



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 11th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Can I say a huge thank you to parents / carers, staff and our wonderful children for last week and our first 4 days back in school? It was wonderful to see all of our amazing children back in our school and nearly every child was able to attend. The few that were unable to return on the first day, I knew exactly why as well which is brilliant.

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 Tuesday 5th September – Friday 8th September

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	87.9%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 1	90.9%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	96.7%
FS1 (Bees and Butterflies)	98.4%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 92.0% which is well below the 96% national expectation. This is mainly due to the holidays outside of term time which took place last week.

2) Uniform

An excellent start to the year. Huge thanks to parents / carers and pupils for supporting our agreed school uniform and PE kit. Our pupils looked extremely smart in their school uniform including their completely black shoes, wearing it with a sense of pride.

3) Jewellery

A reminder that earrings must not be worn in school. It is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school, including earrings and SMART watches. I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety. If you child has had their ears pierced recently, please can you ring the school to discuss this with the class teacher and / or myself.



4) Vision and Values

A quick reminder about our whole school vision and values. These are at the heart of our curriculum in school and are embedded into every subject across all year groups.

Burradon Community Primary School
Learning together; growing together

Be curious about the world around you, ask questions and investigate.

Care and respect yourself, other people, our school and the wider world.

Persevere and be resilient - be the best you can.

Stay safe, make sensible choices and do things that make you happy.

At the heart of the community

5) Reading

Reading fluency and the enjoyment of reading are a high priority across the school. As parents / carers, you can continue to support at home by reading regularly at home with your child and by writing regular comments in their reading diaries each week. You are never too young or old to read or be read a story to!!!

We want to get off to a flying start with reading this term and very much appreciate regular reading taking place at home. It makes a real difference and the children love telling the teachers when they have been heard read at home and by who!

6) Eco School Award

During the summer holidays, we received an email to tell us that Miss Arkley and the Eco-Committee had been successful in meeting the requirements to be re-awarded the ECO Schools Green Flag Award.

The feedback received was amazing! It was exceptionally positive and very lengthy so I have taken out some of the main bits to share below – it was really hard to narrow down the fantastic feedback.

- You have an extremely large Eco-Committee supported by 2 adult members of staff. This demonstrates a whole school approach to the Eco-Schools programme and a commitment to environmental education and pupil-led eco-action.
- We love the inclusive approach you've taken to setting your Eco-Committee. This sets a positive and encouraging tone for your work, which supports a collaborative and community ethos, vital in maximising impacts.
- We love that your Environmental Review and achievable aims inspired the choice of projects in your Action Plan. It's a strong approach to work on things that will produce visible impact and change, and a great example of critical thinking. We think it's a great idea to design actions that can extend beyond the school walls and into the homes of families. This ethos is going to make a huge difference and



inspire your wider school community.

- We love that your actions are designed for young people to deliver and lead, empowering them and increasing their confidence. This is central to the Eco-Schools ethos.
- The three curriculum examples provided are a great example of environmental education. They are practical and fun examples of eco-education with a real-life context that will engage young people. You have provided practical and fun curriculum examples, which impressively build on the projects you have worked on in your Action Plan.
- It was great to see the uploaded examples of your classroom materials and curriculum plans. It shows a clear commitment to ensuring your pupils get engaging environmental education.
- You have placed a lot of emphasis on informing as many members of your school community as possible in your Eco-Schools work and this is a strength of your application. Getting involved with RSPB and WOW is a great example of collaboration. Your ability and willingness to partnership is impressive!
- Your hard work and dedication has inspired young people and empowered them with the belief that they can positively impact our planet – this is something incredibly special.
- Your greatest successes link clearly to the experience of your pupils. It is great to read about the continuing improvement in take-up of your brilliant uniform swap shop. This is what the best forms of climate action are about – impactful but achievable things that create a positive experience and prompt more action. We love this!

The final feedback said 'Overall, this is a terrific application. Everyone at Burradon Community Primary School should be proud of the Green Team and the amazing and inspiring work that they've delivered this year. You're more than worthy of an Eco-Schools Green Flag.'

To have yet another ECO Green Flag renewal is a huge achievement. Well done Miss Arkley, ECO Team, all pupils and staff. Thank you also to our parents / carers and community for their support with our ECO School's curriculum.

7) Healthy Schools Award (July 2023-July 2025)

Just before the summer holidays, Mrs Liddle, submitted our Health Schools assessment and audit. Mrs Liddle received an email just as we left for the summer which stated:

- It is clear that Burradon Community Primary School continues to be a health promoting schools and I am very pleased to attach the new Healthy Schools logo in recognition of this. Thank you again for all you do to promote health and wellbeing and for your support this year.

Our certificate, which was signed by the Director for Education and Inclusion and the Director of Public Health, stated 'This certificate is awarded to Burradon Community Primary School for achieving a Healthy Schools score of 109/115, reflecting outstanding work to maintain a whole school approach to health and well-being.'

To maintain our outstanding work linked to health and well-being year or year is a fantastic achievement. Well done Mrs Liddle, all pupils and staff. Thank you also to our parents / carers and community for their support with our Healthy School Curriculum.



8) Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Award

Just before the summer holidays, Mrs Baty, submitted our School Games Assessment and evidence. These awards are in recognition of the work the school does linked to the development of school sport, physical education and competitions.

Mrs Baty, staff, sports crew and all pupils have been working very hard to continue to rebuild our PE and Sports curriculum which was significantly impacted on due to the COVID pandemic. For example, you will be well aware of the increased swimming curriculum we have delivered in KS2 following no swimming for nearly 2 years.

The bronze award is a great starting point and recognises our

- planned approach to 60 active minutes, particularly 30 minutes in school.
- Opportunities for all young pupils to be involved in sports and competitive sports and provide opportunities for them to practise skills prior to competitions in school.
- A clear process on how we engage young people's views in school in order to drive the school sport forward.
- Sports crew who organises activities at break times and asks their peers what they would like to see.

Huge thanks and congratulations to Mrs Baty who leads the PE and Sport work in our school. Huge thanks and congratulations also must go to all of our fantastic children, dedicated staff and supportive parents / carers who support our PE and Sport provision throughout the year – a real team effort and well deserved!!!

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.

12 th September	Year 4 Fire Safety Visit (in school)
15 th September	Y4, Y5 and Y6 British Sign Language (BSL) sessions in school
20 th September	9am – Burradon Helpers' meeting
22 nd September	Y1, Y2 and Y3 British Sign Language (BSL) sessions in school
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 Deleval 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
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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