

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers



Governor Update

You may be aware that Mrs Copley has not been in school since the beginning of January. Following a period of ill health, she has decided that her priority at this time must be with her family, and she therefore will not return to Burton Salmon. Mrs Wykes, an experienced Year 2,3,4 teacher, has stepped into Class 2 and has hit the ground running. We would like to thank Mrs Copley for her contribution to our school, as class teacher and science subject leader. We know that she is keen to pop back to us to say goodbye when she feels well enough, later in the year.

Mrs Torode has been gently easing herself back into a routine at our school since the beginning of February. We are pleased to welcome her back to Burton Salmon as she has been greatly missed by the children, parents and staff. She has been working alongside the Class 1 team for the past 4 weeks and now feels established enough to officially step into the role as the Class 1 teacher. Her enthusiasm and personable nature have already been a hit with the children and she would like to extend her thanks to the parents and children for their warm welcome. It has made her transition back to school much easier.

Recent events in school



Class 1

Class 1 have had an exciting addition to their learning environment this week. A new fish tank and its occupants moved in to class on Tuesday. Currently the tank is home to 4 male Guppies and 2 Amano shrimp. These will all be given names in the coming days. The children have enjoyed learning about the habitat needed to house our new classmates and how to care for this environment. Over the coming weeks we will monitor our tank and when appropriate we will be adding some new additions. The Class 1 team are very proud of how the children have approached having a fish tank in the class, demonstrating a caring and very inquisitive nature throughout the moving in process. As well as providing an excellent stimulus for learning, having a fish tank presents the children with an opportunity to enjoy the sensory input a fish tank provides. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for photographs and updates about our new classmates.



York City Knights Rugby

We are pleased to have York City Knights coaching our class 2 and 3 pupils. The pupils have been learning how to dodge, the correct way to pass the ball and small "3 is the magic number" games. Everyone is participating, being active and learning new skills. We have 2 more sessions to enhance our rugby knowledge. They are also running a Rugby after-school club on Tuesdays up until Easter.

Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 swimming lessons



This week was our final session. Everyone has improved immensely over the 8 weeks. Some pupils have moved up groups; a group swam in their pyjamas for lifesaving skills; others have mastered techniques, and a number have conquered their fears. All have got wet and enjoyed this opportunity. Swimming is an important life skill for our pupils to learn, as we live so close to rivers and canals and especially with the recent flooding.



Twig the Federation Therapy Dog

Twig the school dog visited the school on Wednesday dropping in to see each class. In Class 3 Twig tried her paw at fractions but no sharing of biscuits here! In Class 2 Twig listened to a couple of pupils read, she enjoyed this as it was Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy. She loved Class 1 and helped some pupils with their phonics. The pupils were asked to spell a CVC word, if the sounds and blending were correct they threw the tennis ball for Twig to fetch. Twig enjoyed her morning helping the children and seeing them smile.



Burton Salmon Sensory Room

We are very excited to announce that we have a new purpose made sensory room on site, located within the building adjacent to the nature area. The sensory room was made possible because of a grant from the Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Education Foundation, to whom we are extremely grateful. We are adding the finishing touches to the room and anticipate a grand unveiling after Easter. As a school we value the wellbeing of all our children and the sensory room will allow staff to deliver focused input based around wellbeing, mental health and sensory needs. With the help of the grant we will be able to dedicate space to this much needed and valued area of child development. The room boasts various multi-sensory pieces of equipment such as aromatherapy, interactive fibre optic lighting, light up lava mats, infinity mirrors, and a cocoon bean bag to name a few. Mrs Hall is also working hard to overhaul part of the grounds next to the building to create a sensory garden. This garden will complement the sensory room and allow sensory input outdoors. We will keep you updated about the progress of this project and the unveiling in due course.

Upcoming events:



Sport Relief 2020 – It's Game On!

Sport Relief week will be held in school (**Monday 9th – Friday 13th March**) with Mrs Hall arranging activities on the Tuesday morning after break. All pupils may arrive in their PE kits. Our activities will include a whole school walk a mile around the playground. They will then split into their house teams for a carousel of Go Noodle, yoga, Boccia and a small netball game. Staff will be joining in. All we ask is a donation of a £1 please. We will also be selling the Sports Relief wristbands as a fundraising exercise. These will cost £1.00 each, with at least 50p from the sale of each band going to the charity Comic Relief. We have been advised though, that they are not suitable for children under the age of 3 years, due to small parts.



Eat Them to Defeat Them!

Over the coming weeks Class 1 pupils will be looking at, tasting and fact finding about different vegetables with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hall. This week they have looked at carrots and sweetcorn; tasting, colouring in pictures, setting seeds and receiving stickers for their efforts. Please look at the envelope in their book bags for further information on this exciting national campaign.



Ukuleles

Please remember to bring your instrument for the next 2 Friday afternoons. Mrs Mould will be holding the last ukulele lessons on **Friday 13th March**, before she moves on to Barlow Primary School for the summer term.

Cider tasting & school fundraiser – message from Bert's Barrow

Dear all

On Friday 27th March it's our first pizza night & fundraiser for your school at Bert's Barrow! Please see details below.....
Back due to popular demand! Friday night street food night is back at Bert's Barrow

- Knead n Feed will be back with their authentic handmade wood fired pizzas using only locally sourced toppings!.
- The Liquid Catering bar will be fully stocked.
- We will have live acoustic music too from Andrew Cox Acoustic

The ticket is to confirm your time slot at the oven. You will need to decide your pizza flavour and pay for it once you get here. The £1 per person ticket fee contributes to running the event.

You do not have to book a ticket, however it guarantees you a slot in the oven - these events have proven to be very popular in the past, and you risk missing out if you haven't booked a ticket. Ticket link <http://www.wegottickets.com/event/497502>

Do you remember making cider back in autumn with Yorkshire Spirit? Well we are going to taste it now, it's a fund raiser for Monk Fryston & South Milford Primary School, Hambleton & Burton Salmon Schools, so please bring cash for a taste of the cider and all proceeds go to the schools... there will be raffle prizes too.....For more details please go to Bert's Barrow Facebook page.

See you all soon!

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Housekeeping



Outstanding ParentPay debts

Please could parents and carers ensure that any outstanding ParentPay debts are cleared as soon as possible. Across the federation, there is an agreed maximum debt per child, which is £30.00. This includes any school dinners, trips, and out of school club payments. With Orchard out of school club sessions, it has become apparent that payments are not being met weekly. Should any outstanding balances not be cleared by **Friday 27th March**, there is the risk that your child will be unable to use the OOSC facilities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne MacDonald".

Suzanne MacDonald
Executive Headteacher

Important dates for your diary

Monday 9 th – Fri 13 th March	Sport Relief Week – wristbands on sale from the Monday
Tuesday 10 th March	NYCC Debating competition for selected Y5/6 children
Friday 13 th March	Last Ukulele session
Monday 16 th – Fri 20 th March	Federation Residential to Normandy, France for Years 5 and 6
Friday 3 rd April	School closes for Easter – Non-Uniform Day – £1.00 donation for Sensory Garden
Wednesday 25 th March	Gymnastics workshop morning
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 (in place of Monday 4 th May)
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 – Non-uniform day
Monday 20 th July	Staff Training Day
Monday 7 th September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8 th September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 9 th September	School re-opens