



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 17th April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a good and relaxing time over the Easter holidays and are ready for a busy summer term!

1) Autumn Term 2022 and Spring Term 2023 Attendance update

Below are the individual class attendance figures for across the whole of the autumn and spring terms. The Government's expectation is 96% and this should be the minimum that we are all aiming for this year.

Attendance for Tuesday 6th September 2022 – Friday 31st March 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	93.9%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 2	94.0%
Year 1	93.9%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	91.9%
FS1 (Bees and Butterflies)	88.3%

The average attendance from Y1-Y6 across the two terms was 94% which is significantly below the 96% national expectation. We have had a number of sickness bugs across the school as well as absences linked to term time holidays. We are not alone in experiencing very low attendance figures, many other schools are reporting similar results.

All children from FS2 to Y6 will have received their attendance letter at the end of the spring term. If your child received a red letter, we will be monitoring attendance to look for rapid improvements and attendance above 90%. I do appreciate that for some, absence has been unavoidable linked to sickness bugs that were around school particularly in March.

If you would like to discuss your child's individual attendance to see if there is anything the school can do to support improvements, please do not hesitate to email or ring the school to make an appointment.

2) Year 4 Skipping Festival

Before the Easter holidays, our Year 4 pupils attended a skipping festival at the Lakeside. I am delighted to tell parents / carers that our children were runners up at the competition and have therefore qualified for the Borough Final which will take place early June (date to be confirmed)



This is wonderful news and rewards our children who worked very hard to master a range of skipping techniques. Well done Year 4!!! Excellent result!

3) Jewellery

Please can I remind parents / carers that it is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school. Jewellery can be a serious risk to the children's safety during P.E sessions, playtimes, lunchtime sport activities and after school activities. There are lots of opportunities for children to get jewellery caught which can cause nasty injuries.

Towards the end of last term, staff have noticed pupils coming into school with necklaces, chains, rings and earrings. The only exception to our no jewellery policy is a watch which needs to be removed for PE and Sport sessions. Please can I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety from FS1 (bees and butterflies) to Year 6. Many thanks for your support.

4) Year 6 SATs (End of Key Stage 2)

Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs from Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May. They have all worked extremely hard this year and across their key stage 2 phase despite the disruption that the COVID pandemic brought. We know they will continue to do their best and will all be amazing!! Good luck Year 6 – we are all very proud of you!!

5) Year 2 SATs (End of Key Stage 1)

Our Year 2 children will also be sitting their end of Key Stage 1 SATs (or as we call them our little check-ups) in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling across May. Like Year 6, they have all worked extremely hard and I am sure they will all achieve their best. Well done Year 2 – we are all very proud of you!!!

6) Easter Activities

Many thanks for your support with the Easter activities. The children's decorated eggs were spectacular this year and Burradon Helpers found it very hard to pick a winner from each year group.

Our Easter egg raffle was also a huge success with over £221.00 being raised. This money will be spent on resources for our playground. Well done everyone!!

7) Sports day dates

My team and I are very much looking forward to inviting parents / carers into school to watch our traditional sports day events and cheer your child / children and their class mates as they demonstrate their skills. These will be taking place during National school Sports week which is from Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June.

Sports day events will take place on our school field and dates are below in the upcoming events section.

8) Safeguarding is Everyone's business

A reminder that if you have any Child Protection or Safeguarding concerns, no matter how small, you can speak to:



- **Miss Hunter**
 - Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- **Mrs Liddle**
 - Deputy Head and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- **Mrs Kane**
 - SENDCo and Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead
- **Mrs Hopper**
 - HLTA and Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead
- **Any class teacher or member of staff**
 - All staff are highly trained and will pass concerns onto Miss Hunter or Mrs Liddle

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.

17 th April	<u>School returns for the summer term</u>
20 th April	Vision screening for FS2 pupils
20 th April	Mile a Day celebration (linked to PE and Sport)
2 nd May	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting
8 th May	<u>Additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation (School closed)</u>
9 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
16 th May	Diversity workshops (across the school)
5 th June	<u>Training Day (School closed to all pupils)</u>
6 th June	Phunky foods working in the EYFS
7 th June	NSPCC Assembly
9 th June	Year 2 Lighthouse trip (all day)
12 th June	EYFS trip to Hall Hill Farm (TBC)
19 th June	9am - EYFS (Ladybirds, Bees and Butterflies) Sports Day
20 th June	NSPCC workshops for Y5 and Y6 (morning)
20 th June	2pm – KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Sports Day
21 st June	1pm – NUSTEM visit in Y2



21 st June	2pm – Lower KS2 (Y3 and Y4) Sports Day
22 nd June	1pm – NUSTEM visit in Y1
22 nd June	2pm – Upper KS2 (Y5 and Y6) Sports Day
23 rd June	Kindness workshops for Y1-Y6
26 th June	9am – Class photographs
7 th July	End of year individual reports to parents / carers
21 st July	<u>Schools break at the end of today for the Summer holidays</u>

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