

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,

Well it has been quite the hectic week here in school and it has been great to see the majority of our pupils back to full health and here enjoying their learning with us! Unfortunately, as you are aware, we have had some staff illness this week and whilst we are lucky enough to have had some fantastic new faces working across both classes we do know one or two routines may have slipped. So apologies if books haven't been changed on the planned days or spelling tests have been missed, we do hope to be back to full strength next week and normal service will resume!

That said the school has had a wonderful 'busy buzz' all week and the children have been engaged in some great activities –

Class 1

Well what a week!

Class 1 have been lucky enough to work with a number of fantastic teachers this week, all of whom have spoken very highly about what a lovely class they are!

Things have still run to plan with our 'fantasy world' topic now in full swing! In literacy we have been looking at the story of Where the Wild Things Are! Our reception pupils have been busy building boats, islands and forests, all whilst practising their mark making and writing skills and telling us some fantastic stories along the way. Year 1 have been looking at their sentence construction, writing speech and thought bubbles. Whilst Year 2 have gone on to include dialogue in their sentences, using advanced punctuation including speech marks, commas and exclamation marks. In Maths we have been focussing on addition; Reception gathering together and counting piles of items, Year 1 working on quick recall and understanding of number bonds, whilst Year 2 have been adding and subtracting two digit numbers and solving problems using this skill.

This weekend it would be nice if all pupils could raid their book shelves or visit the library to find books that include both a 'real' setting and a 'make believe' one, these books could then perhaps come into school next week for us to share!

Class 2

It was lovely to see a full class of children on Wednesday; hopefully the germs are on their way out!

In literacy we have been writing in the first person, using Pandora's box and our own experiences for inspiration. Years 3/4 have been practising apostrophes for omission, e.g. it's, would've, and Years 5/6 have been looking at homophones (same pronunciation but different spelling/meaning, e.g. some and sum) and heteronyms (same spelling but different pronunciation/meaning, e.g. wind and wind).

Years 3/4 have been learning to tell the time using analogue clocks and revising units of time, whilst years 5/6 have continued their work on negative numbers using their knowledge to answer word problems. Any assistance



with practising reading and writing the time using analogue and digital clocks at home would be much appreciated!

Golden Book

Special mention this week goes to –

Lydia Dixon White – For a fantastic personal recount about your first day at Brownies. You remembered everything we discussed. Well done!

Georgia Carrington - For asking and answering all the right questions at the right time. Well done.

Jak Kennedy – For sharing and being a super friend to everyone around him.

Gabriel O'Brien – For some excellent counting and sorting outside in our Scrap Shed!

Other News

We have our Year 5 pupils out visiting Sherburn High School next Wednesday for a very exciting 'Forensic Science' day! This is a great opportunity for our pupils to experience a day of 'big school' and also do some practical learning all about the science of being a detective! We do still have one or two outstanding consent forms for this so please make sure these come in on Monday. Also, we have just been informed by the High School that they can no longer accept cash for lunch or snack payments so all pupils on this visit will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day. Thank you.

Have a fantastic weekend!