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## ***One family branching out together***

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Dear Parents and Carers



We are very much looking forward to having all the children back in school from Monday next week (8<sup>th</sup> March); even though we have seen you regularly online, we have really missed you! A reminder that if your child has a school dinner, we will be starting back on **Week 3** of the termly menus.

Please could we request that those families that have benefitted from the loan of a Chromebook during lockdown, ensure that your child brings this back into school next Monday. These need to be signed back in; with the chargers, cases etc and making sure that there are no operational issues with them. Please also check that any labelling/paperwork is still in place so we can identify all returned devices. Thank you.

You will have received the emailed letter last Friday from Mrs MacDonald regarding arrangements for returning to school next week and we would also like you to read the message below from Mrs Thornton for advice on how to help prepare your child for their return to school. If you have any concerns at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

### **Message from our Pastoral Lead Sam Thornton:**



### **Supporting your child back into school after lockdown**

It is only natural that many young people will be worried about returning to school after being off school for so long.

Below are some tips taken from the Young Minds website about how to support your child back into school.

1. **Talk to your child about how they are feeling** about going back to school and try not to make assumptions. Ask them if they are worried or feel scared about anything, but also if they are excited about or looking forward to something. No matter how your child feels, let them know that it is completely normal to feel a mixture of emotions and that everyone will be in the same boat.

Visit <https://youngminds.org.uk/starting-a-conversation-with-your-child/> for ideas on how to start the conversation.

2. **Provide your child with as much information about their new routine and school day as you can.** This will help them to prepare for any changes that have been made to the timings of their day, the layout of their classroom, their peer groups and playtimes. For younger children, it can be really helpful for them to visualise these changes – so ask your child’s school if they can send any pictures to help make things feel more familiar.
3. **Reassure your child.** During the lockdown we have been told to stay at home, remain socially distant from others and wash our hands regularly. This means children may find it difficult to go back to school because it will be a huge change from what they have been asked to do during the pandemic. Talk with your child about ways they can stay safe at school, such as washing their hands before and after eating, and reassure them that the school are putting measures in place to keep them safe.
4. **Re-establish a routine to help ease into school life.** During lockdown it is understandable that your family’s routine may have changed. Children are likely to have been waking up later or going to bed later. To help them get ready for school, try to gradually get them back into their usual morning and bedtime routines as they get closer to their return date.
5. **Don’t put pressure on yourself.** The transition back into school is likely to take some time. Lots of children will experience ups and downs. Try your best to support, reassure and comfort them, without putting pressure on yourself to make sure their homework is done or they settle into a new routine straight away.
6. **Think ahead.** As well as reflecting on what has happened during the past few weeks, it is important to help children develop hope and a sense of excitement for the future. At a time like this, it can be hard to feel positive, but identifying the things that they can look forward to will help them to realise that the current situation won’t last forever and their feelings will change.
7. **Seek support if you need it.** Transitioning back to school after being in lockdown is no easy task. You may find that your child struggles to get back into school or experiences difficulties while they’re at school. If this is the case, reach out to your class teacher as soon as you can so that you can make them aware of the challenges and work together to support your child. If you are concerned about your child’s mental health and you think they need professional support, speak to the school and your GP about the best next step.

#### Recent news:



#### Class 2 art

We have been really lucky to have our federation art expert – Mrs Seath, join us in Class 2 again this week. The children have spent two afternoons learning about Roman Knights and working hard on creating their own authentic looking, yet personal and unique Roman Knight armour.

First, they constructed their large shields from strong cardboard, representing the hard wood the Romans used for the base and handles of their shields. They then covered them with red paper, representing leather and finally decorated them with metallic wings, arrows and a central boss, representing the iron features that were used to adorn and strengthen the shields. Class 2 then added more personal details to their shields, including a variety of patterns, self-portraits and their initials. Finally, they created their helmets and swords, partaking in a similar process of construction and personalised decoration. In their full attire, they almost take you back in time, convincing you that you’re amidst a real Roman Knight battle!

Mrs Seath will be joining Class 3 next week and looking at sustainable art and how to creatively use recycling materials.

Here are some photos of CL2's creations – please visit our website: [www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk](http://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk) to see more!



