



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 4th March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

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.

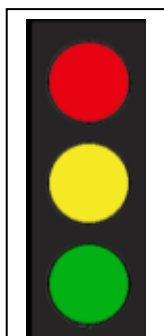
Attendance for Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	94.8%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	93.7%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 5	88.3%
Year 6	92.1%

Last week we didn't have any classes above 96%. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 91.7% which is well below our 96% target. We can only get better next week!

2) End of Spring Term Attendance

A reminder that at the end of this term, 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**

As a school, we aim for every child to be in the 'Safety Zone' with attendance over 96%. It is fantastic if your child is in the green zone!!

If your child's attendance is in the amber zone (at risk zone), we will look at ways to



support you to improve your child's attendance including a period of attendance monitoring.

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 your child's attendance. There will also be a period of attendance monitoring.

3) Catering update for after Easter

I am delighted to inform parents / carers that, after Easter, our school meals will be provided by Hutchinson Catering. Mrs Noor and I met with a member of the Hutchinson Catering team on Thursday and have agreed plans to ensure that we have a smooth transition and everything in place before we finish this term on Thursday 28th March.

I will write out to parents / carers on Friday 8th March or Monday 11th March with further details. This will explain what we all need to do to ensure we have systems in place for Monday 15th April, e.g online ordering of meals by parents / carers, any special diets in place with Hutchinson Catering via individual contact with their team. It will also detail the 3 week menu we will be starting with when we return after Easter and how parents / carers order their child's meals.

To provide further support to parents / carers, I have also booked Hutchinson Catering to come into school on Wednesday 27th March between 2pm and 4pm in our small hall to work with Mrs Noor to ensure parents / carers have what they need in place to online order their child's meals for after Easter. Further details will be given nearer the time.

My team and I are very much looking forward to working with Hutchinson Catering and am sure that this will be a very successful partnership.

4) School Uniform

Firstly, can I say huge thanks to parents / carers who fully support the school with all aspects of their child's school uniform? Your support with this school rule is very much appreciated.

During our parents / carers sessions for EYFS and Y2-Y6 this week, staff will be mentioning uniform to parents / carers as part of their meeting as we do have a number of children who are still not in the correct school uniform. We also want to ensure that those children who are wearing our school uniform every day get the praise they deserve.

To support parents / carers, we will have our pre-loved school uniform items on display in the school hall on both parents / carer nights. If you need any items of school uniform or your children have grown out of things and need a bigger size, please have a look in the hall after your parents / carers appointment to see if there is anything that would be suitable. If you have a child in Y1, their parents / carers evening took place before Miss Arkley left for her operation. Please contact the office if you need us to have a look for any pre-loved uniform for you.



If parents / carers have any school uniform that they no longer need, please consider donating this to the school for our uniform swop shop. Anything will be very gratefully received.

If you need any further support with school uniform, please email the school and Mrs Little and I will be happy to try and support.

Many thanks.

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.

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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