



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 23rd January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Last week saw lots of activity linked to our careers focus in PSHE across the school, including sessions delivered by North Tyneside Learning Trust.

Y2 and Y3 visited the Cathedral in Newcastle to support their RE learning. Y2 also visited Burradon Farm to support their science and geography curriculum this half term. In addition, we had an excellent science afternoon delivered by Newcastle University for Y1-Y6 where they witnessed some amazing experiments and investigations.

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 16th January – Friday 20th January 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	98.2%
Year 5	99.3%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 1	99.4%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	98.8%
FS1 (Bees and Butterflies)	95.4%

Another much better week for attendance. Last week we had 6 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 98% which is above the 96% national expectation. Fingers crossed these last 2 weeks of above average attendance continues as we really need this improvement in our attendance figures.

2) Strike Action on 1st February

You will have heard in the media that it is likely there will be strike action by one of the teaching unions on 1st February. I am attending a briefing by North Tyneside Council early this week. This is so we can carry out a risk assessment and then inform you about how the school will run on that day. I understand that families will appreciate as much notice as possible in order to make other plans if needed. I will send out a letter with our plans as soon after the briefing as I possibly can.



3) Nut Free School

Following the 'Nut Free School' letter that was sent out on Friday, a polite reminder... We have a pupil attending school and a member of staff who have a severe peanut allergy. The pupil's and member of staff's anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products.

To ensure their safety and well-being in school, all nut-based products have been banned from the school premises.

From this point forward, please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch – this includes products that may contain traces of nuts. Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread including Nutella
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

We appreciate that this is a change for all and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. However, I am sure you will all agree that the safety of our pupils and staff when on site is of paramount importance.

4) Speed on the driveway coming into school

Please can I ask parents / carers to be aware of their car speed when driving into the school, particularly when dropping off for breakfast club? We have noticed a few cars driving too fast into school, including during the icy conditions last week.

We are a busy site with children around from 7:30am for breakfast club and until 5:30pm at OOSC. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter. Your support is very much appreciated.

5) FS1 (Nursery) Places

We still have some places available in our FS1 (nursery) year group for September 2023. Do you need a FS1 (nursery) place for a 3 year old or do you know someone who does? Please contact Mrs Baty (EYFS Manager) or the office to collect a form. Alternatively forms can be downloaded from our website.

Mrs Baty and I have been looking ahead at our waiting lists to come into our FS1 (nursery). If you haven't got your little one on our list, please catch Mrs Baty or Mrs Noor in the office for a form!

6) Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals. If you are unsure – it is definitely worth giving an application a try to see if you are entitled! We have had a few parents / carers unsure and when they have tried – they have been eligible.

The following information is taken from North Tyneside website
my.northtyneside.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



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 (You will require your National Insurance Number) or by completing the online form on the website link above.

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.

25 th January	Pedestrian training and assemblies across the school (morning)
27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD)
27 th January	Mobile Library in school
31 st January	Y2 parents / carers meeting at 9am linked to KS1 SATs tests in May
6 th February	9am – FS1 (Bees and Butterflies) traditional tales parent/carers session
7 th February	9am – FS2 (Ladybirds) traditional tales parent/carers session
7 th February	9am – Burradon Helpers Meeting
7 th February	Safer Internet Day (Theme: Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.)
14 th February	Y4 parents / carers meeting at 9am linked to multiplication test in June
14 th February	Phunky Foods working in Y3 (afternoon)
17 th February	Career Dress Up day across the school
17 th February	9:10am – Careers Sharing Assembly for parents / carers
17 th February	Year 2 working with a skipping coach (afternoon)
17 th February	<u>School breaks at the end of today for half term holidays</u>
27 th February	<u>School re-opens to all pupils for 2nd half of the Spring Term 2023</u>



28 th February	Y2 trip to Quayside and Discovery Museum
2 nd March	World Book Day
6 th March	Phunky Foods working in Y5 (afternoon)
10 th March	British Science Week begins
14 th March	9am – Parent / carer meeting with Mrs Liddle to look at our Relationship Education scheme of work
16 th March	Year 5 and Year 6 First Lego League trip (all day)
24 th March	High Borrans weekend residential for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6
24 th March	Kindness workshops for Y1-Y6

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