### **The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) Facebook launch**

Please see the information below regarding the NYSCP's new Facebook launch for families:

**We are very excited to officially announce our new page on Facebook.**

**We will be sharing a variety of useful content to:**

- raise awareness of safeguarding issues primarily with parents and carers
  - help parents and carers know how to keep their children safe
- provide links to key services where children, young people, parents and carers can find help and support

Check out our page at [facebook.com/nyscp1](https://facebook.com/nyscp1) and be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us!

**Don't forget you can also:**

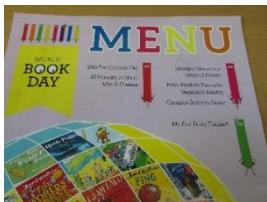
- Visit our website at [safeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://safeguardingchildren.co.uk)
- Follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/nyscp1](https://twitter.com/nyscp1)
- Check us out on Instagram at [instagram.com/nyscp](https://instagram.com/nyscp)

### **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:



### World Book Day

Thank you to Mrs Jones who cooked up a fabulous literary lunch yesterday for World Book Day. We enjoyed:

***Bird Pie (Chicken pie) with George's Marvellous mash, Peter Rabbit's vegetable medley and Gangsta Granny's gravy followed by Mr Fox's Fruity flapjack.***

We have decided to move our World Book Day events to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March – when everybody is back in school and can join in together. We are going to celebrate with a ‘Bedtime Stories’ themed day. 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. The children will each receive a £1.00 book token (valid until 28<sup>th</sup> March) which entitles you to ONE FREE WORLD BOOK DAY 2021 book, please visit: [2021s-1-books \(worldbookday.com\)](https://2021s-1-books.worldbookday.com) for more information. We are not asking for any donations in return for wearing non-uniform and we look forward to having a fun day and sharing some great stories!

### Scholastic Book Club



**Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running, ready for Easter ordering!**

Please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/burton-salmon-community/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month’s Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards, to use towards valuable book resources. There is a great selection of must-have books, resources, flashcards and reward stickers. Also, the editors choose a ‘book of the month’ for each age range.

Please place your **orders online by March 16th, 2021**. All orders will be delivered free to school.



### Musical Monday's

From next Monday afternoon, we will be welcoming Mr Senogles back into school to deliver music lessons to each class. Some of our families may already know Mr Senogles; if your children have music tuition in school via North Yorkshire Council. These are certainly going to be loud, fun sessions!



### Comic Relief Day – Funny is power!

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be supporting Comic Relief Day in school by wearing red and dressing up as superheroes. As the past year has shown, life can be unpredictable, but we can always look to the power of laughter to make things a little more bearable. No matter how small something may seem – by dressing up in red clothes and as superheroes – we (Burton Salmon) can help raise money for Red Nose Day and feel that we are part of something bigger.



In order to be Covid-friendly, we are going **cashless** and are asking for a **minimum donation of £1.00** per child/member of staff, which can be paid via your child’s **ParentPay account**. This has been set up and is ready to use now, enabling all funds raised to go directly to Comic Relief. Thank you for your support!



**School lunches:** we will have an Easter-themed celebration school lunch on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Jones will be cooking Roast Chicken with stuffing, gravy, homemade Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes, broccoli and sweetcorn – followed by an iced Easter biscuit. 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.

## Housekeeping



### PE Lessons

From next week, week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, all 3 class bubble PE lessons will be 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 weather, and bear in mind that it can still be chilly and wet in the spring.



**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 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**



For Pippins Breakfast Club, the main School Reception door opens at 8am. We can't 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 and your children will be brought to the main school Reception door by Mrs Laycock, to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers.

All payments are added to ParentPay within the same week.

**Orchard afternoon after-school club:** It would be really helpful if families could give us an idea of any future provision you may require, by booking in advance. Equally, we would be grateful if you could please inform school by 12 noon 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. 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](#)

Yours sincerely



Craig Bealey  
Head of School

**Important dates for your diary**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Welcome back! Please return any Chromebooks you may have borrowed.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Musical Monday's – individual class lessons with Mr Senogles
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	World Book Day events in school
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