

Welcome Back to all Federation Families

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and were able to enjoy the lovely weather we had. The new term has certainly started with plenty of rain, but despite the change in weather, it has been wonderful to welcome all of our children and families to school!

I have returned to work on a phased return and am looking forward to being back in both schools each week. Thank you for all of your kind messages and cards. I have been visiting classes across our schools during these first few days, and it has been lovely to see how well the children have settled back. There has already been lots of enthusiasm, learning and smiling faces and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

We will be sending out a planner this week with key dates for the year.

Reading Records and Logins

As we begin the new academic year, children will have been given new reading record books. Any passwords and login details needed for the online platforms used by each year group will be stuck into the back of these books. Please keep these details safe so that they are easy to find when needed at home.

Seesaw and Communication

Seesaw will continue to be used across the Federation to share children's learning and give families a window into some of the wonderful things taking place in our classrooms.

Please note that Seesaw will not be used as a communication platform between home and school, as the messaging facility requires an additional membership. If you need to contact a member of staff, please do so through the relevant school office. The office team will be happy to pass on messages or arrange for the appropriate member of staff to contact you.

Keeping Up to Date with Learning

Details of the learning taking place across the Federation can be found on our Federation website, along with important information including our policies and term dates.

We will also continue to share information about learning in our weekly newsletter, alongside celebrations of our Stars of the Week and certificate winners. We love being able to recognise the children's achievements and share their successes with you.

Lunchtime Provision

Our lunchtime provider at the Juniors has changed and is now the same provider as at the Infants. As is increasingly the case in many primary schools, meals are prepared off site and delivered to school each day.

This means that parents and carers need to order meals online in advance. Orders should be placed by Tuesday for the following week.

As with any new system, there have been a few teething problems during these first days, so please bear with us while everyone becomes familiar with the new arrangements. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Could You Volunteer in School?

As the term gets underway and the children settle into their routines, we would love to welcome volunteers into our schools.

There are lots of ways you could help, including supporting children with reading and maths activities, helping in our libraries and accompanying classes on educational visits.

Even a small amount of your time can make a real difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of our school offices to let us know. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. A strong partnership between home and school is so important, and we are looking forward to working together throughout the year.

I hope all of our children have a happy, successful and enjoyable year ahead, filled with new experiences, friendships and plenty of opportunities to learn and grow.

Here's to a Brilliant Autumn Term!

With best wishes,

Mrs Rose

Kind regards,

Mrs CC Rose

Executive Headteacher

The Burghfield Common Federation of Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery and Garland Junior Schools.