



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a good week. On Wednesday we emailed you our reopening plan for September. Hopefully this will help you to put any necessary arrangements into place. We have tried to accommodate everyone in the most flexible way possible but please contact us if you have any individual problems. We will also send out a reminder email during the last week of the holidays.

Year 6 leavers socially distanced picnic

It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 6 children yesterday afternoon - some of them had grown so tall since we last saw them! Our school cook Maddie prepared a BBQ meal of burgers, sausages and salads followed by some special commemorative cupcakes. We also had a surprise visit from the ice cream van, organised by Mrs Lowrie. Each child also received a beautiful memory book which was very kindly created by Mrs Daghish. After some socially distanced fun and games, we all said our goodbyes. Please go to our Twitter page [@burnopfield_sch](https://twitter.com/burnopfield_sch) to see some photos of the event. The Class of 2020 will certainly never forget this year, but we hope that they have been able to take some comfort and enjoyment from yesterday's event. Thank you to everyone for adhering to our social distancing guidelines.

Class names

From September we will be referring to all of our classrooms by tree names. This will match our school logo and motto 'Growing Together'.



Nursery AM - NAMSeedlings	Mrs Gardener Y3 Hazel Class
Nursery PM - NPMSaplings	Mr Gibson Y3 Hawthorn Class
Miss Farries Reception Willow Class	Mr Gray Y4 Chestnut Class
Mrs Carson Reception Walnut Class	Miss Alsop Y4 Cedar Class
Miss Oxnard Y1 Pine Class	Mrs Errington Y5 Birch Class
Miss Bingley Y1 Poplar Class	Mrs Gray Y5 Beech Class
Mrs Matthews Y2 Lime Class	Mr Robertshaw Y6 Ash Class
Miss Peacock Y2 Lilac Class	Mrs Marley Y6 Apple Class

Future Friday Letters

All Friday letters will now be sent to your email address. Paper copies will not be sent home. If your email address changes please let us know so we can change it on our system. Letters will also be available to view on our website.

School meal choices

You will receive an email next week with a link for you to make your child's school meal choices for September. To best manage staggered lunchtimes for each group





we need to order choices in advance. Menus will also be available on the school website

Class emails for next year

We will be setting up new class emails for use in September and most homework will be sent via the class email system. This is part of our risk assessment to minimise the amount of items brought into school.

Staffing structure for September

If you have any issues or questions we are always happy to help. Your first point of contact will always be your child's class teacher but for any other queries please contact the staff members as listed below.

Staff Member	Responsibility
Miss Peacock	Key Stage 1 Lead including Behaviour
Mr Robertshaw	Key Stage 2 Behaviour Lead. Acting Assistant Head
Mrs Ferris	Pastoral and Parent Support
Miss Farries	EYFS Lead
Mrs Brunton	Acting Co Head Teacher and Inclusion Lead
Mrs Thompson	Acting Co Head Teacher and Curriculum Lead

Pupil questionnaire

We know that some of you may feel anxious about your child returning to school in September and that some children may also feel worried. We understand this and will be here to help. It is important that we are aware of how children are feeling to enable us to plan for and deliver support across school. We hope that your child was able to complete the short wellbeing survey which was emailed out to you as a link. The survey is still live until next Friday.

Playcare News

We have received an update from Playcare regarding the Summer Holidays.

"Following the committee meeting held on the 30th June 2020 and after reviewing current Government Covid-19 guidelines for childcare providers, it has been decided that unfortunately Play Care would be unable to open for the school holiday period. As a childcare provider, it is mandatory to follow safeguarding procedures and child/staff ratios as





well as taking into account the health and wellbeing of staff. With all of this taken into consideration, it has been decided that it would not be possible to operate Play Care within the current COVID-19 guidelines set out by the Government. We are deeply saddened by the outcome and understand how much of an impact this will have on childcare over the school holidays. As Government guidelines change, the committee are keeping an open mind as to how opening Play Care could be made achievable and will keep you updated with any developments. We would like to thank you for your understanding and support during this time, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back when it is safe to do so".

Parents who need childcare can visit www.countydurhamfamilies.info for more information regarding local providers.

Playcare do aim to open in September, please contact Margaret for more information or go to their Facebook page

Reminder

School closes to Nursery, Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 on **Thursday 16th July** at the usual times. For Key Workers we will close on **Friday 17th at 12pm**. All children to be collected from the 3/4 yard.

We wish you all a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Mrs C Thompson and Mrs R Brunton

Acting Head Teachers

