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Burton Salmon Community Primary School Proud to be part of The White Rose Federation

One family branching out together

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope everyone had a fabulous summer and enjoyed the unexpected mini heatwave last week. All the children are settling back into the routine of school nicely, some into new classes, but all with familiar adult faces.

We have one warm welcome for Freddie, who is our newest member of Nursery.

You should have all recently received your child's class newsletter via email, with information on what they will be learning this term and days for PE etc. The annual set of forms will be coming home today for you to complete for your children – the deadline for returning these to the school office is <u>Friday 29th September</u>. Thank you.

A reminder that lots of features do get added to our school website, and not everything can be mentioned in our newsletters, so please continue to visit: <u>Burton Salmon Primary School | North Yorkshire (burtonsalmonschool.org.uk)</u> for the latest information.

A heads up for a couple of invitations to visit classes:

Monday 25th September – 3.30pm – 4pm – Year 1 Parents and Carers are invited to visit the Class 2 setting (along with your Year 1 child)

Thursday 5th October – 10am – 12noon - Open Morning for Nursery and Prospective Reception 2024 children

Thursday 5th October - 5pm - 5.30pm - Reception Parents and Carers Phonic Workshop in Class 1

Recent news



Art Showcase

Last half term, we had the pleasure of hosting our first red carpet White Rose Federation Art Showcase in school. Our pupils worked incredibly hard to produce costumes, portraits, exploring painting techniques and so much more!

We want to extend a big thank you to those who attended the showcase and showed their support. The children looked fantastic in their special occasion outfits!

We hope that next summer, we will be able to hold this event as a federation event at the Royal Opera House in York.



























<u>Burton Salmon Wellbeing Award – part of The White Rose Federation</u>

<u>Message from Sam Maud</u> - The White Rose Federation Pastoral team worked hard over an 18-month period to achieve the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools'. This reinforces our ongoing support with the children, their families, staff and local community putting wellbeing at the heart of what we do.

The three schools within the federation achieved the awards after showing their commitment towards: reducing stigma around mental health, developing

strategies to improve pupil behaviour, building positive pupil wellbeing, supporting staff and parental wellbeing.

Colin Noble, the Wellbeing assessor, stated, "The strengths identified were numerous. The staff really did know their families and children (and each other) very well indeed and how their needs could best be met; and they quite tangibly cared for them deeply as individuals."

I am proud to be part of the Federation Pastoral team - our dedication and commitment to our families is special and the support we offer breaks down any barriers to learning.

We would also like to welcome Miss Eleanor Langhorn who has joined our Pastoral team on a full timetable. Eleanor will be working with Sam Maud supporting SEND and pastoral duties across the federation.



'What is it like to be a Muslim?' Visit

On the final day of the summer term (which was also our festival-themed non-uniform day), our school had the privilege of hosting a captivating workshop with Mr Kotwal and his daughter, during which they offered us an invaluable insight into what it truly means to be a Muslim in Britain today. This experience not only deepened our understanding of the rich culture and profound religious beliefs associated with Islam, but also enriched our knowledge with a wealth of fascinating facts.

During the workshop, we had the opportunity to sample some delectable Muslim treats. Additionally, we had the privilege of trying on traditional Muslim attire, amplifying our

appreciation for the diversity of clothing styles across different cultures. It was heartening to witness Mr Kotwal commend us on our existing knowledge of Islam as we answered most questions in his challenging quiz with confidence. A highlight of Mr Kotwal's visit was when he provided us with a comprehensive virtual tour of the interior of a mosque, highlighting the significance of various architectural elements and explaining the meticulous preparations Muslims make before engaging in prayer. This glimpse into the sacred space further deepened our understanding and appreciation for Muslim practices.

It is safe to say that our time with our special visitors was a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening experience. We eagerly anticipate their return to our school soon.



















Message from Buddy and his Mum

On behalf of Buddy and I, we would both like to thank everyone for the kind donations that we have received from the summer raffle, which will be going towards getting myself and Buddy plane tickets to South Africa in February half-term, where he will be taking part in a water-skiing training camp. The camp itself is being paid by his sponsor, so Buddy and I just need to raise enough funds for the plane tickets.

Buddy has the chance to be picked for the GB team, early in the season! Buddy struck gold again this year at the British National Championships for the U12's and came away with another gold medal to add to his collection.

