



Burford Primary School

'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'

Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

What a great week we have had, I feel so lucky to have been welcomed into Burford Primary School's family. I have been so impressed with the behaviour and attitudes to learning - the children have blown me away by showing me their 'Burford Best'.

We have a new website, please click the link to find out more about your child's learning.

<https://www.burfordprimaryschool.org.uk/index.php>

My door is always open, if there is anything you would like to discuss please phone the office to book a meeting.

Happy Friday!

Rachel Veeder

Interim Executive Head Teacher

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Absent from School?

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please don't forget to let us know. Absences are recorded in our registers with the appropriate reason code, i.e illness, medical appointment etc. Where no reason is given the absence is recorded as "unauthorised" and may be investigated by the Educational Welfare Officer.

Please remember that requests for absence should be authorised. See our website for Absence Policy for further details. Please notify us about the absence by telephoning school on 01993 822159 and selecting option 1 to leave a message. Thank you.

QUICK REMINDERS

- ★ There will be a one-way system into school using the school's side gate to enter and the playground gate to exit. Please drop off and exit promptly – gates open at 8.30 a.m.
- ★ Breakfast Club – children must be brought to the front entrance at 7.45 am where they will be met by a member of staff.
- ★ After School Provision – when arriving to collect your child/ren please ring the intercom at the front door and a member of staff will bring your child/ren to you.



Parking Around School

As we are at the start of a new term, please may we remind parents to respect our neighbours when parking near the school by not blocking drives, gateways, and keeping clear of the zig-zag lines. The bus parking spaces should also be kept clear for buses/coaches – especially at the end of the school day. As previously advised, the Police do monitor the parking situation and you may be fined if you are not parking safely.



Hot School Lunches are with The School Lunch Company and our lovely Mrs Edwards (Martha & Hettie's Mummy) is our Catering Manager. You can book via SCOPAY – this has to be done by the **Wednesday** ready for the following week please so that Mrs Edwards can place her orders for delivery on Fridays. **Please remind your child of their menu choice every day as this will fasten up the serving.** Lunches are free of charge for all children in Year R to Year 2 and if you are eligible for free school meals. For older pupils, these can be purchased at the new rate of £2.40 through SCOPAY. Children can also bring in their own healthy packed lunch if you prefer. We are a strict nut free school so please look at the labels before sending them into school.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Children whose parents/carers receive the following support payments may be entitled to receive free school meals and the school may receive extra funding.

- Income support/Employment support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Support under the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit - providing that Working Tax Credit is not included and that the annual income for Tax Credit purposes is within the guideline set for the financial year.

If you feel this applies to you, then please speak to Mrs Hunt in the office. She will require your name, date of birth and NI number to carry out the eligibility check.



HEALTHY EATING - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are given a healthy snack daily. Year 3 to 6 children may bring in a healthy snack of fruit/vegetables, if they wish.



WATER BOTTLES - Just a quick reminder that all children should bring a water bottle to school each day. Water bottles (with a sports style top) can be kept in class for continuous use during the day. We recommend the bottles be named!



COMMUNICATION – School communication is via an App called ParentMail. All parents should be registered and all new parents will have received an invitation to register.

Burford Best

Each week we will be giving out certificates to a child in each class who have been 'Burford Best'
This week they are:-

Warwick Class – Rosie Dean
Windrush Class – Bobby Hopcroft
Tolsey Class – Lilly Beaney
Wysdom Class – Freya Rees
Priory Class – Oliver Lane



**LOST &
FOUND**

School uniform does go astray on occasions but is usually found as the children have taken the wrong item home by mistake. If you could please ensure that all uniform is named so it can be returned to the correct child as appropriate.

Please could we ask that you check your child's uniform as there are unfortunately a few items still missing from last term. We are unable to return any items which are not named!

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child has a medical condition or allergy e.g asthma, that may require inhalers, or antibiotics to treat infections during school hours, then please drop off the medication into the school office and complete the medical consent form. All medicines should be named appropriately.

