

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



We aim to provide a rich, stimulating and enjoyable curriculum where children are encouraged to work both independently and together in a happy, secure and caring environment. We respect and value each other, show responsibility and celebrate our achievements

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's fair to say that it has been 'quite the week' here in school!

Firstly we must say a big 'thank you!' to all parents and carers that found time to complete the OFSTED Parent View online questionnaire and all those parents that spoke to the inspector on Tuesday. Parental feedback was overwhelmingly positive and your support for the school was incredibly appreciated. Thank you!

Your children also did us proud on Tuesday, speaking to the inspector on a variety of issues from school life to homework to equality and doing so with great enthusiasm and fluency. So well done pupils too!

Besides the big inspection we have still found time to keep up with all the good work and fun that goes on here week to week;

News from Class 1

Pancake day was a big focus for us this week in Class 1!

In numeracy we have been using pancakes as a way into fractions, with Year 1 looking at accurate halving and quartering whilst Year 2 went on to look at more advanced fractions and how we record these. Reception were busy in the role play house and mud kitchen making and measuring pancakes of their own.

In literacy we have been looking at how we write both shopping lists and instructions to ensure our pancake making didn't go awry! Instruction writing is something many of the children enjoy, particularly the use of 'bossy language' so perhaps this is something you may wish to continue at home. Reception pupils have also been looking at the story of 'Mr Wolfs Pancakes' and discussing their recall and sequencing of events within the story. Whilst in RE we have been looking at Bible stories and creating our own 'turning a new leaf promises' to keep up with throughout the Lent period. Then of course in DT we indulged in some serious pancake production and flipping contests!

News from Class 2

Class 2 have had a good start to the half term. We have continued our topic work on Ancient Greece and this week were 1 hour experts on Greek households, slavery and The Olympics (with some very original spellings of Greek and Olympics).

Year 5 and 6 have explored writing sequels to short stories, with a focus on planning, audience and genre. In maths we have been tackling and persevering with word problems. Year 6 have begun focused revision sessions and have worked conscientiously on reading, SPAG and maths.

Years 3/4 have been focusing on their SPAG skills in literacy, in particular direct speech, conjunctions, paragraphs and adverbs. We reviewed the features of short stories in preparation for writing our own short stories next week. In maths we have begun to look at fractions, focusing on fractions of shapes and amounts.

Have a good weekend!



GOLDEN BOOK

Special mention in assembly this week will go to –

EVERYONE ! – For their fantastic behaviour, effort and achievements in what has been a very hectic week!

Other News

I must apologise for not communicating our 'World Book Day' plans to you all before the half term. As a school we decided to delay 'Book Day' to have it coincide with a planned author visit later in the year and also to give parents a little more breathing space between 'dress up days' as we have Comic Relief on the horizon later in the month. Sorry this wasn't communicated earlier and I hope it didn't cause too much confusion!

With that in mind – Comic Relief is coming up on the 24th of March! We are offering all pupils the opportunity to come to school dressed in as wild and wacky a costume as they choose, or if they prefer simply something red!

We are very lucky next week to have Mrs Watson in school with us on Tuesday. Mrs Watson is a nationally recognised specialist in Handwriting and is coming to work with all pupils in some exciting workshops around how we can improve our penmanship!

Housekeeping

Just a reminder that if your child is going home with someone other than a parent or immediate family member we need to be made aware of this before 'home time'.

If your child is currently attending music lessons and wishes to continue for the rest of this half term please see Parentpay to renew their attendance.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to re-arrange the dates for the forthcoming parent's evenings. The new dates are Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April and appointment letters will be sent home soon. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Blackwood