



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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 25<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	97.8%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	92.9%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% with our Y2 class at 100%. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95% which is below our 96% target.

### 2) Autumn Term 2023 and Spring Term 2024 Attendance update

Below are the individual class attendance figures for across the whole of the autumn and spring terms.

#### Attendance for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
FS2 (Ladybirds)	92.9%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	94.2%

The average attendance from Y1-Y6 across the two terms was 94.7% which is well below the 96% national expectation. We are not alone in experiencing very low attendance figures; many other schools are reporting similar results.

All children from FS2 to Y6 will have received their attendance letter at the end of the spring



term. If your child received a red letter, we will be monitoring attendance to look for rapid improvements and attendance above 90%

If you would like to discuss your child's individual attendance to see if there is anything the school can do to support improvements, please do not hesitate to email or ring the school to make an appointment.

### **3) Police Online Safety talks for Y5 and Y6**

Mrs Liddle has organised for the police to come into school and talk to Y5 and Y6 about online bullying and the use of social media and messaging in May. I am sure you will agree, we want to ensure that our children are safe when they are online, that they are mindful of what they are saying and posting online and that they are being respectful towards others.

### **4) High Borrans Weekend Residential**

Our outdoor and adventurous weekend residential for Y5 and Y6 children will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April to return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We have 29 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 (Y2 teacher)
- Miss Smith (Y4 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!

### **5) Jewellery**

Please can I remind parents / carers that it is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school. 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.

Towards the end of last term, staff have noticed pupils coming into school with earrings including the plastic disc ones. The only exception to our no jewellery policy is a watch which needs to be removed for PE and Sport sessions. Please can I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety from FS1 (bees and butterflies) to Year 6. Many thanks for your support.

### **6) Year 6 SATs (End of Key Stage 2)**

Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. They have all worked extremely hard this year and across their key



stage 2 phase despite the disruption that the COVID pandemic brought to our Y6 cohort. We know they will continue to do their best and will all be amazing!! Good luck Year 6 – we are all very proud of you!!

## 7) Easter Activities

Many thanks for your support with the Easter activities. The children's decorated eggs were spectacular this year and we found it very hard to pick a winner from each year group.

Our Easter egg raffle and rabbit raffle was also a huge success with over £305.80 being raised. Well done everyone!!

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> April	Active Mile Day 2024
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
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Pedestrian training taking place in FS2 – Y5
24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – Y1 phonics screener parents meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> May	9am - Burradon Helpers' meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)</u></b>
13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>KS2 National SATs assessment week for Year 6</u></b>
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Cancer Run at Gosforth Park (Sunday event)
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Online safety talks for Y5 and Y6 with Northumbria Police
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>
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Rockpool school from St Mary's Lighthouse in EYFS and Y2
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Northern Gas workshop with ECO Team (am)
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Northern Gas session with Year 6 (pm)
18 <sup>th</sup> June	FS2 and N4 (Early Years main school) sports day at 9:15am
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 and Y2 sports day at 2:15pm



19 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs taken (morning)
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 and Y4 sports day at 2:15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 and Y6 sports day at 2:15pm
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y3 trip to The Great North Museum linked to Ancient Egyptians
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9am - Burradon Helpers' meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports out to parents / carers
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am
15 <sup>th</sup> July	In school transition morning for next academic year
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>

[www.burradoncommunityprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.burradoncommunityprimaryschool.co.uk)  
[info@burradoncommunityprimary.org.uk](mailto:info@burradoncommunityprimary.org.uk)

