

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wet couple of weeks! We hope you managed to enjoy some Bonfire fun in spite of the bad weather. Thank you to Mrs Jones in the kitchen for a delicious Bonfire lunch last Tuesday! We have also had the opportunity to take part in a Multicultural day on Monday this week. The children learnt more about the Islamic faith and enjoyed some traditional henna pattern hand art, courtesy of Yazi.

Housekeeping

School dinners

At the beginning of this term we asked families to decide, along with their child, their menu choices up until Christmas, for the three weekly rolling programme of school dinners we offer. Thank you to everyone for making the choices and notifying us if your child prefers a packed lunch. We have had some issues recently, when children have come to school with packed lunches in place of their chosen school dinner. This has meant that a school dinner has been prepared for your child, but not eaten. If this happens, you will still be charged for the school dinner on ParentPay. We do require a period of notice to change any preferences, as food is also ordered by Mrs Jones to plan for the meals chosen for each week. Thank you for your cooperation with this. New menus will be coming out before the Christmas break for you to make choices for the Spring 2020 term, up until the Easter break. Should you wish, a photocopy of your submitted menu choices can be sent home.

Pupil absences: please ensure you telephone or email the school office before 9.15am to notify us of any child absence. There have been a few cases recently where staff have had to chase information about children not being in school, and not receiving confirmation until midday. Equally, we ask if your child is unwell and you have called us 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. Thank you.

A reminder: please make sure your child doesn't bring in toys/teddies from home. We don't want items to be lost or broken, so please could you support us by ensuring that book bags and coat pockets are free from precious objects!

Free School Meals

From 1 April 2018 the Government introduced new regulations for people claiming free schools meals who receive Universal Credit. The change means that if your net annual earnings are more than £7,400 you will not be eligible to claim free school meals.

Pupils who received free school meals before 1 April 2018 and pupils who are assessed as eligible after 1 April 2018 will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the universal roll out period, which is expected to be March 2022. This applies even if they no longer meet the eligibility criteria at a subsequent point during the roll out period.

At the end of the Universal Credit roll out period, any existing pupil who no longer meets the eligibility criteria will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary school.

Qualifying for free school meals

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;

- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals. If you think you might be eligible, please contact the school office in confidence for an application form.

Celebration certificates:

Special mention for the week before the half-term break goes to:

Lily H for fantastic independent writing. Well done **Lily!**

Lucas for super progress with reading. Well done **Lucas!**

India for a fab singing performance in the Harvest Festival assembly and rehearsals. Well done **India!**

Tobias for excellent phonics work. Well done **Tobias!**

Grace G for focussed work in English and trying your best. Well done **Grace!**

Isla for being a sensible scientist and brilliant behaviour. Well done **Isla!**

Jennifer for excellent handwriting and presentation. Well done **Jennifer!**

Special mention last week goes to:

Rory for some amazing handwriting and setting himself ambitious goals! Well done **Rory!**

Romeo for great work in phonics. Well done **Romeo!**

Buddy for working really hard in phonics! Well done **Buddy!**

Archie for always being a good friend. Well done **Archie!**

Scarlett N for lots of effort in all her lessons. Well done **Scarlett!**

Steven for mixing with and getting to know children from Barlow Primary at the athletics event! Well done **Steven!**

Daisy M for being focussed in work and supporting others in class. Well done **Daisy!**

Special mention this week goes to:

Charlie for being kind and helpful, especially to younger children. Well done **Charlie!**

Lucas for working really hard on writing a sentence. Well done **Lucas!**

Romeo for fabulous handwriting. Well done **Romeo!**

Macey W for excellent pattern spotting in maths. Well done **Macey!**

Grace G for an amazing piece of topic homework. Well done **Grace!**

Eddie for picking up on his maths after being away and working really hard! Well done **Eddie!**

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

The week before half-term's award goes to **Scarlett L** for trying a pizza! Well done to **Scarlett!**

Last week's awards go to **Jennifer** and **Jessica** for being so well-behaved and having lovely manners. Well done **Jennifer** and **Jessica!**

This week's award goes to **Kian-Joe** for such good manners in the dining hall. Well done **Kian-Joe!**

Other News...

Indoor Athletics competition

Last week on Monday 4th November, Year 5 and 6 pupils from across the Federation entered the Sports Cluster Indoor Athletics competition at Holy Family School. Steven and the Year 6 girls from Burton Salmon competed on behalf of Burton Salmon Primary.

All the pupils participated in at least two running and field events. The morning was fast and furious with everyone enjoying themselves, making new friends and working together as a team. Well done to all of you who took part!

Parents' Evenings

Our teachers will be holding three sessions for Parents' Evening, they are as follows:

Monday 2nd December – Class 1 (Mrs Newton) and Years 3 & 4 (Mrs Copley) – **3.30pm – 6.30pm**

Tuesday 3rd December – Class 1 (Mrs Newton) and Years 3 & 4 (Mrs Copley) – **3.30pm – 6.30pm**

and Years 5 & 6 (Mrs Hutchinson) – **3.30pm – 6pm**
Friday 6th December – Years 5 & 6 (Mrs Hutchinson) – **3.30pm – 5pm**

All appointments are in 10 minute slots; please sign up next to a time on the signing-up sheets outside your respective children's classes.

