



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 13th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

A very busy first week back with all children returning to school very settled and ready to learn. Our Y1 and Y2 classes were visited by Gosforth Nature reserve on Wednesday and completed some focused learning tasks in school. Well done Key Stage 1!

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 6th November – Friday 10th November 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	97.9%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 4	91.3%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 2	92.2%
Year 1	88.8%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	85.7%

Last week we only had 2 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.9% which is well below the 96% national expectation. I will be looking closely at year group and individual attendance this week to see if we have any patterns.

2) Anti-bullying week and assembly

Anti-Bullying week starts today. Next 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.

3) 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.

4) Christmas Jumper Swop

Mrs Liddle 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!

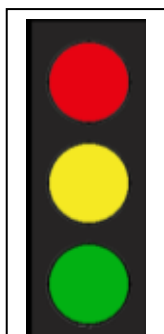
5) FS1 (Nursery) Places

We still have some places available in our FS1 (nursery) year group. 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!

6) End of Autumn Term Attendance

A reminder that at the end of this term, parents / carers of children from FS2 (Reception) to Year 6 will receive their child's current attendance percentage to date and which colour zone your child is in for their attendance - Green, Amber or Red.



Danger Zone ~ inadequate attendance ~ **90% or less** = **Red**

At Risk Zone ~ attendance that requires improvement ~ **between 90.1% and 95.9%** = **Amber**

Safety Zone ~ good attendance ~ **96% or more** = **Green**

The Government expects attendance of 96% or above. It is fantastic if your child is in the green zone (safety zone)!!!

If your child's attendance is in the amber zone (at risk zone), their attendance is below the standard set by the Government. As a school, we will look at ways to support you to improve your child's attendance including a period of attendance monitoring. We are also aware that there has been a sickness bug in school that your child may well have caught.

If your child's attendance is in the red zone (Danger Zone), your child's attendance may be referred through the Local Authority Fast Track system to the Education Welfare Officer. Having 90% attendance means that your child is absent from school on average half a day each week. Miss Hunter will be in contact with you to discuss your child's attendance and to see if there is anything the school can do to support you to improve

7) Dates

At the end of this newsletter, I have a list of significant dates and events in our school. Please keep checking these as I update these regularly when things are confirmed in school.

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.

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
17 th November	11:15am – Sing along for parents / carers of children in our 2 Year Old (2YO) provision
20 th November	9am - FS2 Phonics parents / carers meeting and demonstration
21 st November	1:30pm – Y2 taking part in ‘Last chance to paint’ webinar
22 nd November	9am – Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers
24 th November	White Ribbon Day
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>
10 th January	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting



11 th January	Y1 and Y2 trip to the safety works (pm)
18 th January	Y3 trip to Segedunum (all day)
19 th January	Y2 trip to Newcastle Cathedral (pm)
26 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD)
19 th February	<u>February half term holidays</u>
26 th February	<u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u>

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