



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

### 1) Weekly Attendance update

Below are the individual class attendance figures for last week. The Government expectation is 96% and this should be the minimum that we are all aiming for this year!!

#### Attendance for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	94.1%
Year 4/5	97.2%
Year 3/4	99%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 1	94.8%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	92.2%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 96.6% which is above our 96% target. Another good week – let’s keep this up!

### 2) WOW success

We had a lovely email this week about the ‘Walk to School’ challenge that we took part in last academic year. Feedback from the Living Streets North East Coordinator stated that:

*‘Over the summer term, Burradon Community Primary School achieved a whopping 52.63% decrease in pupils driven to school, against your original baseline when you began WOW. I was going to say “a drop in driven to school” but “plummet” would be more accurate!’ Very well done indeed! This is an amazing achievement’*

Well done everyone! Let’s see if we can keep this up of the rest of this half term.

### 3) Breakfast Club

A polite reminder about our breakfast club times. We do need prompt arrival at breakfast club to ensure that the access doors are closed quickly so staff are in with the children to ensure we adhere to our staff to pupil ratios.

#### Before school childcare session

- **7:30am prompt** – childcare session before breakfast club starts at 8am
- **£1.50 charge**



### **FREE breakfast club:**

- 8:00am – **FREE** breakfast club
- Children **must** be in breakfast club by 8:05am

**For both sessions above, parents / carers of all children must book breakfast club places via the School Comms APP.**

Unfortunately, last year we saw an increase in the number of 8am 'free' breakfast club sessions being booked and children not turning up. As a school, we work on the number of pupils booked into breakfast club daily and these are the numbers that we use for staffing

and also enter into the system for Greggs. We do have funding support for some aspects of our breakfast club but other areas such as staffing, resources etc are paid for by the school. I complete staff against the numbers booked in for breakfast club and the relevant ratio requirements.

Therefore, to reduce non-attendance, a £2 charge per session will apply to parents/ carers where they have signed up for sessions and their child misses more than two sessions in a half term. We do understand that children become ill, and that traffic or transport problems can affect arriving on time but where possible we ask parents / carers to ring as early as you can to advise of any issues.

### **4) Water bottles in school**

It is really important that all children have a water bottle in school so they can re-hydrate on a regular basis in school. Staff will continue to encourage the children to drink regularly including if they have milk in school.

A polite reminder that there should only be water in children's water bottles which they access in the classroom. We have seen an increase in juice being brought into school. This should only be in a child's packed lunch bottle and not in their water bottle.

### **5) Free School Meals**

Your child may be entitled to free school meals. The following information is taken from North Tyneside website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>

You're eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, applications can be taken over the telephone by calling (0191) 643 2288 (Option 2) (You will require your



National Insurance Number) or by completing the online form on the website link above. For many parents / carers, if you are unsure it is worth giving the application a try!

Yours Sincerely

*A.L.Hunter*

Miss A.L. Hunter  
Headteacher

### **Upcoming events at Burradon Community Primary School**

Letters for events and activities below, where appropriate, will follow.

23 <sup>rd</sup> September	North Tyneside Healthy Lifestyles in EYFS
25 <sup>th</sup> September	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> October	MHST Anxiety Drop in (further information to follow)
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (appointment booking will follow)
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (appointment booking will follow)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Halloween Disco (TBC)
25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b><u>Teacher Training Day 2 (school closed to all pupils)</u></b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b><u>October half term holidays</u></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b><u>School re-opens after half term holiday</u></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	'That History Bloke' delivering History session in Y1 and Y6
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3/4 and Y4/5 trip to Arbeia (TBC)
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken in school
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Northumbria Police delivering 'Respectful Relationships' session for pupils in Year 6 and Year 5
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Performance at 9:30am
10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at 1:45pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at 9:30am
11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Performance at 2:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and Pre-School Christmas Party (morning)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomimes booked for whole school
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party (afternoon)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 and Year 4/5 Christmas Party (afternoon)



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