



Burnt Tree Primary School

Early Years Foundation Stage

Information Booklet



Welcome to Burnt Tree Primary School Early Years Foundation Stage

We are pleased that you have chosen Burnt Tree Primary School for your child. This booklet gives you some information to help you get ready for the new school year. We hope it will be an exciting and productive year for you and your family and we are looking forward to working with you.

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Early Years Staff

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Reception

Miss C Wakeman (EYFS Leader and Class Teacher)

Miss N Fox (Class Teacher)

Miss A Piszczynska (Teacher)

Mrs. V Ferguson (LSP)

Mrs. D Bell (LSP)



Session Times

Morning Nursery 8.45 am until 11.45 am

Afternoon Nursery 12.30 pm until 3.30 pm

Doors will open at 3.20pm (this is to enable parents with older children in school to collect their children at the same time. Please collect older children first before going to nursery.)

Reception 8.45 am until 11.45 pm then 12.45 pm until 3.15 pm

It is important that your child arrives at the beginning of the session. Young children need the security of a clear routine and they can easily become upset if they arrive after the other children. For security reasons the door will be locked 10 minutes after each session has begun. If your child is late they will need to be registered at the main office.

Your child must be brought to and collected from school by a named adult. If you do not let a member of staff know of any changes beforehand they will not let your child go with a stranger.

If your child is ill, please telephone the school or send a message as soon as possible on that day.

We have a waiting list for places in nursery, therefore if you frequently arrive late or your child is often absent we reserve the right to offer that place to a child on the waiting list.

No holidays can be authorised during term time, but if you do take a holiday please let the office staff know.

Early Years Fund

We kindly request a contribution of £3 per half term to pay for:

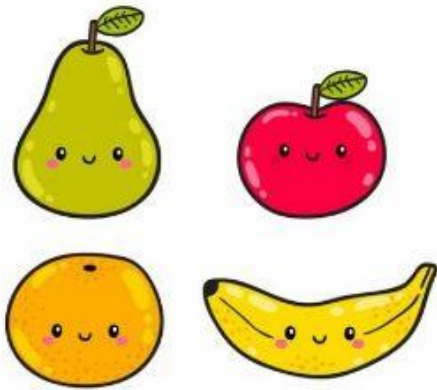
- cooking ingredients
- extra treats such as food for special occasions
- resources for topic work such as seeds and compost or different media for mark making
- contribution towards school trips/ parties/ special events

Please pay this through Parent Pay at the beginning of every half term.

Thank you for your support with this. Alternatively, you may pay your child's class teacher 50p per week.



Snacks



The children have a small healthy snack of fruit or vegetables and milk once a day. We are usually able to give the children a choice of fruit every day. Milk is provided free of charge until your child is 5, it can then be paid for through Cool Milk. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please inform us in writing. There is fresh drinking water available at all times. All children in reception will be given a water bottle to keep in school and water bottles are available to buy at the school

office for nursery children if required. If your child brings their own water bottle please ensure it has a sports cap and is only filled with water or flavoured water, no juice or squash is allowed. Thank you for your support.



Medicines

A member of SLT are able to administer medicine to your child providing it has been prescribed by a doctor and the relevant permission forms are filled out in school. If your child has asthma please ensure that the relevant forms are filled in and that your child has an inhaler left in school. Doctors will usually prescribe a spare for school if you ask. Please discuss this with a member of staff when your child starts school. You will need to complete a permission slip to enable a member of staff to assist your child with their medication.

Illness

If your child has been suffering from a sickness bug/upset tummy please do not bring them to school for at least 48 hours after the infection has cleared. We do find this illness spreads very quickly. If your child is taken ill at school we will contact you to come and collect them as soon as possible.

With young children there are often cases of head lice that also spread very quickly. Please check your child's hair regularly and if you need to treat your child for head lice, please let us know so that a letter can be sent out to make other parents aware of the need to be extra careful when checking their own child's hair. If you do need to treat your child for head lice, don't forget to treat the whole family.

Helping Independence

Clothes

In order that children can take advantage of all the play experiences without getting worried about getting messy, please send your child in appropriate school uniform clothes with elasticated waists (no belts) to help with independence and confidence.

Uniform

The uniform comprises of:

Boys		Girls
Grey trousers		Grey skirts/pinafore/trousers
White polo t-shirt		White polo shirt
Blue jumper (sweatshirts with school logo can be ordered through Parent Pay)		Blue jumper/cardigan (sweatshirts and cardigans with school logo can be ordered through Parent Pay)
Black Shoes (no trainers)		Black Shoes (no trainers)
Summer - Grey shorts can be worn		Summer – blue checked summer dresses may be worn

Please ensure that all of your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name

Shoes



We advise that you provide your child with shoes that are easy to take off and put on. We recommend velcro, buckles or elasticated fastenings. Please remember that laces are very difficult for children to tie and can be dangerous if left to trail along the ground.



