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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

Not long to go now before we break up for the Christmas holidays. We have unfortunately been hit recently by a round of staff and children illness; we hope everyone is on the mend for



this week's Nativity and Christmas celebrations in school. A big **'thank you'** to Mrs Jones for a fantastic Christmas Dinner last week – we were all full afterwards! We would also like to say thank you to all of the parents and carers for your ongoing support and would like to wish you all a restful Christmas break and enjoy spending time with your families.

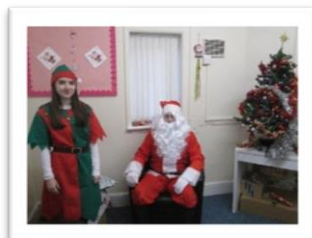
### **Recent news:**



#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On **Friday 10th December** we supported the Save the Children UK charity by asking the children and staff to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1.00 made payable via ParentPay. We haven't calculated the final amount at the moment, as some payments are still due in – **but we are currently at: £132.30!** <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

Last Friday also coincided with a very special visit for the children from Father Christmas and his helpful elf 'Twinkle'! All the children paid a visit to Santa's Grotto and received a gift each. Thank you for visiting Burton Salmon School; we know you are very busy at this time of year!



Here's Classes 1 and 2 proudly displaying their selection of festive jumpers:



### Victorian Day in Class 2

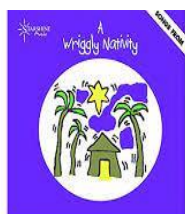
Last Wednesday Miss McNichol, Miss Potts and Miss Kiely went back in time with Class 2 and held a Victorian Day to link in with recent topic work. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes (Miss McNichol looked very strict!) and they were able to experience a little of what school children in Victorian times might have had to endure. There were rules to follow, lots of lining up, writing on chalkboards, the boys read the Bible whilst the girls balanced books on their heads, they studied arithmetic after break and took part in a Victorian PE lesson outside. One of the children even received a pretend 'caning' and had to stay in at break! Jacob said: *'I didn't like it when the dunce's hat was on my head'* and Ivy said: *'it was really fun when we played with the skipping ropes and hoops'*. *'I liked it when the girls had to balance books on their heads and when we used chalk and the boards'* said Lily. Here are some of the photos of an educational day:





## Upcoming events

### Burton Salmon Nativity



Due to recent staff absences, Class 1 and Class 2 will now be performing their grand production of 'A Wiggly Nativity' tomorrow - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December supported with singing from Class 3 too. Whilst Nursery children have enjoyed learning the songs, due to the varying patterns of all their sessions, they will not be performing alongside the older children - however, on the day they will have their own special song to sing. As mentioned at Mr Marshall's Early Years Information evening, this will be recorded in school and will be available for families to view before we break up.



### Request from Class 1

Miss Ducat who visits from Chapel Haddlesey School each week, is looking to build a large insect hotel with the children in Class 1, in their lovely outdoor area. We are asking parents and carers, if you could kindly bring in any spare (empty) pop bottles, pringle tubes and old plant pots please. Also, if you have any bricks with air holes, they would be ideal for this project. Thank you.

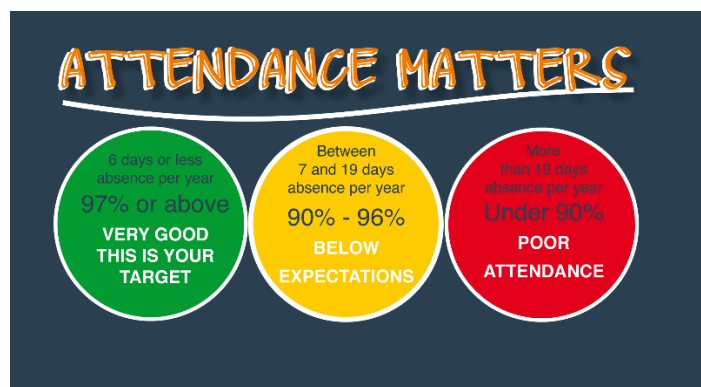
### Attendance information from Mrs Thornton:



Please click on the following link for more information regarding the responsibility of parents and carers relating to school attendance and behaviour.

<https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Education%20reform/Information%20for%20Parents%20-%20Sept%202021%20-%20Final.docx>

Whole school attendance percentage is at **92.38%**



### How can I support good attendance?

There is support if you are finding school attendance a problem, if your child is anxious or worried about going to school please do ask for help.

Every child is entitled to additional support from the school to help them engage with learning, as a Federation we have a Pastoral team that can support you as a family to achieve this. Some children may find regular support helps to improve school attendance.

**DID YOU KNOW.....?**  
 A child who misses half a day each week throughout school life will lose one full year of education.

### Attendance top tips

- Figure out the reasons for absence as this can help you understand where your child needs support in overcoming barriers to attending school
- Try to establish a good routine early so that when your child does start school they are in good habits such as getting plenty of sleep
- If appointments are needed for health reasons, try to make them during after school hours or out of term time where possible

Well done to the current **100%** students

We will celebrate all students who achieve the 100% over the next half term through **Marvellous Me**.