Christmas class performances

This year's Class 1 Nativity, 'Little Angel Gets Their Wings' and the Class 2 Christingle will be held at St. Wilfrid's Church in Monk Fryston at 6pm on Thursday 19th December. This will finish at approximately 7.30pm. During the week there will be a couple of rehearsals for the children to practise, details as follows:

Wednesday 18th December - please could all Class 1 children be collected from St. Wilfrid's Church (**not school**) at 3.15pm, following their afternoon rehearsal. Orchard after-school club will still be on today for children from Class 2.

Thursday 19th December – please could all children from Classes 1 and 2, be dropped off at St. Wilfrid's Church (**not school**) at 8.45am for the morning rehearsal – a coach will deliver everybody back to school for lunchtime. **Please note, there will be no Pippins Breakfast Club this morning. Apologies for any inconvenience.**

On the evening of **Thursday 19th December** – please can all children arrive at St. Wilfrid's Church for 5.45pm ahead of the performances. Thank you.

France Residential March 2020

Thank you to the Year 5/6 families who have paid the deposit for next year's residential to France. This is a reminder that the interim payment of £75.00 is due to be paid by Wednesday 11th December. Please make payment via ParentPay, thank you.

Ukulele lessons

These exciting classes will be starting on Friday 6th December for children in Class 2. They will last an hour, giving the children the opportunity to learn about a new musical instrument.

School music lessons

Mr Senogles has 1-2 places available for piano tuition during school time. If you think your child may be interested in learning the piano, please visit the NYCC Music Service website for more information about signing up.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-music-service>

Orchard (OOSC) after-school club

If you have any old and unwanted board games etc. (in good, playable condition), please bring them into school, as Mrs Laycock who runs the Orchard after-school club is looking to expand the activities they have available. This could extend to other activities such as top trumps cards, Lego, Duplo and other building sets, arts and craft activities such as beads - all would be appreciated.

Message from Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Hall re: PE lessons

Please can pupils have suitable clothing for PE at this time of year, joggers, jumpers etc. With the change in weather, and for us all to benefit from activities outside, it would be useful for your child to have a warm PE kit which stays in school.

The school prospectus states the desired P.E. kit is:

Plain white t-shirt (not football teams)

Plain dark shorts (not football teams)

A pair of trainers

Pupils also need a dark tracksuit or similar warm clothing for outdoor games in cold weather

Also, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please can your child bring a pair of wellies, and a set of warm clothes (joggers etc.) as they will be participating in Forest School activities. This will start week commencing Monday 25th November – if your child does not bring in wellies and warm clothing, they risk having to sit in wet, muddy uniform all day. Please also remember that all clothing and shoes should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Open day events for children starting Reception in 2020

For families with children due to start Reception at Burton Salmon in September 2020, we are holding our second session for you to be able to come and have a look at what we have to offer, on Tuesday 26th November from 1.30pm-3.00pm. Please do come along, with your child and get a taste of what Burton Salmon school life is like! Barlow Primary School's second Open Morning is on Thursday 5th December from 9.15am – 11.30am.

Message from Sherburn High School

This year we will be offering a 3 day transition package (1st July, 2nd July and 3rd July). During these days students will meet their form tutors and House Achievement Leaders. They will also sample their timetable and meet most of their class teachers.

Our transition package officially begins for Year 5 students, our other transition events include:

- Friday 24th January – Y5 taster day for Burton Salmon pupils
- May/June – Primary visits with Y6 teacher to get to know the individual needs of Year 6 students joining us
- June – Additional bespoke visits for any student requiring extra support
- July 1st, 2nd, 3rd – Transition days for the Y6 students joining Sherburn High
- September – Primary visit to hand out Open Day invitations

Yours sincerely



Suzanne MacDonald
Executive Headteacher

Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 26 th November	Open Afternoon for prospective Reception 2020 children: 1.30pm-3.00pm
Thursday 28th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children (Reception-Year 6)
Monday 2 nd December	Class 1 (Years Reception, 1 & 2) and Years 3 & 4 Parents' Evening appointments
Tuesday 3 rd December	Class 1 and Class 2 Parents' Evening appointments (whole school)
Friday 6 th December	Ukulele lessons start for Years 3 to 6 Years 5 and 6 Parents' Evening appointments
Wednesday 11 th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 th December	Please collect Class 1 children only from St. Wilfrid's Church at 3.15pm
Thursday 19 th December	Please drop-off all children at St. Wilfrid's Church at 8.45am
Thursday 19 th December	Class 1 Nativity and Class 2 Christingle, at St. Wilfrid's Church, Monk Fryston – 6pm, followed by FOBSS Christmas Fair in St. Wilfrid's Church Hall
Friday 20 th December	Non-uniform day and school closes for the Christmas break
Monday 6 th January 2020	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	School re-opens and Young Voices Concert
Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Deadline for prospective Reception pupil applications for September 2020 intake
Friday 24 th January	Year 5 taster day at Sherburn High School
Friday 14 th February	Close for half-term, non-uniform day
Monday 24 th February	School re-opens
Friday 3 rd April	School closes for Easter Break
Monday 20 th April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 21 st April	School re-opens
Friday 8 th May	School closed for 75 th Anniversary of VE Day
Friday 22 nd May	School closes for half-term, non-uniform day
Monday 1 st June	School re-opens
Friday 17 th July	School closes for summer break
Monday 20 th July	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 9 th September 2020	School re-opens