



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 11th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Christmas well and truly arrived at Burradon last week...

On Thursday we had our Christmas dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and staff. We all looked amazing in our Christmas jumpers and party hats! Huge thanks to the catering team for another wonderful meal. This week, we look forward to our Christmas performances across the school. The last week of term sees our annual Christmas pantomimes and class Christmas parties!

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 4th December – Friday 8th December 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	90%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	90.5%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95.5%

Last week we had no class above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.6% which is well below the 96% national expectation.

2) Nativity Performances

A reminder that our Christmas performances are taking place this week. Dates and times are in our events section below. We ask parents / carers for a £1.00 donation at our Christmas Performances on the day which goes towards activities in school across the festive season.

I appreciate that money is very tight but if anyone has a donations for our raffles which take place on the nativity performances, please could you send these into school?

<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)
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Wednesday 13th December at 2:15pm
and
Thursday 14th December at 9:30am

Christmas Nativity Performance
Early Years Foundation Stage
(FS1 and FS2)

Key Stage 1
(Year 1 and Year 2)

3) OFSTED Parent View website

Our school is a happy learning community with brilliant children, parents, staff and governors. Our recent parents / carer questionnaire was extremely positive. I would like your help to increase the feedback our school has online to support parents / carers who are looking for a school for their child or moving into our catchment area.

OFSTED Parent view is an online questionnaire for parents and carers to give their views on their child's school. 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 will be happy to help.

4) Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals. The following information is taken from North Tyneside website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/page/4049/free-school-meals>

You're eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, applications can be taken over the telephone by calling (0191) 643 2288 (You will require your National Insurance Number) or by completing the online form on the website link above.

5) 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.

6) **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.

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
15 th December	2YO Sing-along for parents / carers at 11:20am
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
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 (school breaks at the end of today)</u>
8 th January	<u>Schools re-open after Christmas holiday</u>
10 th January	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting
10 th January	Little Kickers football session with FS2 children
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)
26 th January	School Council offsite visit linked to Holocaust Memorial Day (am)



6 th February	Safer Internet Day 2024
16 th February	<u>February half term holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u>
26 th February	<u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u>
5 th March	Spring term parent / carers meetings (details to follow)
6 th March	Spring term parent / carers meetings (details to follow)
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)
15 th March	Y4 skipping festival at The Lakeside (am – details to follow)
21 st March	Diversity Role Model sessions in school (Y2-Y5)
28 th March	<u>Easter holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u>
29 th March	<u>Bank Holiday (Good Friday)</u>
15 th April	<u>Schools re-open after Easter holiday</u>
19 th April	High Borrans residential weekend for children in Y5 and Y6
22 nd April	High Borrans residential children return

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