



Burton Salmon Community Primary School  
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## ***One family branching out together***

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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of another unusual half-term.



It feels like we've had all the seasons too, in the last couple of weeks! How are you getting on with the home-learning? We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone for your help in motivating and encouraging the children to access the remote learning we have in place. It is a difficult and strange time and we appreciate your hard work and hope to be all together again at some point next half-term. As soon as we hear of any arrangements for schools to open fully, we will let you know. In the meantime, please enjoy your half-term break next week and have a rest.

### **Places for children at school**

Please contact the office by email – [admin.burton@wrfed.co.uk](mailto: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:**

#### **Children's Mental Health Week 1 - 7 February 2021**

Miss Bowers and the children in Class 2 spent part of last week taking time out of lessons to dance and make junk models. Here are some of their fab modelling photos:





### Today's non-uniform day

Staff and children (at home and in school) have taken part in a non-uniform day today, with the theme – '**Express yourself**' which ties in with last week's Children's Mental Health Week. **Expressing yourself** is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It's important to remember that being able to **express yourself** is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are and how you see the world. We have encouraged the children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can **express ourselves**; and today, we have chosen to wear clothes that make us feel happy and good about ourselves.



### 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](mailto:admin.burton@wrfed.co.uk) Thank you.

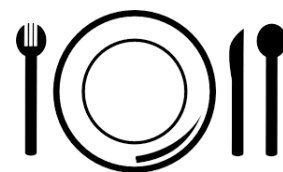
### Upcoming events:



*Shrove Tuesday*

**Pancake Day:** Next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February is Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day. Sadly, we won't be in school to enjoy pancakes together, but we hope you get the chance to make and eat some at home. If you have some tasty recipes (and photos of your finished results – especially pancake faces!) please share them with us. You can email: [admin.burton@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.burton@wrfed.co.uk) with your delicious designs or disastrous attempts.

**School lunches:** we have some exciting themed dates coming up next half- term, starting with a World Book Day celebration school dinner on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will have more details about the menu on offer that day, nearer the time. Please let the office know if your child would like to choose this option instead (if they would normally have packed lunches). A reminder that the school dinner charge, for Nursery pupils and Year 3 children and above, is £2.75. Keep an eye out for some other special dinner days coming up this term!



### World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World book Day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, with a 'Bedtime Stories' themed Day in classes and at home. Children (and Staff) are welcome to come to school dressed in onesies or pyjamas – but due to current restrictions, we ask you to please not bring in any cuddly toys. We look forward to having a fun day and sharing some great stories!

## 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/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 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 medication 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/Mr Marshall 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:** We will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays for the immediate future; please could parents/carers book places up to a week in advance, due to lower numbers of children in school at the moment. 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 have some families with overdue debts from this spring half-term. Please check your child's account and make payment as soon as possible, thank you. 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 or OOSC 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**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	School re-opens
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	World Book Day
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Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Comic Relief Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Easter celebration school dinner
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Staff Training Day 3 – school closed
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	School re-opens
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Bank Holiday
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Break up for half-term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Staff Training Day 4 – school closed
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School re-opens
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Break up for Summer
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Staff Training Day 5 – school closed