



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 20th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

A focused week across the school with a very important 'kindness' house team event on Monday to start Anti-Bullying week. The children all looked great in their odd socks – a reminder that we are all different and unique.

Lots of activities have taken place across the school. We had Phunky Foods working in our Early Years on Tuesday followed by 2 parent / carer nursery rhyme sharing sessions later in the week. Our pre-school provision enjoyed a lovely music session on Wednesday morning followed by a sing along with parents / carers on Friday.

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 13th November – Friday 17th November 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	95.5%
Year 5	91.7%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 1	91.9%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	91.7%

Last week we only had 2 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 94.8% which is well below the 96% national expectation. I am currently working my way through individual classes looking closely at attendance.

2) Anti-bullying sharing assembly for parents / carers

Final reminder... 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) Parent / Carer Questionnaire

On behalf of the staff and Governors, may I thank all of the parents / carers who took the time to complete our annual parent / carer questionnaire? At the end of deadline on Friday 17th November, we had received 61 responses which have been used to complete the results. An excellent number of responses from parents / carers this year - many thanks for



this. Any additional questionnaires received after the deadline cannot be used in the results but will be kept in the folder for this year.

Overall the questionnaires were overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the school and our work. We also received some lovely comments in the box provided linked to the work of the school. Below is the overview results table from the questionnaires received. Once again many thanks for your support – the education of our children is a real team effort at our school.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire November 2023 Results

(please tick)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1. My child is happy at Burradon Community Primary School. (61 responses)	85% (52 responses)	15% (9 responses)	--	--	--
2. My child feels safe at Burradon Community Primary School (61 responses)	87% (53 responses)	13% (8 responses)	--	--	--
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. (61 responses)	72% (44 responses)	25% (15 responses)	--	--	3% (2 responses)
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively. (61 responses)	7% (4 responses)	5% (3 responses)	2% (1 response)	--	My child has not been bullied 89% (53 responses)
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year. (61 responses)	75% (46 responses)	21% (13 responses)	--	--	3% (2 responses)
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly. (61 responses)	36% (22 responses)	23% (14 responses)	--	--	I have not raised any concerns 41% (25 responses)
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (Yes or No - please circle) (61 responses)	Yes 16% (10 responses)		No 84% (51 responses)		



<u>If you answered yes to question 7 above, how strongly do you agree with this statement</u> 'My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.' (10 responses)	80% (8 responses)	20% (2 responses)	--	--	--
8. The school has high expectations for my child. (61 responses)	74% (45 responses)	25% (15 responses)	--	--	2% (1 response)
9. My child does well at this school. (61 responses)	79% (48 responses)	21% (13 responses)	--	--	--
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing. (61 responses)	80% (49 responses)	20% (12 responses)	--	--	--
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school. (61 responses)	77% (47 responses)	20% (12 responses)	--	--	3% (2 responses)
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school. (61 responses)	70% (43 responses)	22% (13 responses)	--	--	8% (5 responses)
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development. (61 responses)	69% (42 responses)	28% (17 responses)	2% (1 response)	--	2% (1 response)
14. I would recommend Burradon Community Primary School to another parent. (Yes or No - please circle) (61 responses)	Yes 100% (61 responses)		No --		

4) OFSTED Parent View website

Our school is a happy learning community with brilliant children, parents/carers, staff and governors. Following our extremely positive parents questionnaire, I would like your help to increase the feedback our school has online so that anyone looking at our school can see the wonderful views of our parents / carers.

OFSTED Parent view is an online questionnaire for parents and carers to give their views on their child's school. The questions asked are exactly the same questions that we have just asked on our annual parent/carer questionnaire.

If you would like to give your views about our school online, the website link is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Parents / carers will need to register as a user first, using your email address. If you would like any assistance, please contact the school and we'll be happy to help. Your support with this is very much appreciated.



5) Recommending the school to prospective parents / carers

Mr Damian Ramsay, Chair of Governors and I are delighted with the results of the parents / carers questionnaire above. **In particular the fact that all parents / carers who completed the questionnaire would recommend the school to another parents / carers for their child.**

Over the last few weeks, we have been aware of many social media posts where our parent / carers are actively recommending the school on Facebook, local community forum sites and by 'word of mouth'. **This is fantastic for our school. We really need you to continue to do this so that we can increase the number of children who are attending our happy little school and encourage more to join us as they move into the area.**

As Headteacher, I fully appreciate the comments about small classes that were in the questionnaire. This academic year, we have been very lucky to be able to maintain the current class year group structure when we do have lots of classes which are very small. Our school has a published admissions number (PAN) of 27 with infant class sizes for Reception, Y1 and Y2 able to go up to 30, if required, and no limit on numbers for classes in Key Stage 2. The vast majority of our classes are much, much smaller than this.

Schools are funded from the number of pupils in their school. When you have lots of small classes this inevitably puts pressure on our school budget to maintain the current class year groups structure that we fought so hard to keep this year.

Therefore, the Chair of Governors and I are delighted that parents / carers are actively and vocally recommending our happy, successful school to other parents. Please, please continue to do this... a few more children in each year group would be brilliant for our school.

6) Children in Need 2023

The children and staff all looked fantastic in their pyjamas and onesies on Friday for our Children in Need fundraising event. Many thanks to everyone for support our fundraising efforts!

7) Christmas holidays

Children will break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22nd December 2023. Children will return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

8) Dates

At the end of this newsletter, I have just added class Christmas party dates. Staff will be in touch nearer the time with specific arrangements.

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.

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
29 th November	Y1 visit to The Church of the Good Shepherd
1 st December	Y6 at Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Lakeside (pm)
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
18 th December	Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas party (am)
18 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party (pm)
19 th December	Pantomimes booked for whole school (details to follow)
20 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party (pm)
20 th December	EYFS Polar Express Day (wear PJs)
21 st December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (pm)
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)
6 th February	Safer Internet Day 2024
19 th February	<u>February half term holidays</u>
26 th February	<u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u>
11 th March	Bikeability (TBC date and year groups)
12 th March	Bikeability (TBC date and year groups)
12 th March	ECO Team visit to Northern Gas Network in Blaydon (pm – TBC)

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