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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a cold and frosty start at Burton Salmon! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break. Last week you will have received and enjoyed reading, via email, your children's class newsletters. Whilst this is a shorter half-term, there is still a lot going on! We will have a couple of cluster PE events including Orienteering and High 5's Netball, Internet Safety Week – with a visit from our local PCSO Joe, and a themed Chinese New Year lunch.

We have recently held a successful Open Morning for future Nursery Starters and for children starting Reception in September and we have launched our new after-school curriculum clubs for this half-term; there are still a few places available for children in Years 2 to Year 6 to join **Thursday's Pilates Club** with Miss Pickard. Please see the website page for more information:

<https://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk/activities/after-school-curriculum-clubs>



A couple of welcomes for the new year: we would like to give a warm welcome to Esmae and Phoenix who have both recently joined our Nursery and are settling in well. Harley will be starting in Nursery too, this week. And a big welcome to our new Mrs Titterington (formerly known as Miss McNichol) who got married over the Christmas break – congratulations to you and your husband Alex.



Pippins Breakfast Club – from Wednesday 7th February 2024

From Wednesday 7th February 2024, we are extending the slightly earlier drop-off time of **7.45am to Wednesdays (as well as Thursdays and Fridays)** 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.

Latest news

Caring for Animals Club – making bird feeders

Our new Monday 'Caring for Animals' after-school club started last week, with Mrs Hindle, Mrs Newton and the children braving the sub-zero temperatures to go outside and make some lovely bird feeders, to take home and hang around the Class 1 outdoor area. These were made with pinecones, orange skins, lard, and seeds.



The children are going to use the feeders which have been hung up around school as a starting point to observing wildlife for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2024: [Big Garden Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](https://www.rspb.org.uk) This is the world's largest garden wildlife survey, which takes place over the weekend of Friday 26th and Sunday 28th January.

How to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at home

1. Get your free guide and stock up on supplies, with 15% off and free delivery on food and feeders at the RSPB shop.
2. Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 26 and 28 January, and record the birds that land.
3. Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post.

At Burton Salmon, we hope to see lots of birds enjoying our feeders. We are planning to borrow Mrs Obridge's wildlife cam and set it up over the weekend and, if we are lucky enough, we will see some unexpected visitors too!



Cookery Club

Last week, Mrs Smith's after-school Cookery Club enjoyed making a brilliant, healthy, budget-friendly dish – **Creamy Pasta with Bacon, Peas, and Mushrooms**. We estimate that for one portion, it would cost approximately 95 pence to make!

The children put their chopping skills to the test with this quick and simple recipe, tackling the mushrooms and bacon, and combined the rest of the ingredients together with the cooked pasta, on the electric hob plate. They decorated their own takeaway cartons, ready to take home at the end of the hour and eat at home. From the tasters they sampled, this was a big hit!

Recipe which serves 2 people:

Ingredients:

- 200g dried pasta
- 2 trimmed, smoked or unsmoked bacon medallions cut into strips
- 150g white mushrooms, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
- 150g frozen peas
- salt and black pepper, to taste
- 110g reduced-fat cream cheese
- 5g Parmesan cheese, finely grated

Method:

1. Cook the pasta according to the packet instructions
2. Add the bacon and mushrooms to a non-stick pan and cook over a medium heat for 4-5 minutes, until tender. Add the garlic and cook for a further couple of minutes.
3. Add the frozen peas and stir well. Season with the salt and pepper but bear in mind that the bacon will already add saltiness. Turn down the heat and stir in the cream cheese and Parmesan.
4. Once the pasta is cooked, drain, add to the sauce, and stir until thoroughly coated - enjoy!



Thank you for our welly socks!

A big thank you to Lili's Mum from Class 1, who very quickly organised a fantastic supply of welly socks from The Clothing Bank. These will be great for our Reception and Nursery children, who like to have cosy toes when they spend time playing outside.



Families North Yorkshire Magazine



Please check out this free educational online magazine for families. There is a whole host of interesting articles and information. Included in this issue: a list of the top 24 family-friendly festivals for this year, best new books for children including some great recipe books and information on local attractions such as the Yorvik Viking Centre in York.

[Families North Yorkshire Jan/Feb 24 - Digital by Families Magazine - Issuu](#)

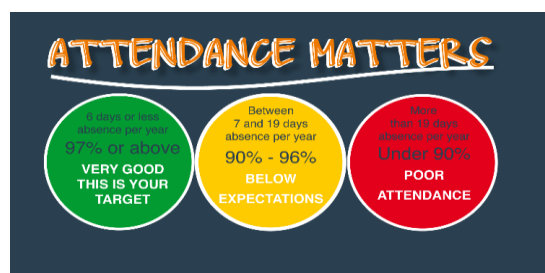
Information from Sam Maud – Federation Pastoral Support Lead

We hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement for the start of 2024. We trust you had an enjoyable and restful break filled with special moments and cherished memories.

Our commitment to providing a supportive and engaging environment remains, and we are keen to work closely with families to make this year an enriching experience for each child. We will continue to work in partnership with parents as we believe open communication and collaboration between home and school is essential for success.

Throughout the year we will continue to focus on fostering a sense of belonging, promoting positive relationships, and nurturing the well-being of all.

Why does attendance matter? Consistent attendance is a key factor in pupil success. It not only ensures the children receive the support they need but also contributes to the development of crucial life skills. We aim to achieve a whole school percentage of 97%.



If your child or family would like any support, please speak directly to your child's class teacher, or email the admin team who will direct you to the Federation Pastoral Team.

Quick reintroduction to the federation pastoral team



Sam Maud
Pastoral and attendance Lead across the federation



Eleanor Langhorn
Pastoral and SEN support officer across the federation



Emma Bowers
Pastoral worker
Burton Salmon School



Beth Hunt
Pastoral worker
Barlow School

Here's to a fantastic school year full of learning, growth, and success!