Normally, they pick squad members that are in the U14's category, but with Buddy showing his ability at such a young age, all eyes are on him for his scores next season!

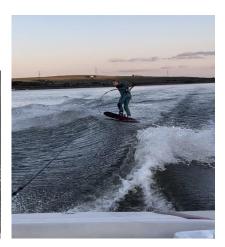
Buddy has one more competition this year on Saturday 30th September/Sunday 1st October and we are hoping for a great score now that he is landing his flips!! Below are a few photos of what he loves doing.

Again, thank you for helping with his fundraising for his sport, it really is appreciated, and it really does help towards his training!

Kind regards Lucy









Class 3: Lily D's summer achievements

'Over the summer, I went to Coventry for an event that brought children and adults together, who had had transplants. I won 3 medals :1 gold, 1 bronze and 1 for taking part.

My gold medal was for a 3km run and my bronze one was for a tug of war against the adults. There were 10 adults to five children (me, my sister and 3 others.) I was competing for Leeds with my sister.' Lily D



Attendance update from Sam Maud:

Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. Parents/carers and the school staff should work in

partnership in making education a success and in ensuring that all children have full and equal access to all that the school has to offer.

What is the expected attendance for primary school children?

The Government expect that pupils attend school for at least 96% of the school year. We strive to achieve at least 97% attendance across all our classes within the White Rose Federation. If your child's level of absence concerns us or attendance falls below 95%, you may be contacted by the school to look at what support can be offered to improve attendance. We want to work with you to ensure we give your child the best opportunities to grow and succeed.

Attendance that falls below 90% is categorised as persistent absence.

An attendance figure of 90% is the equivalent of a half day absence every week.

If your child is persistently absent several things may happen depending upon the reasons for absence and your child's previous attendance record. You may receive a letter, an invitation to an attendance meeting, a home visit or, in serious cases, your child's attendance may be closely monitored, and you may be asked to provide medical proof of absence.

How can you support good attendance in school?

- Take trips during school holidays rather than in term-time
- Don't allow your child to stay off school for a minor ailment
- Ensure your child has a good understanding of why attendance is important
- Figure out the reasons for absence as this can help you understand where your child needs support in overcoming barriers to attending school
- Try to establish a good routine early so that when your child does start school, they practise good habits such as getting plenty of sleep
- If appointments are needed for health reasons, try to make them during after school hours or out of term time where possible
- Offer support with homework and take an interest in their learning
- Attend parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress



After-School Curriculum Clubs

We have arranged five after-school curriculum clubs starting last week. These will run for 7 weeks, **finishing the week we break up for half-term, on Friday 27**th **October**.

Day	Club	Teaching Staff	Year groups	Maximum	Cost
				places	
Monday	Craft Club	Mrs Hindle	Y1 to Y6	10 places	£3.00 per week
	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)				£21 per 7 weeks
Tuesday	Cookery Club	Mrs Smith	Y2 to Y6	10 places	£4.00 per week
	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)				£28 per 7 weeks
Wednesday	Trash Fashion Club	Miss Bowers	Y3 to Y6	10 places	£3.00 per week
	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)				£21 per 7 weeks
Thursday	Rounders Club	Miss Pickard	Y4 to Y6	12 places	£3.00 per week
	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)				£21 per 7 weeks
Friday	Young Voices Choir Club	Miss McNichol	Y3 to Y6	16 places	£3.00 per week
	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)				£21 per 7 weeks

*Nursery children are unfortunately unable to take part in after-school activities, due to limitations on staff to pupil ratios. Reception children have such as busy life in Class 1 that we leave them to settle in until the summer term, when they will be invited to an after-school club. *

Unfortunately, Craft Club on a Monday has proved very popular and is now full, but we have opened up Tuesday's Cookery Club to our Year 2 children as well.

Spaces are on a first come, first served basis and can be reserved by booking and paying for the clubs on ParentPay.

Upcoming events



Free Parenting Clinic

Welcome back to the new academic year.

I am pleased to announce that the **FREE Parenting Clinics** are back for the Autumn Term. They have a new time of <u>12.30pm on a Thursday</u>, still hosted on Zoom but now also recorded so it can be sent out to those that register to attend. Please find details here,

letting you know what is on offer this term.

As a loyal supporter of promoting the Clinics, you have helped over 900 parents to have access to this valuable resource across the 2022/2023 academic year, so a big thank you from me.

