

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,

Here we are again at Friday! Coming home in book bags today you will find a parent's guide to the National Curriculum in your child's particular year group (Years 1 to 6). It was mentioned during our get together on school communication that sometimes parents don't feel entirely 'up to speed' on what is covered during the academic year. Given the mixed age groups within our two classes on occasion we will tailor what is covered to meet the cohort, however by and large what is in these booklets is what will be covered that year. We have included a copy of the Year 5 guide for our Year 6 pupils too, as much of Year 6 is spent on consolidation of these skills. You will also find in there a 'parents' cheat sheet' to the new grammar expectations. Again this is something parents told us they sometimes feel a little bamboozled by as expectations have certainly changed since we were at primary school! Sorry if it seems a little bit like information overload but hopefully you can hang on to these to consult throughout the year as you feel necessary.

News from Class 1

Class 1 have learnt about Thomas Edison who invented the light bulb and are now thinking about electricity and how we can use electricity safely. Perhaps you could talk to your child about where electricity comes from and the different ways it can be made. We have enjoyed making a lightbulb light up and will be thinking about how we can test which materials conduct electricity. In numeracy the children have been working on fractions and doubling and halving. Reception and Y1 children could have a go doubling and halving at home using practical objects e.g. fruit, buttons, pieces of Lego. Year 2 children are starting to think about which fractions are the same e.g. $2/4$ and $1/2$.

The children have all been told which part they will be performing in the Christmas nativity and some are bringing home lines to learn. Please could you support them with this?

Thank you.

News from Class 2

Class 2 have yet again been working really well and impressing lots of different staff in school! We have begun Christmas preparations in Singing Assembly, with some brave children volunteering to perform solo in our celebration at church. In RE we have learned about the Christingle service and are looking forward to making some of our own.

In English we have all been focusing on reading comprehension skills and making the best use of classroom resources to aid spelling and extend vocabulary. In Maths the focus for years 3 and 4 has been doubling and halving, whilst years 5 and 6 have continued work on 2D shape. Year 6 have also been getting to grips with using a compass to draw and label circles.

The children will all be coming home with spoken parts to learn for the Christingle at church – please help them to rehearse as the more practice they have the more confident they will become! Many thanks yet again.



GOLDEN BOOK

Special mention in assembly this week will go to –

Charlie Brook - For persevering with the good attitude in school and a positive approach to his learning.

Primrose Copeman - Great doubling in maths and fantastic powerful verbs. Well done!

Rhys Holliday – for tackling some tricky number work and showing Mr Blackwood how to do it properly!

Thanks Rhys!

Grace Elsworth - for not giving up and sticking with it when things get tricky!

Other News

Despite our best attempts to pretend otherwise Christmas is fast approaching! During the week beginning December 5th we will be making a daily trip (not on a donkey or led by a star) across to St Wilfred's Church in Monk Fryston. Parental permission for this is covered by the 'Local Visits' form you sign annually but should you require any further info just ask.

Our performance for parents will be on the evening of the 8th of December, we are asking that pupils arrive by 6.15pm, with the performance beginning at 6.30pm. Class 1 will be performing a fantastic musical play, whilst Class 2 will be leading our traditional Christingle Service. All pupils have a role to play so if you know in advance that your child will be unable to attend please let us know asap! FOBSS will then be serving mulled wine and Christmas treats across in the church hall so please pop along after the main event to share a little festive cheer.

The Governing Body have just reviewed the school's Equalities Policy and would just like to remind parents that if there is any adjustments we need to make in order to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender then please don't hesitate to ask.

Housekeeping!

Parking has once again become an issue on Ledgate Lane. A number of parents have expressed concern that people are now parking on the yellow zigzags immediately outside of school. This presents a real danger to children and parents alike and must stop. Please report any further issues to the office and we will pass on details to the relevant authorities.

Random requests time! If you happen to have any wellies at home your child has outgrown we would very much appreciate you donating them to Class 1 for use in school. We are also on the lookout for any basic kitchen equipment you may be finished with: pots, pans, utensils etc. Doesn't need to be up to food preparation standard as it is to be used in our wildlife area! Finally we are still on the lookout for unusual large modelling materials. A big 'thank you' to everyone that has helped so far, we have had some fantastic donations of water cooler bottles, plumping pipes, tyres etc. but we are still on the lookout! Cable spools, plastic crates, planks etc. would all be welcomed but we are equally open to surprises!

Have a great weekend,
Mr Blackwood