



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 25th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

A lovely week in school which saw British Sign Language (BSL) sessions with our Y1, Y2 and Y3 classes on Friday. Well done!!

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 18th September – Friday 22nd September

| <u>Year Group</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
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| Year 6 | 91.7% |
| Year 5 | 88.3% |
| Year 4 | 90% |
| Year 3 | 96.3% |
| Year 2 | 97.8% |
| Year 1 | 95.0% |
| FS2 (Ladybirds) | 89.7% |
| FS1 (Bees and Butterflies) | 80% |

Last week we had 2 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.3% which is well below the 96% national expectation. We continue to see an impact on attendance figures due to holidays outside of term time. In addition, we appear to have a sickness bug going round school!

2) Road Safety (coming to school, leaving school and in the evening)

I have had a report of a very near miss involving one of our pupils on his bike one evening last week. We do have a lot of children who cycle or scoot to and from school and then play out when they get home on their bikes.

Please can I ask all parents / carers to have a talk to their children about road safety and making sure they look before crossing roads on foot, their bike or scooter. We also completed some work in school with all classes at the end of last week. Many thanks for your support with this important area of safety for our pupils.

3) Punctuality

Our gates open at 8:40am so that children can come into school and be ready for good start to their day.



A reminder that school officially starts at 8:50am with registration. Our lessons start promptly at 8:55am. We have a number of children who are coming in through the key stage doors between 8:55am and 9am and a few children who are coming in through the main door after 9am. This means that they are missing the start of their lesson which causes disruption for them but also for the rest of the children in the class who are ready to learn. Please can I ask for your support to ensure your child is in school on time at 8:50am? Many thanks.

4) Online gaming workshop for parents / carers

Unfortunately the workshops for parents / carers linked to online gaming has needed to be cancelled. We only had 2 parents / carers express an interest in attending and we needed a larger number for the session to go ahead.

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.

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| 28 th September | EYFS trip to Seaton Deleval Hall |
| 5 th October | Rugby World Cup Fun Day Lunch (in school) |
| 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 | 9am - Thrive parent / carer 'drop in' session with Mrs Liddle and Mrs Hopper |
| 25 th October | Y3 visit to the Hindu Temple (morning) |
| 25 th October | Halloween Party in school 9:30am - 10:30am for 2YO and FS1 (nursery) |
| 25 th October | Halloween Disco for FS2 (Reception) Year 1 and Year 2 at 3:15pm - 4:15pm |
| 25 th October | Halloween Disco for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at 4:25pm - 5:25pm |
| 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> |
| 8 th November | 9am – Burradon Helpers meeting |
| 9 th November | Individual and immediate family photographs being taken in school |



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| 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) |
| 22 nd December | <u>Christmas holidays</u> |
| 8 th January | <u>Schools re-open after Christmas holiday</u> |

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