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*Proud to be part of The White Rose Federation*

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended this week's Pathfinder Meeting, we hope you found the session useful and informative. We hope to send the minutes from the meeting, out to all families before we break up for half-term.



Some families will have received forms over the last 2 weeks, which we really need completing please. These include Child Record forms, visit forms, Breakfast Club and OOSC Parental contracts, Robinwood Residential forms, and a request to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate. The deadline for completing these is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Thank you.

And as a school, we'd like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to **Mrs Nowell** (Miss Bowers) who is getting married over the weekend. We hope you and Ben have a lovely day celebrating with your family and friends.



### **Latest news**

On Thursday 25th January, Burton Salmon School hosted the KS2 Orienteering Festival, organised as part of the 2023 - 2024 Small Schools Programme.

We were so lucky with the weather as it stayed dry for the whole afternoon. There were approximately 120 children who attended for the 2-hour session, from several local primary schools, including Barlow and Chapel Haddlesey from our federation, Tockwith, Barkston Ash and St. Joseph's - Tadcaster. The children had great fun exploring all the outside nooks and crannies of the Burton Salmon grounds and engaged in fantastic teamwork!

Here's Moses' account of the afternoon: *'I was in a group of 5 and we had to read a map and follow the coordinates to find a hidden picture. I enjoyed how well the pictures were hidden around school. The other schools were very competitive, but all joined in and had fun!'*





### **Pilates After-School Club**

Miss Pickard has been running the after-school Pilates Club for a couple of weeks now, and the girls that have joined are really enjoying learning this calm practise of exercise and movement, developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 20th century. He was a German physical trainer, who saw the benefits of repetitive exercises and how they contribute to improving balance and helping build muscle strength in adults.

Our club starts each session with a warm-up and then they carry out stretches and poses, looking at building up core strength. There has been a weekly challenge to see who can pose in one position the longest; this is something Miss Pickard needs to work on! Afterwards, they enjoy a relaxing cool-down.

The children have learnt enough in a short time, to be able to be confident in leading certain stretches and poses and volunteering to deliver the warm-ups. Well done!



### **Kelly Kettling with Mrs Hall**

A couple of weeks ago, Class 1 had the pleasure of Mrs Hall and her Kelly Kettle!

A Kelly Kettle is a type of camping stove with an inbuilt container and central chimney, enabling cooking and water boiling that only needs deadwood as fuel. Its origins date back to the 1890's to a small farm in County Mayo, Ireland. A young farmer and fisherman called Patrick Kelly developed his first kettle out of tin and this is who it is named after.

As part of our Forest Schools, we observed how to make a small fire and warm up the kettle for hot chocolates. Everyone stayed in the circle of trust, and we were incredibly proud of how safe the children were.

Thank you, Mrs Hall, and well done to the children in Class 1!





### Upcoming events



### Open Classroom events

A reminder that next week on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Class 1 will be opening their doors and inviting Parents and Carers to come into school from 2.30pm to share in their recent learning around 'Winter' and everything that goes along with this chilly topic.

Class 2 are going to follow suit on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February and invite their Parents and carers in to share their learning so far, this half-term, with a focus on PE. Please come along from 2pm for this fun session.

### Internet Safety Week in school

Next week, we have a focus on Internet Safety and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February is **Safer Internet Day**. Please visit our school website which has lots of useful information for parents and carers regarding internet safety. PCSO Joe Spooner will be visiting us again on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, and giving us a talk on how to be safe online.

#### WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



Please click on the following link to read the latest Online Safety Newsletter, which appears on our website: <https://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/online-safety-newsletter-primary-february-2024-the-white-rose-federation-31-01-2024.pdf>

### School Dinners



A reminder that next week, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
DAY ♥

