre-school have remained open throughout lockdown. If you have little ones who may want to start or know of friends whose children may be approaching their second birthdays, please put them in touch with us. We are able to show you around at the end of the day – we don't want any little ones having to delay their pre-school education as this is such an important first step into formal education.

Bags:

Please do not send your children to school with bags – those in KS2 will need a disposable packed lunch. Everyone else should only be bringing reading books in and out of school along with their coat. Thank you.