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## ***One family branching out together***

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Dear Parents and Carers



Not long to go now before we break up for the Christmas holidays. We have unfortunately been hit recently by a round of staff and children illness; we hope everyone is on the mend for this week's Nativity and Christmas celebrations in school



next week. A big **'thank you'** to Mr Hutchinson for a fantastic Christmas Dinner last Friday, on Christmas Jumper Day too – we were all extremely full afterwards! For the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day charity, we raised a grand total of **£39.00**.

We would also like to say thank you to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support and would like to wish you all a restful Christmas break and enjoy spending time with your families.





## Recent news



### Class 3's visit to Barnsley Museum

On Wednesday 29th November, the children in Class 3 travelled by coach to Barnsley - 'the place of possibilities', to take part in a full day Stone Age and Iron Age workshop, linked to what they had recently been learning in school.

Ally met with us first and spoke to us about her role in the museum, what the role of an archaeologist is, and she wanted to know what we had already found out about the Stone Age. The children weren't shy at answering her questions and she seemed impressed with Class 3's knowledge! She spoke to us about the meaning of chronology and what this meant in terms of how long the Stone Age lasted in comparison to the Bronze and Iron Ages.

For the rest of the morning, we split up into 3 groups with 3 activities each. These involved handling artefacts and grouping them according to the dates they would have been around and used; exploring the museum for pictures of unusual plants to decide whether they were edible or non-edible (which is what the hunter-gatherers would have to have been careful with) and then a mix of cave painting style artwork and a replica sand dig for pots and fossils etc.

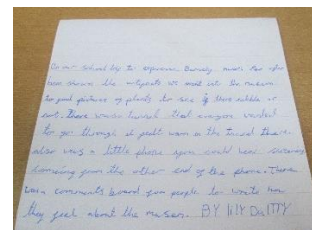
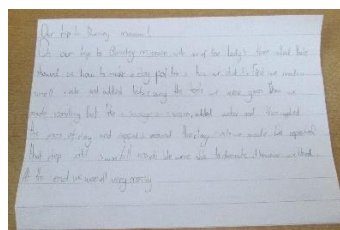
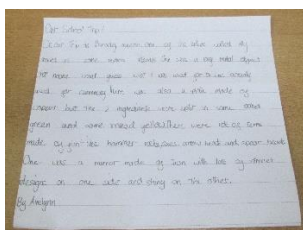
In the afternoon session, Kate showed us how to create a basic clay pot each, using strips of clay rolled out to build up the sides. We learnt the technique of using water to smooth the sides and then used special tools to mark engravings and patterns on the outside. We were allowed to take our pots home to dry.

Avelynn enjoyed handling the objects and discovered that, *'one was a long metal object that no-one could guess what it was used for - it was actually used for currency.'*

India describes the process of pot-making, *'First, we made a small circle and added texture using the tools we were given. Then we made something that looked like a sausage or a worm, added water and wrapped it around the circle. We repeated that step until it was full enough.'*

Lily D said, *'after we were shown the artefacts, we went into the museum to find pictures of plants to see if they were edible or not.'*

Please visit the school website to see more photos of the trip: [Stone Age and Iron Age Workshop at Barnsley Museum - Class 3 | Burton Salmon Primary School \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](https://www.burton.salmon.primary.school.org.uk)





### Message from The Children's Commissioner for England

I hope that you have had a good Autumn term and are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

Thank you so much for your incredible efforts in sharing 'The Big Ambition' survey with the children and parents at Burton Salmon Community Primary School. We have had an amazing response from nursery, primary and secondary schools across England and as a result I've decided **to extend the closing date to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024** to allow even more children the chance to have their say. This will give schools, children and young people an extra month

over the festive season to take part in 'The Big Ambition'.

Children and parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

Please share this [flyer](#) with a link to the survey with parents and children to complete at home, which is also at the end of the newsletter.

'The Big Ambition' provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Let's make sure that the children and young people of North Yorkshire are represented in the results.

Thank you again and Merry Christmas!  
Very best,

R. de Souza

Dame Rachel De Souza  
Children's Commissioner for England

### Upcoming events

#### Christmas card Post

This year, our children will be able to send Christmas cards to their friends and the school post box opens on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Christmas cards will be given out to the children by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on the following dates: - **13<sup>th</sup> December**    **15<sup>th</sup> December**    **18<sup>th</sup> December**    **20<sup>th</sup> December** and **22<sup>nd</sup> December**



Class 1 are looking forward to showing off their Christmassy classroom to parents and carers of children in Class 1, next Monday, before we break up for Christmas from 2.15pm – 3.15pm.

Parents and carers can expect to get involved with some arts and crafts, singing and share in the children's learning this half-term.



#### KS1 Nativity Performances

I hope you are looking forward to our 3 fantastic performances of the KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity – '**Bethlehem Bake-Off**' which will be taking place tomorrow - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm along with 2 further showings on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Whilst the tickets are free, we will also be selling raffle tickets at each event – £1.00 per ticket, with all monies raised going towards our school funds. There will be seasonal refreshments after each performance, for a small donation. Thank you.

#### Christmas parties

Next week, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding Christmas parties in each class, during the afternoon, after lunch. We invite the children to come to school dressed in their party clothes and we will provide party snacks for everyone. We do ask, as in previous years, for a £1.00 donation per child, which is on ParentPay, to cover the cost of the party nibbles. Thank you.

