



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 26th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Where did the first half of this academic year go! I hope that you all had a nice half term break and are ready for the 2nd half of the academic year.

1) Weekly Attendance update

Below are the individual class attendance figures for last week. Our school are aiming for 96% as a minimum this year.

Attendance for Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	86.9%
Year 1	90.4%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	91.6%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	94.8%

Last week we had 2 classes above 96%. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 94.2% which is below our 96% target.

2) High Borrans Weekend Residential

Our outdoor and adventurous weekend residential for Y5 and Y6 children will take place on Friday 19th April to return on Monday 22nd April. We have 30 children on our list for this wonderful extra-curricular activity which is amazing.

Mrs Baty will be leading the weekend residential trip. She will be accompanied by the following staff:

- Miss Hopper (Year 2 teacher)
- Miss Watts (Y5 teacher)
- Miss Ingham (Teaching Assistant and first aider)

Our staff give up their weekend with their own families, voluntarily without any additional pay, to enable this residential to go ahead. The governors and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the team accompanying the children and I am sure that parents / carers of children attending the residential will also join with us in thanking our staff.

Our High Borrans residential is always well attended and an exciting, challenging, fun filled and tiring weekend is always reported every year. It will be a brilliant trip!



3) **Jewellery**

It is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school, including clear earrings. I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety. Jewellery can be a serious risk to the children's safety during P.E sessions, playtimes, lunchtime sport activities and after school activities. There are lots of opportunities for children to get jewellery caught which can cause nasty injuries. The only exception is a watch which needs to be removed for PE and Sport sessions. No SMART watches, please.

4) **Play Park and Skate Park**

As the nights get lighter we find that an increasing number of children, of all ages, use the community facilities after school, at the weekend and over the holidays periods.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents / carers that the play park and skate park are unsupervised areas of the community site? These areas are not the responsibility of the school.

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.

26 th February	<u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u>
26 th February	Empathy Week
27 th February	Y5 at careers hub event with Newcastle United Foundation at the Metrocentre
28 th February	Y3 visit to St Mary's RC Cathedral in Newcastle (pm)
29 th February	Y2 Quayside and Discovery Museum trip (all day)
29 th February	Y4 completing Northern Gas science workshop (electricity) at 1:30pm
5 th March	9am – Burradon Helpers meeting
5 th March	Spring term parent / carers meetings (appointments have been booked online)
6 th March	Spring term parent / carers meetings (appointments have been booked online)
6 th March	Pre-school music session
7 th March	World Book Day (letter emailed via School Comms with further details)
8 th March	British Science week
11 th March	9am - EYFS parents / carers for science investigation



11 th March	Year 4 at Discovery Museum STEM careers event (pm)
12 th March	9am - EYFS parents / carers for science investigation
12 th March	Bikeability Level 2 sessions for Y5 and Y6
12 th March	10am – Year 5 online workshop ‘Planet Earth over time’ session
13 th March	Bikeability Level 2 sessions for Y5 and Y6
14 th March	Y5 and Y6 Lego League competition at the Village Hotel (all day)
14 th March	11am – Year 3 online workshop session linked to science
15 th March	Red Nose Day – wear something red
15 th March	Y4 skipping festival at The Lakeside (am)
15 th March	2pm – Y1 and Y2 online workshop ‘Engineering Storytime’ session
19 th March	Y4 trip to Jarrow Hall (all day)
21 st March	Diversity Role Model sessions in school (Y2-Y5)
28 th March	Br Khadim visiting Y1-Y6 linked to RE curriculum
28 th March	Easter raffle, boiled egg competition and Easter activities
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>
18 th April	Active Mile Day 2024
19 th April	High Borrans residential weekend for children in Y5 and Y6
22 nd April	High Borrans residential children return
6 th May	<u>Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)</u>
13 th May	KS2 National SATs assessment week for Year 6
19 th May	Children’s Cancer Run at Gosforth Park (Sunday event)
24 th May	<u>Half term holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u>
3 rd June	Teacher Training Day (school closed to all pupils)
4 th June	<u>Schools re-open after half term holiday</u>
7 th June	Northern Gas workshop with ECO Team (am)
7 th June	Northern Gas session with Year 6 (pm)
19 th June	Class photographs taken (morning)
15 th July	Year 6 pupils who are transferring to NGA – Day 1 at NGA
16 th July	Year 6 pupils who are transferring to NGA – Day 2 at NGA
19 th July	<u>Summer holidays (school breaks at the end of today)</u>

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