



Burton Salmon Community Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now just over halfway through this spring half-term and look forward to when we may all be back in school together again! We know opening to all children has been extended a little longer, but hope you are all settled, staying well at home and comfortable with the home learning. Please remember to regularly visit our school website, as this is where you will find a new 'Wellbeing' page (under the Parents tab and Pupil Support) and where the latest information, letters and calendar dates are:

www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk

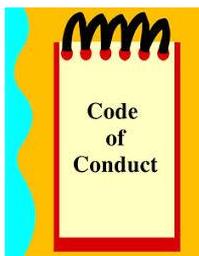
Places for children at school

Please contact the office by email – admin.burton@wrfed.co.uk or by phone if you are a keyworker or you or your child are vulnerable and you would like your child to attend school. Before you decide whether or not to send your child to school, please follow the local information regarding Covid levels near the school, inputting the school's postcode LS25 5JY on the following link:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

Please note that places are allocated, according to individual family circumstances and they are offered at the discretion of Mrs MacDonald and Mr Bealey. We are also currently offering the usual wraparound care of Pippins Breakfast Club from 8am and Orchard After-School Club until 4.30pm or 5.30pm, if required.

Recent news:



Online learning

We emailed out last Thursday, asking for families to ensure their children read and agree to the terms of our Microsoft Teams 'Online Code of Conduct'. We still haven't received everybody's back yet and request that this is done by Wednesday 3rd February, as a matter of urgency please. We do also expect to receive one for the children attending school at present and a copy of this can be found on the website or in your recent emails.



Art in school

Last week we were really lucky to have Mrs Seath join us in school, to teach Classes 2 and 3 some fabulous art techniques relating to topics we are studying. You may have seen some of the work the children have done in school on the website – and the step-by-step guides for the activities set on Seesaw. Have a look at some of the finished results below:



Reading in unusual places

We would still love you to send in any photographs of children (staff can take part too) reading a favourite book – in an unusual place/setting. We are planning to use these photos for a display in what was the Sensory Room, but now houses our school library. Please send any photos to Mrs Obridge – admin.burton@wrfed.co.uk Thank you.

Pastoral support from Mrs. Sam Thornton



Shout out to Violet-Evie and Vienna for keeping active – last fortnight's focus! Well done girls and keep up the hard work.

This week's (and the final) fortnightly focus is –

Keep Learning

Why is learning good for us? Learning is good for our minds and our bodies – it's good for our mental wellbeing. Learning has been shown to have several

benefits to our sense of wellbeing and life satisfaction:



Increases our self-esteem

Encourages social interaction

Gives us a sense of hope and achievement

If your child would like to take part in the Fortnightly Focus, please email your evidence of what you've been doing to 'Keep Learning' to Mrs Thornton – s.thornton@wrfed.co.uk

Upcoming events:



School lunches: we have some exciting themed dates coming up this term, starting with a Chinese New Year celebration school dinner on Thursday 11th February. 2021 is the Year of the Ox. We will be tucking into Sweet and Sour Chicken and rice, with fresh carrots and peas, followed by mandarin jelly and ice-cream. Please let the office know if your child would like to choose this option instead (if they normally have packed lunches). A reminder that the school dinner charge, for Nursery pupils and Year 3 and above, is £2.75. Keep an eye out for some other special dinner days coming up this term!

Housekeeping



Pupil absences if your child is registered to attend during lockdown: it is really important that you please make sure you telephone or email the school before 9.15am 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 don't receive any communication, by phone or email, we start our process of contacting all of 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.

Medicines in school



If you require your child to have medicine administered during the course of a school day, please complete a 'Parental Request for Medicine in School' form, 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 Headteacher (or representative). 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 in to the School Office each morning. Whilst we can administer Calpol (or similar Paracetamol-based medicines), we are not insured to administer any Ibuprofen sent in unless this is prescribed by a doctor.

OOSC – Pippins and Orchard Club drop-offs and collections



We are still open for those children attending school at the moment. For Pippins Breakfast Club, Mrs Wilson opens the main School Reception door at 8am. We can't permit children on the premises before this time, due to insurance restrictions. **Children must be brought to the door by an adult and handed over to her or another member of staff; please do not park on the road and allow your child to enter the school grounds by themselves.** And for the Orchard After-School club, please knock or ring and your children will be brought to the main school Reception door by Mrs Laycock, to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers. Please note that this Orchard session finishes promptly at 5.30pm. All payments are added to ParentPay within the same week.

Orchard afternoon after-school club: please could parents/carers indicate the approximate collection time for your child when booking a place. Also, if you could please inform school by 12noon if you are cancelling any pre-booked provision for that same day, otherwise you may incur a charge for that session. Thank you.



Outstanding ParentPay debts

Please could parents and carers ensure that any outstanding ParentPay debts are cleared. We still have some families with overdue debts from last autumn half-term. 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.

Along with being able to add credit to your parent account, please note that ParentPay also offers an Auto-top up facility. There is guidance on how to set this up on your parent page as you log in to your account. This facility allows your account to auto-top up if your child's lunch account drops below a certain threshold which you set, so that you don't have to keep logging in and paying. It can be cancelled by account holders at any time and the system automatically registers our school term dates, so will only top-up for days that school is open. Please see the link below for further information.

[Bank Transfer and Auto top-up > ParentPay Support](#)



Severe Weather and Emergency Contact:

In the case of the school having to close for severe weather or an emergency, please be assured that you will be notified by a text message. This may be in the evening or in the morning, as we wait for staff to arrive on site and ensure it's safe for families to bring children in. This is our quickest and most direct method of contacting you.

Yours sincerely

Craig Bealey
Head of School

Important dates for your diary

Thursday 11 th February	Chinese New Year school dinner
Friday 12 th February 2021	Break up for half-term
Monday 22 nd February 2021	School re-opens
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
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Thursday 25 ^h March	Easter celebration school dinner
Friday 26 th March 2021	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 th April 2021	Staff Training Day 3 – school closed
Tuesday 13 th April 2021	School re-opens
Monday 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May 2021	Break up for half-term
Monday 7 th June 2021	Staff Training Day 4 – school closed
Tuesday 8 th June 2021	School re-opens
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Break up for Summer
Monday 26 th July 2021	Staff Training Day 5 – school closed