



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 2nd October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

A lovely week in school which saw our Early Years Foundation Stage children visiting Seaton Deleval Hall on Thursday for a delightful outdoor trip. It was wonderful to see our youngest children exploring the outdoors, learning, having fun and behaving impeccably. Well done Early Years!

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 25th September – Friday 29th September

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	92.1%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 4	86.7%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 2	100%
Year 1	98.8%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	92.3%

Last week we had 2 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. Our Year 2 class had 100% attendance – well done Y2! The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 94.2% which is well below the 96% national expectation. We continue to see an impact on attendance figures due to holidays outside of term time alongside a sickness bug.

Unfortunately, we have not had a great start to the year with attendance. Hopefully things improve rapidly across October as we run up to parents / carers evenings and half term.

2) Parent / Teacher Nights

Our autumn term parent / teacher evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October. Please find below the procedures that we have put in place for our face to face parents / carers evenings this week.

- Our autumn term appointments are 10 minute appointments and will be strictly adhered to. This is to ensure staff are running on time and that we reduce congestion in our corridors. If additional time is required, staff will be in touch at a later date to arrange a further telephone appointment.



- Parents / carers are politely requested to only arrive at school 5 minutes before their appointment time. This is to give time for you to look at your child's books and the curriculum learning they have completed and to reduce congestion in our corridors.
- If you need to bring your child / children with you for your appointment time, they must remain next to you in the corridor at all times. This includes going into the appointment with you – they cannot wait in the corridor area outside the classroom.
- Meetings will take place in your child's classroom with the layout decided by the individual class teacher. At the end of your appointment, you will be asked to exit the classroom via the external doors into the school yard to leave. The only exception will be for those who have siblings and need to go back into the corridor for their next appointment and year 6 parents / carers who will leave by the top external door. This is to reduce congestion in the corridor and to support keeping appointments on time for parents / carers and staff.

3) Sports Crew Raffle

Sports Crew have been working very hard over the last few weeks increasing fitness with our Daily Fitness Challenges and Fitness Activities at break and lunchtime.

We would like to run a sports raffle to raise money for the playground equipment. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 23rd October until Thursday 26th October. They will be £1 a strip and will be sold by the Sports Crew each day in school. Please bring money in a labelled envelope. The raffle will take place during school time on Thursday 26th October.

We would appreciate any donations of sports prizes such as balls, skipping ropes, bats and hula hoops.

4) October Half Term holidays

Where does the time go!!! Can I remind parents that the children break up for ½ term holidays at the end of Thursday 26th October as we have a training day on Friday 27th October. Children will return to school on Monday 6th November.

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 October	Rugby World Cup Fun Day Lunch (in school)
6 th October	Mobile library bus visiting school
10 th October	Y5 Trial and Challenge event at Rising Sun Country Park (afternoon)
10 th October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (appointment letters to follow)
11 th October	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (appointment letters to follow)
17 th October	Y4 Quicksticks Hockey event at The Parks (afternoon)
18 th October	9am - Thrive parent / carer 'drop in' session with Mrs Liddle and Mrs Hopper
23 rd October	Sports raffle tickets on sale
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
26 th October	Sports raffle draw (in school)
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
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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