



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 4th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for the year ahead! We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow after the summer holidays, including those children who have just starting with us this term. If your child is having any problems settling into the school after summer, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

Looking ahead to 2023-2024 academic year...

A few reminders for parents / carers and children to help the new school year start smoothly.

1) Names

Uniform and PE kits cost a lot of money and we always have lost items within the first week. These are difficult to link with children as one blue 5-6 year old Burradon jumper looks very similar to another blue 5-6 years old Burradon jumper!

Please can I ask that you ensure that all of your child's clothing is clearly named? This can be with either name labels or your child's name written in permanent ink on either the label or somewhere on the item of clothing such as the waistband or collar. This makes it far easier for clothing to be found if it goes missing – with P.E sessions and other activities there are a lot of opportunities for clothing to be misplaced!

2) School Uniform

You will recall that we sent several letters out before the end of the summer term with a reminder about our agreed school uniform, including **black shoes** and PE kit. **Our agreed school uniform, including black shoes, must be worn by all of our children.**

Our agreed school uniform

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



Please can I ask for your full support with our agreed school uniform? Phone calls home will continue to be made where children are not in the right uniform. Many thanks.

3) PE Uniform

All children, from FS2 to Y6, will need to bring their correct PE kit into school and leave on their peg each week to get changed into. **The correct school PE kit must be worn.** We will make phone calls home to arrange for the kit to be brought in or will provide a spare kit for your child to wear if they do not have the correct kit. **Children are to wear their school jumper if it is cold on top of their PE uniform.**

Our agreed PE uniform

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

We have 2 classes going swimming across the Autumn term with letters being sent out before the holidays via School Comms. Your child's new class teacher will let you know the dates for individual class PE lessons in their class newsletter for this half term.

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 is 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.

5) Attendance and illness

If your child is going to be absent from school, please could you contact the school office by email through School Comms or the school office or by telephone before 9:30am on the first day of absence. Where possible, absence messages can be emailed or left on the dedicated sickness telephone line the night before, during the night or first thing in the morning. This ensures that we know the reason for the absence and can mark your child in our register.

Where we don't have a reason for absence or we need more detail, my office team will try to make contact with parents / carers or someone on the contact list to establish the reason for absence. This may mean we are making several attempts across the morning and



afternoon to try and get a reason for the absence. If we can't get a reason, we have to mark the absence as unauthorised absence.

May I remind parents that the Governors of Burradon Community Primary School are unable to authorise holidays during term time. Poor attendance and punctuality in school and/or any holidays will mean the Education Welfare Service may issue you with a fine. Burradon Community Primary School does not receive any money from fines issued.

6) Snacks at breaktimes

A polite reminder that children can bring in a snack to have at morning break time but this must only be fruit or vegetables.

7) Nut Free School

A vital reminder that we a nut free school.

We have a few pupils attending school and a member of staff who have a severe peanut allergy. The pupils' 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.

Please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch or when going on a school trip. 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
- Ferrero Roche and Kinder Bueno

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts. We also ask that, if your child consumes any nut-based product before school, they wash their hands thoroughly and rinse their mouth before entering the school grounds. Please can I ask for parental support with this?

We understand that these measures may seem extreme; however, we want to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils and staff when on the school site. By putting these measure in place, we are reducing the possibility of their being any contact with nuts which could cause a severe and potentially life threatening reaction.

The school does not serve dinners that contain nut-based products – this includes products that are labelled as 'may contain traces of nuts'.

If any pupil is found with a nut-based product, staff will be making a phone call home to parents / carers to remind of our nut free school rule.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Your support is much appreciated.



8) Breakfast Club

A reminder that we offer a breakfast club before school for pupils in FS1 (Nursery) to Year 6

Before school childcare session

- 7:30am **prompt** – childcare session before breakfast club starts at 8am
- **£1.25 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.

9) Burradon Fun Club

Our Burradon Fun Club (OOSC) runs from the small hall between 3:15pm and 5:30pm during term time. This is for children who are in FS1 (Nursery – 30 hours) to Year 6.

Sessions need to be booked and paid for, in advance, each half term via the School Comms App.

10) 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)

11) FS1 (Nursery) Places

We still have some places available in our FS1 (nursery) year group for this September. 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 call into the school office for a form!



12) **Burradon Helpers**

Burradon Helpers is a parents/carers group which enables parents, carers and friends to be actively involved in the life of the school. We meet half termly to discuss ideas and plan events. New members are always welcome. If you are interested please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Liddle or come along to the first meeting of the year!

First meeting: Wednesday 20th September at 9am.

13) **Mrs Cooper**

At the very end of the summer term, Mrs Cooper successfully gained employment outside of teaching to start in September. Mrs Cooper worked with our Year 4 class last year. I am sure you will join with us in wishing Mrs Cooper the best of luck in her new challenge.

14) **Dates**

At the end of this newsletter, I have started to compile a list of significant dates and events in our Autumn Term calendar. The dates include our first parent / teacher appointment evenings and dare I say it this early... our nativity performance dates! Hopefully there will be no changes to these dates as we work through the term ahead!

A few little reminders.

- **School Comms** – We will be continuing to use School Comms as our primary way of contacting all parents with updates, important letters and booking for breakfast club and OOSC. Please continue to use the message facility within School Comms to update on any absence or appointments. We will also be looking at how we can further use our School Comms facility to reduce paper and ease communication across this academic year.
- **School phone number** – our office number is 0191 6434680.
- **School email** – our school email address is info@burradoncommunityprimary.org.uk
- **Seesaw** – we will be continuing to use your child's seesaw account to support with homework and class information. Please can I ask parents / carers to ensure you are still able to access your child's seesaw account.

A rather long newsletter packed full with information to get us off to a good start! My team and I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the coming academic year.

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.

5 th September	Children return to school after the summer holidays
6 th September	Year 1, 2 and 3 'Walk around Burradon'
12 th September	Year 4 Fire Safety Visit (in school)
20 th September	9am – Burradon Helpers' meeting
26 th September	9am – Digital Outreach Team session with parents / carers linked to supporting children to stay safe online while gaming
28 th September	EYFS trip to Seaton Delaval Hall
10 th October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (appointment letters to follow)
11 th October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (appointment letters to follow)
18 th October	Thrive parent / carer 'drop in' session with Mrs Liddle and Mrs Hopper
25 th October	Halloween Disco (TBC)
27 th October	<u>Teacher Training Day 2 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
30 th October	<u>October half term holidays</u>
6 th November	<u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u>
9 th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken in school
16 th November	FS1 parents / carers invited for Nursery Rhyme week
17 th November	FS2 parents / carers invited for Nursery Rhyme week
22 nd November	9am – Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers
13 th December	KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at 9:30am
13 th December	EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Performance at 2:15pm
14 th December	EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Performance at 9:30am
14 th December	KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at 1:45pm
19 th December	Pantomimes booked for whole school (details to follow)

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