



BURTON BUZZ



December has arrived and the traditional start of the build up to Christmas is upon us! We have shared with you in the 'Calendar' the various performances that the children will be taking part in which you are welcome to join us for. Let's hope the snow doesn't affect carols on the Playground this year!

It has been really super this week when I have visited the classrooms to see the children engaged in their learning and participating positively. It is my favourite part of the day when I get to to award our gold stickers and positive behaviour post cards before the children go home. The children can then use their golden tokens to purchase rewards. We are still awaiting the latest delivery of some more 'Burton End Bears' which we know lots of children are waiting patiently for!

Have a great weekend, wrap up warm!

Graham Almond - Headteacher



ARBOR APP

We have recently changed our Management Information System (MIS) in school to a platform called Arbor. We use this to take registers and it stores pupil information. We also have the option to use this for school communication via the 'Arbor Parent Portal', which includes the 'Arbor app' for your phone. We can use the app to send letters and messages, book after school clubs (for free) and you can update your personal details via the app too. We will shortly send out information to families with the login information so that we can use the system from January.



TOYS IN SCHOOL

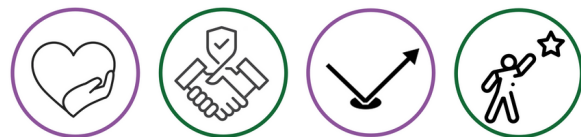
We have an increasing number of children bringing toys from home into school. Often these can cause a distraction in class and are another thing for your child to remember (or lose, or forget!). Please could you ensure that toys stay at home. We know we have some children who have specific additional items in school to support their needs as part of adjustments to provision - which class teachers are aware of.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Book Fair and got the chance to see some of the changes we have made to the new 'lower library'. Commission made from purchases will go directly back into school to spend on new books! Thank you for your support.



COUGHS AND COLDS



It is the time of year when coughs and colds start to rear their heads. Often even if the children are feeling a little under the weather first thing once the busy day is underway they start to 'perk up'. We always keep a close eye on the children during the school day so if they are feeling under weather and unable to stay at school we will always call you to inform you.

BE ON TIME AT 25 TO 9 (8.35AM)!

The weather has turned decidedly wintry and the mornings are getting gloomier and colder. We have had an increasing number of children arriving late in the mornings please allow for extra time if travelling in cold conditions to ensure you arrive before the gates close at 8.45am. Thank you.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Grocott-Davey and Mrs Williamson who have joined the staff team at Burton End as Learning Support Assistants. We are sure you all make them feel very welcome.



ZONES OF REGULATION PARENTS' WORKSHOP

It was lovely to see parents and carers on Thursday morning and Mrs Mace sends her thanks for your attendance and participation. We will run another information session later in the school year during the afternoon to give parents and carers another opportunity to find out about this approach to behaviour and relationships.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

It is the school Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December. We encourage as many children as possible to join in the festivities. Please follow the link posted by Mrs Bowmer on Class Dojo. We have decided to co-ordinate this with our Christmas jumper day too (no donations are required) which is also non uniform so don't worry if your child does not have a Christmas jumper.



ONLINE SAFETY

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. **Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?**



OUR MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



BURTON END PRIMARY ACADEMY: CALENDAR 2023-2024

DECEMBER			
Tuesday 5th December	Morning	Flu Vaccination catch up	Children who missed it before
Tuesday 12th December	Morning	Explorers visiting: The Zone	Explorers
Thursday 14th December	All day	Year 3 Stone Age Day	Year 3
Thursday 14th December	2.00pm	Christmas Play	Reception and Year 5
Friday 15th December	9.15am	Christmas Play	Reception and Year 5
Monday 18th December	2.30pm	A Christmas 'Sing a long' (parents welcome)	Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 19th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day: No donations just for fun!	All year groups
Tuesday 19th December	Lunch	School Christmas Dinner	All year groups
Wednesday 20th December	3.15pm	Key Stage 2 Carols on the Playground (parents welcome)	Year 3,4,5,6
Thursday 21st December	3.25pm	Last day of Autumn Term	All year groups

JANUARY			
Thursday 4th January	8.35am	Back to school: Start of the Spring Term	All year groups

My Child is unwell, how long should they be absent from school?

We know how important it is that children are in school, the more they are in school the more they learn and the more successful they are.

The table below uses the latest guidance to help to clarify when children should attend school.

Coughs/colds/temperature/sore throat	Children are able to attend school. Please give appropriate medication, if required, at home before school.
Sickness & Diarrhoea	Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode.
Chicken Pox	Children can return to school once all the vesicles/scabs have crusted over.
Hand foot and mouth	Children are able to attend school if they are feeling well.
Impetigo	Children can return to school 48 after antibiotic treatment has started or when all lesions are crusted and healed.
Scarlet fever	Children can return 24 hours after starting appropriate
Headlice	Children are able to attend school as soon as treatment has
Conjunctivitis	Children can attend school.
Slapped cheek	Once the rash has developed children are ok to attend school.

Please report all absences to the School Office by phone (01440) 702376. Please do not use Class Dojo.

We are only able to administer prescribed medication on completion of a permission form from the office.

We are able to support children administer any eye or ear drops but we are unable to do this for them.