



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 4th December 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 27th November – Friday 1st December 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	90%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	95.9%

Last week we only had 2 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. 4 classes were over 95% which is a huge improvement in recent attendance figures. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 96.3% which is just above the 96% national expectation and possibly only the 2nd time this year!.

2) Uniform

It is great to see nearly all of our children wearing the correct school uniform, including black shoes, across the Autumn Term. They looked very smart!! To ensure we start the Spring Term off in good fashion, a quick reminder of our agreed school uniform, **including black shoes** and PE kit. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Our agreed school uniform

<u>School Uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White or yellow polo shirt • Royal blue sweatshirt • Grey or black trousers • Grey or black skirt • Blue or yellow checked dress (in summer) • Grey or black shorts (in summer) • Black shoes



Our agreed PE uniform

<u>PE uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White t-shirt • Dark shorts (navy blue or black) • Dark tracksuit bottoms (navy blue or black for the colder weather) • Suitable footwear, e.g sandals or trainers • School jumper (if cold)

3) Christmas dates reminder

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
<u>Thursday 7th December</u>	<u>Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper / Own Uniform Day</u>
<u>Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am</u> and <u>Thursday 14th December at 1:45pm</u>	<u>KS2 Performance</u> Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
<u>Wednesday 13th December at 2:15pm</u> and <u>Thursday 14th December at 9:30am</u>	<u>Christmas Nativity Performance</u> Early Years Foundation Stage (FS1 and FS2) Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)
<u>Tuesday 19th December</u>	<u>Christmas Pantomimes across the school</u>
<u>Last week of Autumn Term</u> <u>Children can come to school in their party clothes for the whole day of their party</u> <u>Letters will be send out by class teachers nearer the time</u>	<u>Class Christmas Parties</u> <u>Early Years Foundation Stage:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th December (am) <u>Year 1 and Year 2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th December (pm) <u>Year 3 and Year 4:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 20th December (pm) <u>Year 5 and Year 6:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 21st December (pm)

4) Facebook, twitter and seesaw

I am sure you will appreciate that my team have worked tirelessly across this autumn term focusing on teaching and learning. Like yourselves, they are looking forward to their Christmas holidays and spending time with their own families over the festive period.

To support my team to have a break over the Christmas holiday and spend time with their own families, they will not be making any Facebook posts during the festive period. Staff will also not be responding to any messages on Facebook, seesaw or through School Comms and the school inbox until they return to school on Monday 8th January. I am sure you understand this decision and appreciate the support you have shown my team during this term.

5) Christmas holidays

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

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.

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)
20 th December	3:00pm – 3:45pm – Uniform Swap Shop in small hall
21 st December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (pm)
21 st December	3:00pm – 3:45pm – Uniform Swap Shop in small hall
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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