



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 30th 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 Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	90.6%
Year 4/5	95.2%
Year 3/4	98.9%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 1	96.1%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	91.1%

Last week we had 2 only classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 94.6% which is below our 96% target. Better than last week but still below where we would like to be with attendance.

2) Parent / Teacher Nights

Our autumn term parent / teacher evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 1st October and Wednesday 2nd October. Please find below the procedures that we have put in place for our face to face parents / carers evenings this week.

- Our autumn term appointments are 10 minute appointments and will be strictly adhered to. This is to ensure staff are running on time and that we reduce congestion in our corridors. If additional time is required, staff will be in touch at a later date to arrange a further telephone appointment.
- Parents / carers are politely requested to only arrive at school 5 minutes before their appointment time. This is to give time for you to look at your child's books and the curriculum learning they have completed and to reduce congestion in our corridors.
- If you need to bring your child / children with you for your appointment time, they must remain next to you in the corridor at all times. When you go in for your appointment, your child can either go into the meeting with you or they can stay sitting outside the classroom. We appreciate your support with helping us to ensure that children are not running up and down the corridor.



3) Uniform Swop Shop

During parent / teacher nights this week, we will have all of our pre-loved uniform out in the school hall for parents / carers to have a look at and take what they need. We will also have some Halloween costumes which have been donated available as well.

4) Jewellery

Jewellery can be a serious risk to the children's safety during P.E sessions, playtimes and lunchtime sport activities. **It is school policy that no jewellery, including earrings, should be worn in school and I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety.** There are lots of opportunities for children to get jewellery caught which can cause nasty injuries.

The only exception is a watch which needs to be removed for PE and Sport sessions. A reminder that we **do not** allow SMART watches in school as they have the facility to take pictures and send messages which is against our safeguarding policies and procedures. Your full support with this school rule is very much appreciated.

5) 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. Juice should only be in a child's packed lunch bottle for drinking at lunchtime and not in their water bottle for the school day. Your full support with this school rule is very much appreciated.

6) Office staff changes

You will be aware that Mrs Latimer's last day in our school office was Friday. Whilst the staffing governors, Mrs Noor and I review our office procedures, I have arranged for Miss Drew to join us and support in our school office. Miss Drew will be working alongside Mrs Noor each morning and will be learning our policies and office systems over the next couple of weeks. I am sure you will join with us in welcoming Miss Drew to Burradon and in supporting her as she starts her role in our office.

7) Burradon Helpers

Thank you to the new parents / carers that came to the meeting last week and are helping out at the disco. We have already had some great ideas and we will discuss these at our next meeting. All parent / carers welcome... so please come along on Wednesday 13th November at 9am.

8) October Half Term holidays

Where does the time go – hard to believe we are already at the end of September!!! Can I remind parents that the children break up for ½ term holidays at the end of Thursday 24th October as we have a training day on Friday 25th October. Children will return to school on Monday 4th November.



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.

1 st October	MHST Anxiety Drop in (9am-10am in school)
1 st October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night
2 nd October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night
23 rd October	Halloween Disco (TBC)
25 th October	<u>Teacher Training Day 2 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
28 th October	<u>October half term holidays</u>
4 th November	<u>School re-opens after half term holiday</u>
4 th November	'That History Bloke' delivering History session in Y1 and Y6
6 th November	Y3/4 and Y4/5 trip to Arbeia
7 th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken in school
11 th November	School Council attending Remembrance Day service at The Jigsaw Memorial, White Swan Centre
13 th November	Burradon Helpers meeting at 9am
15 th November	Anti-Bullying sharing assembly for parents / carers at 9:05am (main hall)
22 nd November	Northumbria Police delivering 'Respectful Relationships' session for pupils in Year 6 and Year 5
10 th December	EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Performance at 9:30am
10 th December	KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at 1:45pm
11 th December	KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at 9:30am
11 th December	EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Performance at 2:30pm
16 th December	EYFS and Pre-School Christmas Party (morning)
16 th December	Year 6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
17 th December	Pantomimes booked for whole school
18 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party (afternoon)
19 th December	Year 3/4 and Year 4/5 Christmas Party (afternoon)
20 th December	<u>School closes at end of today for Christmas holidays</u>
6 th January	<u>Teacher Training Day 3 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
7 th January	<u>School re-opens after Christmas holidays</u>



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