Kind regards,

Anisa

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September
14th, 12:30 pm
Confidence
October
12th, 12:30 pm
Behaviour
November
16th, 12:30 pm
Anxiety
December
7th, 12:30 pm
Emotions



School lunches

A big congratulations to Alan our cook, for achieving his 5 ***** Food Hygiene rating last week, after an on-the-spot visit from NYCC Environmental Health! I'm sure the children have been letting you know how lovely the school dinners are.

A reminder that our current menus will be running right up until the break for October halfterm on Friday 27th October. In the next couple of weeks, we hope to distribute the next set of 3-weekly rolling menus for your child to choose their options. The school dinner charge,

for Nursery pupils and Year 3 children and above, remains at £2.85 for this academic year.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), please click the following link to find out about applying: free-school-meal-guide.pdf (burtonsalmonschool.org.uk)



Online Safety information for families

As part of our school's online safety subscription to Knowsley, please find a link below to the updated Parent Online Safety booklet, which includes a useful overview of key parental controls. *This is updated on an annual basis (next update scheduled July 2024).*

https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2023.pdf

There is also plenty of helpful advice and top tips on our website page: <u>Online Safety for Parents | Burton Salmon Primary School (burtonsalmonschool.org.uk)</u>

Selby Music Centre Sessions



Selby Music Centre is offering a **free** half term of music lessons on clarinets, recorders, saxophones, flutes, trumpets, trombones, violins, cellos, guitars and ukuleles, suitable for complete beginners or those that have been learning for a few months. We can lend you an instrument, if needed. We also have a fantastic youth choir for age 6 and upwards and other opportunities for more experienced musicians. Sessions are fun, friendly and held on Saturday mornings, starting September 16th.

You are invited to join Selby Music Centre!

Selby Music Centre is run by North Yorkshire Music Service and has some great opportunities for primary school aged musicians. We are based at Selby High School on **Saturday mornings** in term time, and we can offer a **FREE** half term of taster sessions, <u>plus</u> the loan of an instrument if needed. We are offering free lessons on **WIND** and **BRASS** instruments this half term! Don't miss this opportunity to learn a new skill!

<u>9.30 – 10.45</u> - **Strings** (violin, viola, cello, bass) and keyboards; **guitar and ukulele** group; NEW **woodwind** (clarinets, recorders, saxophone, flutes) and NEW **brass** (trumpet, cornet, trombone etc)

These groups are suitable for complete beginners, children who have been learning instruments in class at school and more able players up to approx. grade 2 standard.

 $\underline{11.05 - 12.20}$ - Selby Youth Choir - open to all who enjoy singing age 6 upwards; senior strings (grade 2- 5); folk/rock group for guitars who can strum a few chords and more able players on acoustic or electric plus strings and wind players.

All the sessions are friendly and fun, and the children experience a range of music styles and develop their skills and confidence performing in a group.

Please contact helen.moulds@northyorks.gov.uk for more information.

Families North Yorkshire magazine

In the latest free edition (September/October 2023) of Families North Yorkshire magazine, you can read articles about: Autumn, Halloween, family law and travelling with children.



https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/north_yorkshire_digital?fr=sNzlkZDY1MjY1Mjc&utm_source=BenchmarkEm ail&utm_campaign=Distribution_Points_Mag_Link_Sept/Oct_23&utm_medium=email



Year 6 Robinwood residential 2024

A reminder that the penultimate instalment (**payment no.3**) for the Robinwood residential for our Year 5 and 6 children, is due on 30th September. Please check your child's ParentPay account for your payment items all the way through to the final one due by 30th November. You are more than welcome to pay off both the remaining payments at the same time. Thank you.

St John Ambulance Volunteer Recruitment



I am writing on behalf of St John Ambulance to enquire as to whether you could promote our voluntary Youth Leader positions, open at the local Sherburn Badgers Unit. We are aiming to re-open this unit for December and require volunteers to be able to run and manage the sessions, supporting our badgers to learn vital first aid skills.

This volunteer experience is a great opportunity to get involved with St John Ambulance making a difference to young people in the local area and contributing to our mission towards ensuring more young people are first aid confident and active within their local communities.