We also ask that you bring a pair of wellies for your child to wear for outdoor play in the winter months when it is rainy/snowy.

Coats

When your child starts nursery it would be helpful if they are able to put their own coat on. During the year we encourage children to learn to fasten their coat and we ask for your support with this. When your child starts reception it would be helpful if their coats are easy to do up as we encourage children to fasten them for themselves.

Children should ideally be toilet trained although we do understand that accidents may happen from time to time. We have some spare clothes in school, if your child uses them please return them as soon as they are washed. If you do send your child with spare clothes, please put them in a drawstring bag with their PE kit and leave it on their peg. We do not have room for backpacks on every child's peg.

Hot Weather

Please send your child in with a sun hat on sunny days. Also please apply sun cream before school instead of children bringing it with them to apply in school, to avoid them sharing it with friends who may have allergies.



PE

Your child will need a PE Kit in a drawstring bag, consisting of:



White t-shirt
Black shorts
Black plimsolls



Please ensure that your child's PE bag is always in school. (It will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing)

Jewellery

Only small stud earrings are allowed to be worn in school. Please do not send your child to school in any other jewellery. **Earrings must be removed for PE at home.**

Sharing our things

We do ask you to encourage your child not to bring things such as toys to school, unless staff have specifically asked. Young children get very upset when things are mislaid or broken.

Some parents bring in a small treat such as sweets, a cake or biscuits for the children to celebrate their child's birthday. Please let the staff know in advance if you are bringing in treats. Please do not send your child to school with sweets or cakes at any other time.

Starting at Burnt Tree

It is very important that a child's first encounter with school is calm and relaxed. To ensure that this happens we bring the children into Nursery gradually in small groups and for short sessions following a home visit. We find this helpful for the children, the staff and the parents, as it gives us time to spend getting to know each other.

Some children do take a little longer than others to settle, so please be prepared to set aside some time to help your child during these first few days away from their familiar routines. This will make it a more pleasurable experience for them. A child who has settled well will enjoy school to the full.

When your child starts Reception they may stay for a school dinner or bring a packed lunch. All children from Reception to year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. As we like to encourage children to eat as healthily as possible, if you choose to provide your child with a packed lunch we ask that you do not put sweets or chocolate bars into lunch boxes.



Teaching and Learning

The EYFS Framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child, and was developed with a number of early years' experts and parents.

In July 2021 the framework was revised with a strong focus on communication and language. The guidance sets out the pathways of children's development in broad ages and stages with a greater emphasis on the depth of learning.

It sets out:

- The legal welfare requirements that everyone registered to look after children must follow to keep your child safe and promote their welfare
- The 7 areas of learning and development which guide professionals' engagement with your child's play and activities as they learn new skills and knowledge
- Assessments that will tell you about your child's progress through the EYFS
- Expected levels that your child should reach at the end of Reception; these expectations are called the "Early Learning Goals (ELGs)" Children need to achieve the ELG in all of the prime areas and in Literacy and Maths in order to achieve the Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of reception.

How will my child be learning?

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

Children should firstly develop the 3 prime areas first. These are:

- Communication and language;
- Physical development; and
- Personal, social and emotional development.

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas. These are:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the world; and
- Expressive arts and design.

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The professionals teaching and supporting your child will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

As part of the EYFS curriculum, children in reception will have daily phonics and maths lessons, along with child initiated time both in the morning and afternoon. During child initiated time children have access to all classrooms as well as the outdoor area where they are able to mix with their peers and all staff members of the EYFS team. They will follow RML for phonics for which they are split into ability groups. All children will have words and a reading book to read at home with their parents. It is important that you support your child with these early reading skills.

Nursery children also follow RML and are introduced to the letter sounds. They also take home a reading book when they are ready.

Each child's class will have an allocated day to choose a library book to take home. These books are to read and share with your child at home to help promote their love of reading. Please return these books to school the following week so that the children can choose a new book to take home. We also run inspire workshops throughout the year and parent days where you are allocated a day in which parents can come into the classroom to watch how their child follows the EYFS curriculum. These dates are given out in advance and are allocated on a rota basis over the year with 3 parents invited in per class each week. If you cannot make the date please let a member of staff know and a suitable date can be rearranged.

Throughout the year we organise a number of trips which parents are welcome to accompany their child on, these are usually at Christmas and in the summer term.

Thank you for taking time to read this booklet.

All of these things are very important and will help us and your child enormously.

