

BURTON SALMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term draws to a close! Thank you to everyone that came along to support our sports day on Monday. I know rescheduling school events is a headache for busy parents but in this case the weather left us with few options, though thankfully we were rewarded with sunshine in the end! All of the pupils competed with real sportsmanship and good spirit, which is what these events are all about, so well done everyone!

It's that time of year when we have a lot of news to share, so I am going to start this week with –

Housekeeping

Please don't forget that we are all swimming now, INCLUDING YEAR 6!

Swimming lessons will run as follows;

Whole School Swimming Lessons 5 of 6 - Thu 8 June

Whole School Swimming Lessons 6 of 6 - Thu 15 June

There have been some issues in recent weeks with pupils not completing homework tasks. Homework, particularly in Class 2, serves to reinforce the week's learning and allows pupils to practice the skills they have learnt in class. As well as supporting their progress in the short term it also helps prepare them for life in high school when homework becomes far more common. To help us with this we ask that you please support your child in completing their tasks and ensure they return to school at the appropriate time. Your help with this is appreciated.

We must remind you that holidays in term time can still not be sanctioned and will be recorded as 'unauthorised absences'. Recent court rulings mean that parents who take their children out of school on holiday - even if their child has regular attendance - can be prosecuted by the local authority. Perhaps more importantly the impact of absence upon pupils is all too evident to see in their rates of progress, so please try to avoid it wherever possible!

We have a huge number of outstanding library books at the moment. Please take five minutes during the holiday to look under the bed and behind the wardrobe to see if you can help restock our shelves for the coming term!

The Class 2 trip to Horrible Histories is up on ParentPay and we ask all parents to please log on to provide permission and payment as soon as possible.

The final group of pupils for this year have been invited to Miss Northway's Healthy Eating club which starts after half term on Tuesday 6 June for 3 weeks. To sign up please check your ParentPay account and we hope to continue next academic year with further sessions.

With summer finally looking to have arrived we ask that all pupils please come to school ready for the weather. **Sun cream should be applied at home and not come into school.** We have a number of children with allergies and sensitivities and when sun cream comes into school the risk of 'sharing' and less than accurate application poses a problem to these pupils. Sun hats are also a good idea for playtimes and lunch.

We are pleased to confirm that our end of year performance will take place on the 29th of June. All Class 2 pupils will play a part in this, with Year 6 taking the lead roles. The plan is to host the performance under canvas, on the school field at 1pm and again at 6pm. This will be something of a 'send off' for our Year 6 pupils, many of whom will start their three week transition visit to Sherburn High the following week.

Other 'dates for your diary' are the final two days of term. On the 24th of July we will be holding our FOBSS Summer Fair on the school field from 5 until 7pm. Parent volunteers to help man stalls etc. would be very welcome so please let us know if you are available! Then on the 25th of July we will draw the year to a close with a picnic lunch on the field and an informal presentation to Year 6 pupils before they leave us for the last time!

Phew....lots of info there!

Class 1 News

Well summer seems to have finally arrived and we have made the most of it in Class 1 by spending plenty of time outside! In numeracy we have been looking at how we can measure using standard units, using centimetres and metres out on the playground and millilitres and litres in the water tray. In Literacy we have begun writing our own end of year reports, summing up all our favourite things from this year and thinking about the final half term to come. It has also been a week of outdoor adventure, with Sports Day on Monday and Stockbridge Farm on Friday! The children's attitude and behaviour throughout both events was a real credit to them!

Finally our Year 2 pupils have also found time this week to tackle some tricky National Tests and did so with a real 'can do' attitude, so bravo Year 2!

Have a lovely week's break and see you in June!

Class 2 News

Years 3 and 4 have produced non-chronological reports for Mr Blackwood, persuading him to either reduce the school summer holidays to four weeks or keep them at six weeks (all hypothetical of course!). We have also looked at verb tenses, including past and present progressive. In maths, Year 3 have recapped column addition and been introduced to column subtraction, whilst Year 4 have been working with decimal numbers.

Years 5 and 6 have been solving mysteries in maths- using fractions, decimals and percentages. The culprit was April Azealia! They have also written short stories, choosing their own genre. We loved the opening, 'I didn't mean to kill it!' In Art we have continued to look at illustrating short stories and have been making our own books.

Have a good week!

Golden Book

Special mention this week goes to –

Emily Hodgson for always listening and following instructions immediately

Rebecca Shearsmith for fantastic editing of written work

Everyone in Class 1 – for fantastic behaviour on our trip to Stockbridge Farm – well done everyone!

Have a great week and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school at 8:50am on Monday 6 June!