



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Last week was very busy with some classes out on visits. On Tuesday, Mrs Baty took a group of KS2 pupils to a Boccia competition at Walker Activity Dome. On a very cold Thursday, our Year 3 class visited Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum to support their 'Romans' history topic. Then on Friday, our Year 2 class visited Newcastle Cathedral linked to their RE unit of work.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	92.3%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	95.2%

Last week we had 2 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95.5% which is just below 96% national expectation. A good start!

### 2) High Borrans Residential trip in March for Y5 and Y6 children

Our outdoor and adventurous weekend residential for Y5 and Y6 children is booked for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April to return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We have 30 children on our list for this wonderful extra-curricular activity which is amazing. The staff accompanying the children will be confirmed nearer the time. Our staff give up their weekend with their own families, voluntarily without any additional pay, to enable this residential to go ahead and for this I am very grateful.

Mrs Baty, who will be leading the trip, will be hosting a High Borrans meeting in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm for parents / carers whose children have been signed up for the trip. A letter was sent out last week, please can I ask parents / carers to complete the letter and return it as soon as possible so we know who will be attending.



Our High Borrans residential is always well attended and an exciting, challenging, fun filled and tiring weekend is always reported every year.

### **3) Safer Internet Day**

It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February and all children across school will be looking in more depth at how to stay safe online as part of this day. Through lessons provided at school, assemblies, guest speakers, and PSHE lessons, we do our very best to provide our children with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognise and avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful behaviour and to respond appropriately. However, it is only through a collaborative effort between parents / carers and teachers that we will fully succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens who have all of the information they need to make the right choices themselves when working online.

Our own school website has specific sections linked to E-Safety for parents and children. We also recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online.

- [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)
- [CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk))
- [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

### **4) Climbing frames and school equipment before and after school**

Please can I remind parents / carers that the climbing frame in the EYFS yard, the large climbing frame on the main yard at the back of the school and our other outdoor equipment are not to be used before or after school by children and their younger siblings?

Our climbing frames and outdoor equipment are for use during school time only by children under the supervision of school staff. Your full support with this is very much appreciated.

Staff have also mentioned that some children are climbing the fencing in and around the school. This can be quite slippery in the damp weather and we don't want to have any accidents so please can I ask that children are stopped from doing this by parents / carers.

### **5) February half term holidays**

A reminder that school breaks for the February half term holidays on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for a week. The children will return to school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

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.

22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 2 visiting Burradon Farm (am)
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Warrens Waste, Nick Wilson, visiting Y2 linked to food waste (pm)
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – ‘Fragility of Freedom’ theme
26 <sup>th</sup> January	School Council offsite visit linked to Holocaust Memorial Day (am)
26 <sup>th</sup> January	ECO Team Big Garden Birdwatch
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Nat West in Y3 for Financial Education workshop
5 <sup>th</sup> February	House Team event linked to online safety
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2024
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Phunky Foods working with Y3
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 skipping session (pm)
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>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 at careers hub event with Newcastle United Foundation at the Metrocentre (TBC)
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Quayside and Discovery Museum trip (all day - TBC)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting
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	Year 4 at Discovery Museum STEM careers event (pm – TBC)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability (TBC date and year groups)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability (TBC date and year groups)
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)
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Br Khadim visiting Y1-Y6 linked to RE curriculum
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter raffle, boiled egg competition and Easter activities
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
6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)</u></b>
13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 National SATs assessment week for Year 6



19 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Cancer Run at Gosforth Park (Sunday event)
24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>Half term holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u></b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Teacher Training Day (school closed to all pupils)
4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u></b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Northern Gas workshop with ECO Team (am)
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Northern Gas session with Year 6 (pm)
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 pupils who are transferring to NGA – Day 1 at NGA
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 pupils who are transferring to NGA – Day 2 at NGA
19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>Summer holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u></b>

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