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end the half-term.

On the last day of term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, we will be having a Christmas-themed day across the classes, watching a Christmas movie, and wearing non-uniform. This event is free to families and children can come to school wearing something Christmassy, whether it's a favourite Christmas jumper again, or even some cosy Christmas pyjamas, to

## Housekeeping



### Winter bugs and germs

It's at this time of year we see all sorts of bugs and germs in school. Please consider if your child has just a cough and sniffle, i.e., a normal cold, and be mindful that Covid is still an infection which remains present in our daily lives. If your child does test positive for Covid, we recommend that they stay off school for 3 days and can return when they no longer have a high temperature and can manage a full day at school.

**Pupil absences:** it is important that you please make sure you telephone or email the school **before 9.00am** to notify us of any child absence, with a reason for their absence. Equally, we ask if your child is unwell and you have called on the first day of their absence, we also require a call on each subsequent day until they are well enough to be back in school. If we do not receive any communication, by phone or email, we start our process of contacting all the contacts allocated to your child and if we still haven't received any information, the Children Missing in Education protocol is triggered. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



A reminder of our school **Pupil Attendance Policy for reporting absences due to illness** which can be found by following this link: [pupil-attendance-policy-autumn-2022.pdf \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](https://burtonsalmonschool.org.uk/pupil-attendance-policy-autumn-2022.pdf)

Parents are asked to inform the school office by telephone or email by 9.10am each day a child is unwell and will not be attending school.

- **A child who has been given antibiotics should be kept away from school for the first 48 hours of treatment.**
  - A child who has been sick or who has diarrhoea should also be kept away from school until the child has been clear of the problem for 48 hours.
  - Medical/dental appointments should be attended out of school hours, however where this is not possible the school will require notification prior to the absence. When a child is absent for a medical appointment it is expected that they will return to school immediately following the appointment.
- Please contact the office for further guidance on specific illnesses and required length of absence.

**It is crucial that parents please adhere to this procedure to ensure that all pupils are safe and their whereabouts accounted for.**



### Medicines in school including inhalers



If you require your child to have medicine administered during a school day (including asthma inhalers), please complete a '**Parental Request for Medicine in School**' form, which is available from the school office. We are not allowed to administer any medicine without this being completed fully and signed by a parent/carer and the Head of School. If your child requires a course of antibiotics for example, over a period of a few days, please ensure that the medicine is handed directly into the school office each morning.

**Whilst we can administer Calpol (or similar Paracetamol-based medicines), we are not insured to administer any Ibuprofen medication sent in, unless this is prescribed by a doctor.**

### OOSC – Pippins and Orchard Club drop-offs and collections

For Pippins Breakfast Club, you do not need to book ahead, and Mrs Matta opens the red door across the playground at **8am**. **We cannot permit children onto the premises before this time, due to insurance restrictions.** **Children must be brought to the door by an adult, signed in and handed over to a member of staff; please do not park on the road and allow your child to enter the school grounds by themselves.** **\*Please also note that breakfast is**



**only served up until 8.30am; if you are dropping off your child after this time, please ensure that your child has already had breakfast at home.** **\*\*Up until the Christmas break, we are trialling a slightly earlier drop-off time of 7.45am on Thursdays and Fridays only, upon the request of a family. This earlier time will incur an extra £1.00, setting the price at £5.00 a session from 7.45am to 8.50am. From 8am until 8.50am the charge will remain**

at £4.00. Please let the office know if you think you might like to take advantage of this additional service. Thank you.

\*\*\* **New procedure for collection of OOSC children**\*\*\* - For our Orchard After-School club, please ring the OOSC doorbell as normal, at the red playground door, then enter the green gate at the side of Class 3 next to the field. Please walk down to the Class 3 side door and your child(ren) will be brought by Mrs Hindle, Miss Bowers or Miss McNichol to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers by **5.30pm**.

**Polite reminder: if you have booked a place at Orchard Club but collect your child at the end of the school day without notifying the office, you will still be charged. We need to know of any cancellations before 12 noon, otherwise a charge of £5.00 will be added to your child's ParentPay account.**

All payments are usually added to ParentPay within the same week.



#### **ParentPay**

With just under 2 weeks to go before the end of this half-term, please could parents and carers check your ParentPay balances and ensure that any outstanding amounts are paid. **Across the federation, there is an agreed maximum debt per child, which is £30.00.** This includes any nursery fees, school dinners and out of school club payments.

Yours sincerely

Helen Obridge  
Admin Officer

#### **Important dates for your diary**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity performance (1) – 2pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity performance (2) – 10am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity performance (3) – 2pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Class 1's Christmas Open Classroom – 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Party afternoon
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christingle-making in all 3 classes
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Non-uniform Day – Christmas pyjamas, jumpers and clothing
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Training Day 3
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School re-opens to children
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Open Morning for future Nursery/Reception 10am – 12noon
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2024
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	Young Voices concert for children in the Burton Salmon choir

#### **Training Days for the Academic year 2023 -2024**

Please note that the next NYCC allocated Training Days for the academic year 23/24 are:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**



**The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.**

**We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.**

**This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.**

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