PLEASE NOTE that if your child has unfortunately had sickness and/or diarrhoea the recommended period by the Health Protection Agency & the School Nurse, is for children to be kept away from school is 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. Thank you for your support with this.

'Meet the Teacher' meetings

Find out more about life and expectations in each class. A Powerpoint presentation of information shared at these will be available on the school website following these dates should you not be able to attend.

Tuesday 12th September 3.30 p.m. Windrush & Tolsey
Thursday 14th September 3.30 p.m. Wysdom & Priory

PE KITS & UNIFORM

Children in all classes are expected to have their PE kits in school all week. PE kits should be taken home over the weekend for washing, but please make sure it's back in school on Monday morning. No football kits may be worn for PE lessons.

May we remind parents that all children are expected to wear school uniform with suitable school shoes (no trainers or open-toed sandals) and long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons. Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish or make-up.

Children will also need to bring their coats to school in the winter and sunhats in the summer as, wherever possible, we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.

VACANCIES at BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are currently looking for a lunchtime supervisor – 11.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. Monday to Friday to help in the dining room.

We also have a vacancy for an Afterschool Playworker to help in our club on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Also looking for a further member of staff to cover club on Tuesdays in addition to the above.

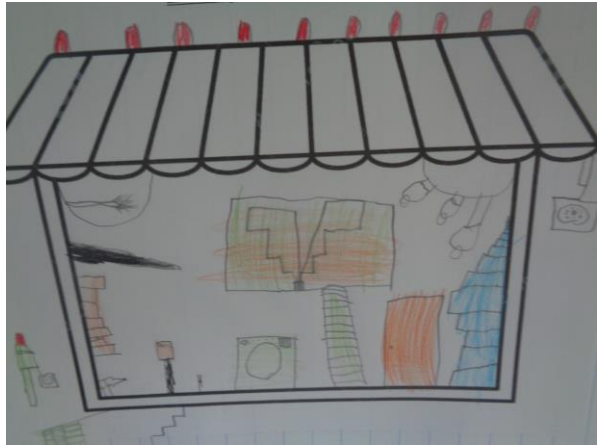
An Early Years Teaching Assistant is required for every Friday in term time. 8.15 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. including half hour lunch duty.

For further details and an application form please contact the School Office.

Class News

Each week we will share news from different classes- this week it's Windrush class.

This week Windrush Class have settled back into school beautifully. They have had lots of fun exploring their new classroom and have done some fantastic learning. In English we have been reading 'Franklin's flying bookshop'. To understand more about how to display books in a bookshop, we visited our local library and the bookshop in Burford. The children used this experience to design a bookshop for Franklin the dragon.





Swimming lessons for Priory Class starts Friday 15th September. Further details will follow in a separate letter.



We are pleased to offer the following afterschool clubs this term:-

Monday – Club for Service Family children with Mrs Docherty

Tuesday – Creative Writing with Ms Brown – Years 4 to 6 children.

Tuesday – Sports Club by Premier Soccer Centres for Years 1 to 6 – application form already sent out.

Wednesday – Forest School by Tremendously Wild. Booking information attached.



Please help us keep the spread of germs in school to a minimum by following this advice from the NHS.

CATCH IT – germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT – germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT – hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

Diary Dates & Future Dates

11 th September	12 th September	13 th September	14 th September	15 th September
	3.30 p.m. Meet the Teachers Windrush – Miss Gore Tolsey – Mrs Beaney		3.30 p.m. Meet the Teachers Wysdom – Ms Brown Priory – Mr Lillie	
18 th September	19 th September	20 th September	21 st September	22 nd September
				Jeans for Genes. Children to wear jeans to school for a £1 donation. Other school uniform items including school shoes to be worn



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - Individual and Siblings (including non-school siblings) – Monday 13th November – 8.30 a.m.



PANTO – Cinderella – Whole School Wednesday 29th November – details to follow nearer the time.



Please note that the school policy is that dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not allowed on school premises – thank you.