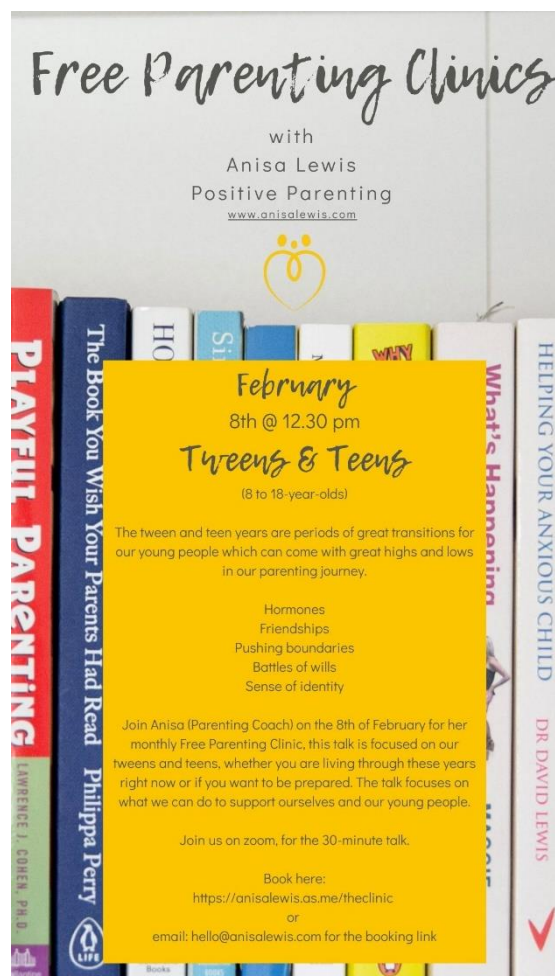
When we return after our half-term break, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a change to the dessert option that day, and we will be having heart-shaped cookies, to celebrate Valentine's Day.



A reminder that the school dinner charge, for Nursery pupils and Year 3 children and above, is currently £2.85.

## **February - FREE Parenting Clinic - Tween and Teen Years (8- to 18-year-olds)**

Join our **FREE** February Parenting Clinic with Anisa, an experienced parenting coach. In February, we are hosting a **FREE** Parenting Clinic focusing on TWEENS AND TEENS (young people aged 8 to 18). Our goal is to empower parents and caregivers with practical knowledge and tools.



### FREE PARENTING CLINIC – Tweens and Teens (8- to 18-year-olds) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February @12.30pm

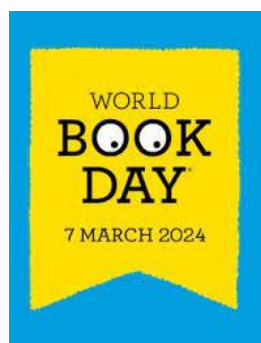
The tween and teen years are periods of great transitions for our young people which can come with great highs and lows in our parenting journey.

- Hormones
- Friendships
- Pushing boundaries
- Battles of wills
- Sense of identity

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 8th of February for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on our tweens and teens, whether you are living through these years right now or if you want to be prepared. The talk focuses on what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here: <https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic> or email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link



## **World Book Day 2024**

Every year this event seems to come around quicker!

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day 2024 in school, with a non-uniform day and something a little different.

We have decided to see if the children (and staff) can come to school dressed up as a **WORD**! To celebrate our love of books and reading, we would like you to think of your favourite word, any word, and try and incorporate this into an outfit, or simply an item of clothing, which shows off your word.

A few examples could be: **'sleepy'** and you could wear a pair of pyjamas, **'Superhero'** to match a costume you may have at home, a colour – for example **'red'** and wear all red clothes, **'wizard'** dress up as a famous wizard character, **'sporty'** and wear a team sports kit or a **'character's name'** from a favourite book. We hope you have fun planning this over half-term. We can't wait to see your favourite word creations!

As usual, all the children will receive a £1.00 World Book Day token, to redeem at participating booksellers by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## 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 next week, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

**As next week is the last week of this half-term, we politely request that all debts are cleared before we break up on Friday.** 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**

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Class 1 – Open Afternoon – 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	High 5's Netball PE Cluster event for selected Y3/4 children at Barkston Ash
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Class 2 – Open Afternoon – 2pm – 3.15pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	PCSO Joe Spooner visit re: Online Safety
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Lunar New Year school lunch
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Break up for half-term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School re-opens
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Valentine's school lunch
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	Young Voices concert for children in the Burton Salmon Choir – Sheffield Arena
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Open Morning for Future Nursery/Reception children 10am -12noon
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	CL2 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day and World Book Day school lunch
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Start of Year 5/6 Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 5/6 Children return from Robinwood Residential
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Easter school lunch
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Break up for Easter
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Training Day 4
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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