Sam Maud

Pastoral Lead

Upcoming events



School Photographs

On Wednesday 31st January, our team from Phototronics will be visiting to take the annual school photographs. There will be individual, class and sibling photos taken on the day. If there are any families who have pre-school age children or babies and would like to bring them along at **8.30am** for a photo with their older brothers and sisters, please do come via the playground red door and you will be shown to where the photos are being taken. Equally, if you have a Nursery child who does not normally attend school on a Wednesday, please feel free to come along at 9am, for them to have an individual photo and take part in the Class 1 group photo.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



Internet Safety Week in school – Monday 5th February to Friday 9th February

With our focus week on Internet Safety coming up and **Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday 6th February, we wanted to remind you that our school website has lots of useful information for parents and carers regarding internet safety. We subscribe to an online safety newsletter which gets added to the site regularly, along with articles from National Online Safety on '**Top Tips**,' for managing screentime, how to set up parental controls on devices, smartphone security, advice for safe online gaming and lots more. Please visit our 'Online Safety for

Parents' website page for more information: <https://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk/key-info/safeguarding/online-safety-parents>

PCSO Joe Spooner will be visiting us again on Friday 9th February, as part of his talks around our federation and we will also have an exciting visit from the Police Cyber Security Van team, in April.

Linked to this, we have an updated **Privacy Notice** for January 2024, which states how your personal information is collected and processed within our federation and what your personal data rights are: <https://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/gdpr-pupils-parents-and-guardians-privacy-notice-january-2024.pdf>

School Dinners

We look forward to holding several themed lunches this term, which will include Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, World Book Day, and an Easter Lunch.



The date of the Lunar New Year differs every year. This year the date occurs on Saturday 10th February, and it is the Year of the Dragon.

On Friday 9th February, we are going to celebrate the Lunar New Year, with the following menu designed by Mr Hutchinson, our cook:

Sweet and Sour Beef with Cantonese Noodles and prawn crackers, followed by Fortune Cookies, ice-cream and mandarin slices

This will be the main meal on this day not the fish and chips dinner. Anyone who is down for a main meal will automatically be given this option. Please let the office know by the end of Wednesday 31st January, if your child would like to choose this (if they would normally have a packed lunch from home or a jacket potato/panini dinner). A reminder that the school dinner charge, for Nursery pupils and Year 3 children and above, is currently £2.85.



As Valentine's Day occurs during our half-term break, on Monday 19th February, there will be a change to the dessert option that day, and we will be having heart-shaped cookies.

Details of other themed lunches will appear in the next newsletter.



1000 Hours Outside

This year Burton Salmon School has decided to participate in a movement called '1000 Hours Outside' which will run from January 2024- 2025. This movement was created by a lady called Ginny Yurich and has been around since 2019; some of you may have already heard of it. Ginny came up with the idea of spending 1000 hours outside after learning that on average children spend over 1200 hours a year on technology but only 4-7 minutes outside per day.

As I'm sure you are aware, children have access to a lot more technology than ever before which means they are spending more time inside than outside.

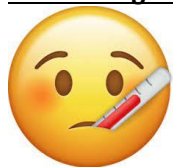
Although the idea seems quite simple, the execution is a lot harder. However, any time outside counts, it does not have to be exercise, it could be eating your lunch outside or simply reading a book.

As a school, we are tracking how much time the children spend outside here and will keep tabs with a tracking sheet in each class, but we need your help at home please. We need you to get those walking boots out, put on the layers and get the children outside! Each child will bring home a tracking sheet to colour in, and for every 100 hours they colour in, they will bring home a printed badge which will be given out in celebration assemblies on Fridays.

[1000 Hours Outside](#)

Housekeeping

Winter bugs and germs



It is 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 snuffle, i.e., a normal cold, they are fine to come to school. If they have a high temperature, or have tested positive for Covid, guidance is for them to stay off school. 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 9am** to notify us of any child absence, with a reason. 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.

A child that arrives after our registration time of 9am, but before 9.10am receives a late mark – L. A child who arrives late after 9.10am, will be registered with a late after registers mark – U. 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 9am 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 a doctor prescribes this.**

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 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.** ***From Wednesday 7th February 2024, we are extending the slightly earlier drop-off time of 7.45am to Wednesdays (as well as Thursdays and Fridays) 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 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 Mrs Titterington 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

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, after-school clubs and out of school club payments.

Yours sincerely

Helen Obridge
Admin Officer

Important dates for your diary

Thursday 25 th January 2024	Orienteering PE Cluster event at Burton Salmon for KS2 children
Wednesday 31 st January 2024	School Photographs – Individual, class and sibling photos
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8 th February 2024	High 5's Netball PE Cluster event for selected Y3/4 children at Barkston Ash
Friday 9 th February 2024	PCSO Joe Spooner visit re: Online Safety
Friday 9 th February 2024	Lunar New Year school lunch
Friday 9 th February 2024	Break up for half-term
Monday 19 th February 2024	School re-opens
Monday 19 th February 2024	Valentine's school lunch
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	Young Voices concert for children in the Burton Salmon Choir – Sheffield Arena
Tuesday 27 th February 2024	Open Morning for Future Nursery/Reception children 10am -12noon
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day and World Book Day school lunch
Monday 11 th March 2024	Start of Year 5/6 Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 13 th March 2024	Year 5/6 Children return from Robinwood Residential
Friday 15 th March 2024	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Easter school lunch
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Break up for Easter
Monday 8 th April 2024	Training Day 4
Tuesday 9 th April 2024	School re-opens

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 April 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024