House	%
Honey Crisp	93.85%
Golden Delicious	89.09%
Red Delicious	93.5%
Children in school with 100% attendance	15 children
Children with 100% attendance over the last fortnight	35 children



### **School menu choices:**

I am still waiting on a few responses for menu choices for Spring 2022. Please return these by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the latest, so that food can be ordered and a meal prepared for your child on the first day back. Please also let me know if your child will be having packed lunches from home. Thank you.



### **Christmas Party Day**

This week, we will be holding Burton Salmon's Christmas Party Day on the afternoon of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school dressed for the day in their party clothes (they can even wear their Christmas jumpers again); but it will be the normal morning timetable and please note that there will be **no PE in Class 1** on that day. School will provide some tasty, party treats for each class. We are asking for a £2.00 voluntary contribution per child which is available to pay via ParentPay, if you haven't already done so. Again, like last year, we ask you to please not send in any food donations from home.

For children who normally attend Nursery part-time, please be advised that your children can join us for the party from 1.00pm, (at no additional charge). Please could you let the office know if you would like your Nursery child to come for the afternoon. Thank you.

### **Applications for School Places September 2022**

For Primary School places (Reception class in September 2022) – you can apply online and the closing date for applications is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - please visit the following website: - [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)



Please also find below a link from NYCC regarding information about council transport this academic year:

[Arrangements for providing School and College transport from September 2021 | North Yorkshire County Council](#)



### **Selby Council – Kick the Habit Campaign**

Selby District Council are relaunching their district-wide 'Kick the Habit' no-Idling campaign. The aim of this campaign is to improve the quality of air within the Selby District and to create a healthier environment by encouraging drivers to 'kick the habit' and switch off their engines while parked.

### **Why should you support No Idling?**

Vehicle Idling harms our health: exhaust fumes pollute the air we breathe, and it not only affects adults, but also affects children due to the fact they are more susceptible as they breathe in more and at a faster rate. Breathing in air pollution during our lifetime has been linked to a wide range of health problems, including lung and heart disease, stroke, and cancer. Idling engines produce unnecessary pollution and produces up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. Therefore, by not idling, the levels of harmful emissions being released into the atmosphere are reduced.

### **What can we do?**

A considerable amount of air pollution comes from cars, and there are various ways in which we can make a change, such as:

- Turning off car engines when stopping and reducing idling.
- No idling engines during school drop off/pickups.
- In the long-term, considering electric or hybrid vehicles.

This project is a great way to reiterate the message that we all have a role to play in improving air quality for ourselves and for those around us, therefore, we need to look hard at our choices and travel habits to improve air quality around our schools. We have various materials such as posters, leaflets, postcards, stickers, and pledge cards, which we will provide for schools. We would greatly welcome your support in our campaign to tackle Idling.

For more information, please visit <https://www.selby.gov.uk/kick-habit>

### **Housekeeping:**



#### **School Uniform**

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are named, as we have a number of jumpers etc with no names in, especially in Class 1. Thank you.

### **Drinks in school**

It is important that children please bring in a named water bottle daily. These can be refilled throughout the day at our plumbed-in water station. Please only send in water and **not** juice etc, as this goes against our Healthy School's policy which can be found on the school website: [MODEL SCHOOL FOOD POLICY \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](http://MODEL SCHOOL FOOD POLICY (burtonsalmonschool.org.uk))



**Pupil absences:** it is really important that you please make sure you telephone or email the school **before 9.10am** 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 do not 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 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 this is prescribed by a doctor.

### **OOSC – Pippins and Orchard Club drop-offs and collections**



We do have places available for our after-school provision – please contact us with any provision you may require.

For Pippins Breakfast Club, you do not need to book ahead and Mrs Wilson opens the main School Reception door 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 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.**

For our Orchard After-School club, please knock or ring the OOSC doorbell and your children will be brought to the main school Reception door by Miss Gamble, Mrs Laycock or Miss Bowers to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers by **5.30pm**. **Please can you be reminded that 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 midday, otherwise a charge of £5.00 will be added to your child's ParentPay account.**

**All payments are added to ParentPay within the same week.**

### Outstanding ParentPay debts

**With only 3 days to go before the end of this half-term, please could all parents and carers ensure that any outstanding ParentPay debts are cleared.** 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. Please keep an eye on your child's account and make payment by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Pay online for  
school meals  
and  
other items...



### **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. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Helen Obridge  
Administrator

### **Important dates for your diary**

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Training Day 3
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Back to school
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Deadline for Reception applications for 2022 cohort
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	Phototronics in school – Individual and Class group photos
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	NSPCC Number Day 2022 – It's maths, but not as you know it!
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Break up for half-term
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Federation Years 5 and 6 Residential to Robinwood's Dobroyd Castle, Todmorden

### **Training Days for the Academic year 2021 -2022**

Due to the Queen's Jubilee (70<sup>th</sup>) celebrations next year, please note that the revised 3 NYCC allocated Training Days for 21/22 are:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**\*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022\***

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**