



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	93.3%
Year 1	88.1%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	92.8%

Last week we had 4 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95.3% which is just below 96% national expectation.

### 2) Vision and Values

A quick reminder about our whole school vision and values. These are at the heart of our curriculum in school and are embedded into every subject across all year groups. These whole school expectations are regularly reinforced with the children during assemblies, visits and class work.

**Burradon Community Primary School**  
**Learning together; growing together**

**Be curious** about the world around you, ask questions and investigate.

**Care and respect** yourself, other people, our school and the wider world.

**Persevere and be resilient** - be the best you can.

**Stay safe**, make sensible choices and do things that make you happy.

**At the heart of the community**



### 3) Praise for our Year 2 class

Our Year 2 class had a visit last week from Nick Wilson, Warrens Food Waste, to talk about what happens with our food waste once it leaves our school. Following his visit, I received a lovely email from Nick which I want to share with parents / carers. Well done Year 2 and Miss Hopper – lovely feedback and well deserved.

*'I am in complete awe of people who decide to follow the profession of teaching. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit the school and speak with the Year 2 class. The children were attentive, polite, and engaging and are all great ambassadors for the school and teaching staff. Children like that give me hope for the future.'*

### 4) Uniform

Please can I ask for full support with the schools agreed school uniform, including correct trousers, black shoes and separate PE kit?

We have a number of children coming into school wearing leggings/tracksuit bottoms instead of the school uniform of grey or black skirt or black or grey trousers. This includes leggings / tracksuit bottoms with brand names and logos down the side of them. These are not part of our agreed school uniform.

We also have a number of children not wearing black shoes. I appreciate that there may be times when shoes don't fit and they are awaiting being replaced. If this is the case, then an email into the school inbox would be appreciated. However, we have occasions where children are wearing various coloured shoes and trainers across the week.

**We do have some good quality, pre-loved uniform and some black shoes in a range of sizes in school. Please contact the school office or Mrs Liddle if you need a few bits and pieces and my team can get these our swap shop boxes.**

#### Our agreed school uniform

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

#### Our agreed PE uniform

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



**Please can I ask for your full support with our agreed school uniform? Phone calls home will continue to be made where children are not in the right uniform. Many thanks.**

### **5) Water bottles in school**

It is really important that all children have a water bottle in school so they can re-hydrate on a regular basis in school. Staff will continue to encourage the children to drink regularly including if they have milk in school.

A polite reminder that there should only be water in children's water bottles which they access in the classroom. We have seen an increase in juice being brought into school. This should only be in a child's packed lunch bottle and not in their water bottle.

### **6) School office**

Our school office is staffed from 8am each morning (Monday to Friday) until 3:30pm. Our school office has an answerphone facility whereby parents / carers can

- Press 1 to report a student absence and leave a message on the absence line
- Press 3 to leave a message on the answerphone for the school office

We also have our School Comms messaging facility through the APP and our school email address for parents/carers to use to inform school of any appointments, absence. The email address is [info@burradoncommunityprimary.org.uk](mailto:info@burradoncommunityprimary.org.uk)

### **7) Dates**

At the end of this newsletter, I have a list of significant dates and events in our school. Please keep checking these as I update these regularly when things are confirmed in school. More dates have been added this week!

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.

29 <sup>th</sup> January	Newcastle Eagles Basketball session in Y2 (am) and FS2 (pm)
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Music specialist working with children in pre-school
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Nat West in Y3 for Financial Education workshop
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Newcastle Eagles Basketball session in FS2 (pm)
5 <sup>th</sup> February	House Team event linked to online safety 'Inspiring Change'



6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2024 'Inspiring Change'
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Phunky Foods working with Y5 (pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Phunky Foods working with Y3 (am)
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 skipping session (pm)
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Music specialist working with children in pre-school
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
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 visit to St Mary's RC Cathedral in Newcastle (pm)
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Quayside and Discovery Museum trip (all day)
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)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability (Letters to follow to specific year groups)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability (Letters to follow to specific year groups)
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability (Letters to follow to specific year groups)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 and Y6 Lego League competition at the Village Hotel (all day)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 skipping festival at The Lakeside (am)
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)  
19<sup>th</sup> June Class photographs taken (morning)  
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 **Summer holidays (school breaks at the end of today)**

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