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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, what a sunny half-term it is so far! We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and you are looking forward to being out and about more, with the hopeful further easing of restrictions.



Last week we welcomed 3 children in Nursery; Honey, Mikey and Eliza. We hope they are settling in well and getting to know everybody in Class 1. What an exciting time of year to join Burton Salmon! We know you will have fun here.

Recent events:

Class 2 Science lessons

Last week Class 2 conducted some very important science experiments! Ruby and Hadley have written a few sentences about what they got up to in their lessons:



'On Friday the 11th of June we put a square of chocolate in our mouth to see how the enzymes in our saliva start to break food down. We looked at different types of animal teeth with Miss Potts; a messy experiment with Miss Bowers and then we went on to BBC Bitesize to do a food chain game. We then had paper plates to draw pictures of healthy food on,' said Ruby.

Hadley wrote: 'Today we started by doing a bread experiment where we chewed some bread and found out that the enzymes in our saliva make the bread taste sweet. The next thing we did was a messy experiment – we used crackers and orange juice and mashed them together in a bag to represent what happens when we chew our food. We poured this mix into a pair of tights, which looked like an intestine.'



Upcoming events:

Healthy Child team

A reminder that this week, on Thursday 17th June, the NHS Healthy Child team will be coming in to see the Year 1 children and perform their Vision Screening Checks. This will be undertaken in our resources room, during the morning session.



Sports Day afternoon

This year we will be holding our sports day on the afternoon of Monday 28th June. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite families along, due to restrictions still, but we will take plenty of photos of the children taking part! Please can all children come to school dressed in their PE kits on this day. Thank you.



School lunches:

Some good news; school dinner prices will remain at £2.75 for the next academic year (2021/2022) for all Nursery children and Year 3 children and above. We think this is really good value for the lovely meals provided by Mrs Jones.

Also, it's quite some time away yet, but we will be having a 'Seaside Special Day' on Thursday 15th July. Mrs Jones will be cooking:

Battered fish and chips, with peas, 50/50 bread and tomato ketchup, followed by a doughnut muffin

Please let the office know if your child would like to choose this option, if they would normally have packed lunches or a baguette/jacket potato school dinner. A reminder that the school dinner charge, for Nursery pupils and Year 3 children and above, is currently £2.75.

On the last day of term, Friday 23rd July, to coincide with our final charity non-uniform day of the academic year, we plan to have a whole school picnic lunch on the school field. There will be more details to follow in the next newsletter.



Holiday Club

Having consulted with staff, we have made the decision not to offer a Holiday Club in summer. The Holiday Club was offered last year to support parents who were keyworkers having to work through lockdown and also to offer some respite to parents whose children had been learning at home since the March 2020 lockdown. As we have now been back in school since March, our staff who have been working hard since the initial lockdown to teach both children in school and at home, are ready for a break themselves. We are sure that you will be supportive of this decision.



Health and Safety Matters – an update from the Local Authority

Hand Sanitisers: Pupils should not bring their own hand sanitisers into school. Alcohol based hand sanitisers must only be used under close supervision and only if soap and water is not available.

Hand Soaps: It is not recommended for schools to allow pupils to bring their own hand soaps into school. Some parents and school staff have identified some pupils are suffering from dry, cracked hands as a result of handwashing, it is unlikely changing the soap will stop this from occurring, soap is a detergent, it bonds with oils and allows them to be washed away, leaving the skin clean. Using handwash breaks down the structure that encloses viral particles, deactivating the virus. However, the reason hot water and soap are so effective against microbes is the same reason they're not great for the skin. Frequent hand washing breaks down the skin's barrier function and it is the removal of the skin's natural oils/barrier that causes the dry, sore, cracked skin and so replacing this barrier with a hand cream/moisturiser after washing and drying thoroughly can help. Hand Soaps can be classed as eye irritants. If it was deemed necessary it would be recommended that a consent form was completed by parents (like the one for emollients attached) and that the bottle was labelled with the child's name and only used by the child who it was provided for.

Emollients/Moisturisers: Use of emollient: GPs have been reporting an increase in families requesting prescriptions for emollients for children as a result of increased handwashing and colder weather. In most cases an over the counter emollient will help this condition and so a GP appointment and prescription is unnecessary. In partnership with Health and Safety the following guidance has been produced to reassure settings that these types of emollients are able to be used without falling into a 'medicine' category and do not need a prescription.

[Emollients - Information for schools 22.10.20.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

Schools should ensure parents complete a consent form for the use of emollients. and the bottle should be labelled with the pupil's name. A list of suitable emollients is available by following this link:

[Emollients - Information for Parents Guardians Final 22.10.2020.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

If your child needs to use an emollient in school, please complete and return the form to Mrs Obridge which can be downloaded from the school website on the following link:

[admin-of-medicines-parent-permission.pdf \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](#)

Housekeeping



Sun cream permissions and sun hats

Sun cream permission forms were sent out on the 20th of April and we have had several returns. Please could you return any slips to Mrs Obridge in the office, as we will be unable to administer any of our school Nivea cream to your child, without permissions in place. Please could you also ensure you send your child to school with a sun hat. Thank you.

Drinks in school

It is essential with the current period of hot weather that children please bring in a 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:

Fresh, chilled drinking water is available for all pupils throughout the day and pupils will be encouraged to drink water at frequent intervals. All packed lunch pupils have access to water at lunch time meaning there is no need for an additional drink to be brought as part of a packed lunch. Pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle every day that they can refill, as necessary.

Bottles go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned. Covid restrictions – pupils should bring in their own named water bottle from home and this will be sent home every night.



No drinks other than water will be brought into school by pupils unless recommended by a doctor for medical needs.



PE Lessons

A reminder that **Class 1, Class 2** and **Class 3's** PE lessons are all held on **Thursdays**. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit and remain in their kit all day, rather than change. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the changes in weather.



Pupil absences: 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 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.

Application for Leave of Absence (Holiday)

As we return to our normal lives, holidays which have previously been cancelled or postponed will start to be booked once again. To request leave to go on holiday as a family, please complete the Application for Leave of Absence which can be downloaded from the school website via the link below:



[Requesting leave of absence during term time | Burton Salmon Primary School \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](https://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk)

All requests for leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and on an individual basis with full evidence being provided by the parent or carer. No parent or carer can demand leave of absence as a right. A decision is made based on DfE and NYCC guidance and parents will be notified of the decision by letter. A decision on whether a family receives a fine is out of our control and is taken by the LA. Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Before completing any application, parents and carers are asked to consider the effect of taking leave on their child's continuity of education.

Medicines in school



If you require your child to have medicine administered during a school day, 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 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 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.**

And for the 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 or Mrs Laycock, to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers by **5.30pm**.

All payments are added to ParentPay within the same week.



Outstanding ParentPay debts

Please could parents and carers ensure that any outstanding ParentPay debts are cleared regularly. 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 as soon as possible, thank you.

Yours sincerely

Craig Bealey
Head of School

Important dates for your diary

Thursday 17 th June 2021	Year 1 Vision Screening Check - am
Monday 28 th June 2021	Sports Day afternoon for pupils – children to come to school in PE kits
Thursday 15 th July 2021	Seaside Special school dinner day
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Non-uniform Day and Picnic lunch day
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Break up for Summer
Monday 26th July 2021	Staff Training Day 5 – school closed