



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 6th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

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 23rd October – Thursday 26th October

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	99.1%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 4	95%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 1	97.6%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	94.6%

Last week we had 4 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 97.1% which is above the 96% national expectation. A much better week for attendance. Let's hope this continues over the 2nd half of Autumn.

2) Parking in the Burradon Community Ground Car Park

The Chair of Governors and I would like to politely remind parents / carers to park appropriately and safely in the car park that is linked to the community ground. This includes only parking in the disabled bays if you hold an appropriate badge which should be on display. In addition, please can we ask that cars are only parked in designated parking bays and not on the path next to the bowling green. Your support with this is very much appreciated and will further support safety around the school and it's vicinity.

3) Poppy

Our School Council are selling poppies every day this week until Friday 10th November. The suggested donation for a poppy is 50p. The slap bands and bracelets etc have a suggested donation of £1.

4) Christmas Jumper Swop

Mrs Little and Miss Arkley will be collecting any unwanted Christmas jumpers and t-shirts from this week to support parents / carers. If you have a Christmas jumper or t-shirt that your child has grown out of and you don't mind donating it to school, please send it into school with your child or hand it into the office.



If we receive enough Christmas jumper donations, we are intending on having a Christmas jumper swap shop, after school in the small hall. We will organise a date nearer the time if we have enough jumpers and t-shirts!

5) Wear odd socks for anti-bullying

Monday 13th November sees the start of Anti Bullying week and the ongoing message that we all need to work together to stop bullying. On Monday 14th November as part of 'Odd Socks Day', we would like to encourage all children to come to school wearing a pair of odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and individual.

6) Anti-bullying week and assembly

Anti-Bullying week starts on Monday 13th November. The following week, the staff and children would like to invite parents / carers into school for our annual Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly on Wednesday 22nd November at 9am.

7) Children in Need

A reminder... Friday 17th November is Children in Need Fundraising day. The children have asked to come to school wearing PJs, onesies or non-uniform on this day and to bring in a £1 donation for this worthwhile cause. Can I ask parents to ensure that their child also has a warm coat with them as the weather is definitely getting colder!!! Many thanks.

8) Attendance half term winner

Year 3 class were our autumn term 1st half attendance winners for the best attendance over the 8 weeks. They will all receive a small prize today from the attendance prize box.

9) Halloween Discos

Our Halloween discos were very well attended and comments from the children highlighted how much they had enjoyed the discos. There were some amazing costumes! Huge thanks to Burradon Helpers, Mrs Little and the staff for organising the event. Many thanks also to parents / carers for your support – the children looked fantastic!!!

10) Parent / Carer Questionnaire

We are always trying to improve the standard of education we are providing for our children. An important part of this is to listen to what parents / carers are saying about the work of the school and to take your views into account when planning for school improvement. Alongside our parents' evenings, we also gather our parents / carers views through an annual questionnaire.

Today, we have sent out our parents / carers questionnaire. Please could you spend a few minutes completing the questionnaire which is a series of statements and tick boxes? It would be great if parent / carers could write some comments in the final boxes as well. Many thanks.

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.

8 th November	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting
9 th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken in school
13 th November	Wear odd socks for Anti Bullying week
13 th November	Kindness house team event in school (World Kindness Day)
14 th November	Phunky Foods working in the EYFS
15 th November	Music session being delivered in 2YO
16 th November	FS1 parents / carers invited for Nursery Rhyme week
17 th November	Children in Need – wear PJs or non-uniform (£1 donation would be appreciated for this fundraising event)
17 th November	FS2 parents / carers invited for Nursery Rhyme week
20 th November	9am - FS2 Phonics parents / carers meeting and demonstration
22 nd November	9am – Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers
1 st December	Y6 at Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Lakeside (TBC)
7 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
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)
20 th December	EYFS Polar Express Day (wear PJs)
22 nd December	<u>Christmas holidays</u>
8 th January	<u>Schools re-open after Christmas holiday</u>

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