



# Burradon Community Primary School



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers

On behalf of the Staff and Governors, may I wish you a Happy New Year and send our best wishes for 2023? I hope you all had a good and relaxing time over the Christmas holidays and are ready for the Spring Term!

## **1) Autumn Term 2022 Attendance update**

Below are the individual class attendance figures for across the whole of the Autumn Term 2022. The Government's expectation is 96% and this should be the minimum that we are all aiming for this year.

Attendance for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	93.1%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 1	92.4%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	90.3%
FS1 (Bees and Butterflies)	86.3%

The average attendance from Y1-Y6 across the Autumn Term was 93.9% 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 for the Autumn Term, many other schools are reporting similar results.

Hopefully, we can have a Spring Term whereby we see a huge improvement in weekly attendance figures across all classes.

Attendance letters were sent out before the Christmas holidays. I did manage to speak to the vast majority of parents / carers before the end of term where attendance was below 90% (red letter). In some cases there were links with Coronavirus and the absence was unavoidable. In other cases alongside the period of monitoring for rapid improvements, I have discussed the individual attendance to see if there is anything the school can do to support improvements or have made an appointment to discuss further.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance with me, please call or email the school office and I will book an appointment over the phone or face to face.



## 2) Uniform

To ensure we start the Spring Term off in good fashion, a quick reminder of our agreed school uniform, **including black shoes** and PE kit. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### **Our agreed school uniform**

<b><u>School Uniform</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White or yellow polo shirt</li><li>• Royal blue sweatshirt</li><li>• Grey or black trousers</li><li>• Grey or black skirt</li><li>• Blue or yellow checked dress (in summer)</li><li>• Grey or black shorts (in summer)</li><li>• Black shoes</li></ul>

### **Our agreed PE uniform**

<b><u>PE uniform</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White t-shirt</li><li>• Dark shorts (navy blue or black)</li><li>• Dark tracksuit bottoms (navy blue or black for the colder weather)</li><li>• Suitable footwear, e.g sandshoes</li></ul>

**Please can I ask for your full support with our agreed school uniform? Phone calls home will be made where children are not in the right uniform, e.g black shoes. Many thanks.**

## 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. **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.**

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) Names**

Please can we ask parents / carers to ensure that all items of their children's clothes are names including jumpers and coats? One Y2 sized jumper looks very much the same as another Y2 sized jumper. Lost clothing, once located, is much easier to return to the rightful owner if it is named! Many thanks for your support with this.

#### **5) Working Together**

It is essential that home and school work together to ensure that all children are happy in school and that they are achieving well in all areas. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please don't not hesitate to make an appointment with the class teacher in the first instance. If your concerns or questions are not resolved, please make an appointment with a member of the leadership team or myself.

The Leadership Team in our school are:

- Miss Hunter
  - (Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Liddle
  - (Deputy Head, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Behaviour Lead)
- Mrs Baty
  - (EYFS Lead)
- Mrs Kane
  - (SENDCo and Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead)

#### **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!

The following information is taken from North Tyneside website  
[my.northtyneside.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://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 your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

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.

19 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas party (morning)
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party (afternoon)
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party (afternoon)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (afternoon)
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b><u>School breaks at the end of today for Christmas holidays</u></b>
9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b><u>Teacher Training Day – school closed to all pupils</u></b>
10 <sup>th</sup> January	<b><u>School re-opens to all pupils for Spring Term 2023</u></b>
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 and Year 6 Safety Works visit (morning)
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 parents / carers meeting at 9am linked to KS2 SATs tests in May
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 'Top Trumps' Career session with NTLT (morning)
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 'Top Trumps' Career session with NTLT (morning)
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Phunky Foods working in Y2 (afternoon)
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 'Career Blockbuster' Career session with NTLT (morning)
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 and Y3 on Cathedral trip
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 'Weird and Wonderful jobs' Career session with NTLT (morning)
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 parents / carers meeting at 9am linked to phonics screener in June
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 'Career Desert Island' Career session with NTLT (morning)
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Financial Education talk
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Pedestrian training and assemblies across the school (morning)
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y2 parents / carers meeting at 9am linked to KS1 SATs tests in May
7 <sup>th</sup> February	9am – Burradon Helpers Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day (Theme: Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.)
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 parents / carers meeting at 9am linked to multiplication test in June
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Phunky Foods working in Y3 (afternoon)
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 working with a skipping coach (afternoon)
17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b><u>School breaks at the end of today for half term holidays</u></b>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b><u>School re-opens to all pupils for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Spring Term 2023</u></b>
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 trip to Quayside and Discovery Museum



6 <sup>th</sup> March	Phunky Foods working in Y5 (afternoon)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – Parent / carer meeting with Mrs Liddle to look at our Relationship Education scheme of work
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 and Year 6 First Lego League trip (all day)

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