



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Where has this Autumn Term gone! On behalf of the Governors, Staff and pupils, may we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year? Thank you for all your support this term and we will see you in January!

### 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!!

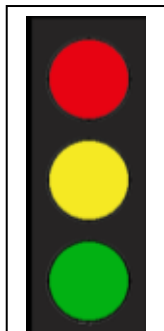
#### Attendance for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	96.7%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	98.9%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	90.3%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.5% which is well below the 96% national expectation.

### 2) End of Autumn Term Attendance

A reminder that at the end of this week, 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

### **3) Nativity Performances**

Our Christmas nativity performances raised a total of £754.18 with all money raised paying for the Christmas activities that have taken place in school this week. The children were amazing and did their very best. Many thanks for your support and generosity.

### **4) School Uniform Swap Shop for end of autumn term**

As part of being an Eco School and thinking about reusing and recycling, the School Council and ECO Team would like to arrange a uniform swap shop. This will take place at 3:00 – 3:45pm in the Community Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December for all parents/carers to come along and pick up some free quality uniform. Please send in any donations of uniform including coats, shoes, plimsolls into school by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **5) Facebook, Seesaw and School Comms**

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. Children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

18 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas party (am)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party (pm)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomimes booked for whole school
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party (pm)
20 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Polar Express Day (wear PJs)
20 <sup>th</sup> December	3:00pm – 3:45pm – Uniform Swap Shop in small hall
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (pm)
21 <sup>st</sup> December	3:00pm – 3:45pm – Uniform Swap Shop in small hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b><u>Christmas holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u></b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b><u>Schools re-open after Christmas holiday</u></b>
10 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Little Kickers football session with FS2 children
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 and Y2 trip to the safety works (pm)
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 trip to Segedunum (all day)
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Fun Day Lunch from Catering Services ‘Under the Sea’
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 trip to Newcastle Cathedral (pm)
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD)
26 <sup>th</sup> January	School Council offsite visit linked to Holocaust Memorial Day (am)
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2024
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Careers sharing assembly for parents / carers at 9:05am
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Careers dress up day across the school
16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b><u>February half term holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u></b>
26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b><u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u></b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring term parent / carers meetings (details to follow)
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring term parent / carers meetings (details to follow)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability (TBC date and year groups)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability (TBC date and year groups)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	ECO Team visit to Northern Gas Network in Blaydon (pm – TBC)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 skipping festival at The Lakeside (am – details to follow)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Diversity Role Model sessions in school (Y2-Y5)
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>Easter holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u></b>
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>Bank Holiday (Good Friday)</u></b>
15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>Schools re-open after Easter holiday</u></b>



19<sup>th</sup> April

High Borrans residential weekend for children in Y5 and Y6

22<sup>nd</sup> April

High Borrans residential children return

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