Please let us know if this is something you would be able to assist us with, and if so, the next steps we can take. Many thanks

Jess

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Housekeeping

Parking

A reminder to please park sensibly around school at busy drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park on the yellow zigzags, across our neighbour's driveways, the staff car park or on the bend at the bottom of Ledgate lane. Burton Salmon Village Hall has a car park which is available for parents and carers to use. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

School Uniform reminders:



Please follow the link to view the updated school Uniform Policy on the Burton Salmon website: Microsoft Word - Uniform Policy Summer 2022.docx (burtonsalmonschool.org.uk) Here you will find out what uniform children in Reception to Year 6 can wear, Nursery clothing recommendations and PE kit.

PE Kits - a reminder of what is acceptable within school

Please comply with our policy as follows:

For PE lessons (indoor and outdoor) • A plain or embroidered white or school colour (can also be navy at Burton Salmon) short-sleeved, round neck t-shirt • Plain black or navy shorts of any style • A plain navy or black tracksuit/sweatshirt top (not a' hoodie' top) and bottoms OR



a plain navy or black crew neck sweatshirt (available from MyClothing) • Trainers • All items to be kept in a named PE kitbag please.

If you are struggling to provide the correct kit, we do have some spare items for children in Classes 2 and 3. Thank you.

For all your uniform needs, quality assured Burton Salmon Community Prim... (myclothing.com)

Drinks in school

It is important that children please bring in a named water bottle daily. These can be refilled throughout the day at our plumbed-in water station. Please only send in water (in a plastic drinks bottle – not glass) and **not** juice etc, as this goes against our Healthy School's policy which can be found on the school website: Food Policy - Autumn 2022 | Burton Salmon Primary School (burtonsalmonschool.org.uk)





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)

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 made 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.



DfE Back to School Campaign

The Department for Education and multiple health leaders have produced guidance for parents and carers around when their child should be kept home from school, due to illness. There are links within the letter around what parents should do in the event of infectious symptoms, as well as mental health and wellbeing guidance.

Please see the last page of this newsletter, where a copy of the guidance can be read, and the following links can be accessed:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-issues-affecting-a-pupils-attendance-guidance-for-schools

https://bjgplife.com/the-role-of-the-gp-in-maximising-school-attendance/

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 <u>8am.</u> 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.

For our Orchard After-School club, please ring the OOSC doorbell at the red playground door and your children 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

A polite reminder to please check your ParentPay balances and ensure that any outstanding amounts are cleared. 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

Thursday 21 st September 2023	Reception cohort photo for The Selby Times		
Monday 25 th September 2023	Year 1 Parents/Carers invited to visit Class 2 – 3.30pm – 4pm		
Tuesday 26 th September 2023	Mrs Hall visiting with Twig		
Wednesday 4 th October 2023	Reception to Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school (not Nursery)		
Thursday 5 th October 2023	Open Morning for Nursery and prospective Reception 2024 children		
	10am-12noon		
Thursday 5 th October 2023	Reception Parents and Carers Phonic Workshop in Class 1 - 5pm -		
	5.30pm		
Tuesday 17 th October 2023	Mrs Hall visiting with Twig		
Wednesday 25 th October 2023	Open Classroom for Class 1 Parents and Carers from 2.30am – 3.15pm		
Friday 27 th October 2023	Non-Uniform Day – charity tbc		

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 8th January 2024 Monday 8th April 2024 Monday 22nd July 2024

DfE Back to School Campaign Letter and Guidance

Dear Headteachers and Trust Leaders,

As you begin to welcome children and young people back for a new school year, we have been asked by the Department for Education to provide you with a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school so we have laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We would encourage you to share the NHS 'is my child too ill for school' guidance with parents and carers in your schools and communities which has further information.

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten their children's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. The Department for Education has published useful guidance on mental health issues affecting pupil's attendance and those who are experiencing persistent symptoms can be encouraged to access additional support.

Thank you for your efforts so far to facilitate immunisation sessions within schools. As we head into winter, encouraging high uptake of seasonal flu vaccination and routine immunisations for eligible children and young people will help to reduce absences and the disruption they cause.

You, and the teachers you lead, are already supporting families to build up children's confidence to attend school regularly. The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) recently approved <u>'five principles to promote school attendance'</u>. We hope this guidance will support GPs in having sensitive and reassuring conversations with parents, carers and pupils.

Thank you and your colleagues for your continued commitment to supporting the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Chris Whitty Chief Medical Officer, England Pat Cullen General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing Professor Kamila Hawthorne Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners

Dr Camilla Kingdon President, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health William Roberts Chief Executive, Royal Society for Public Health Dr Lade Smith President, Royal College of Psychiatrists