

# BURTON BUZZ

One of the highlights of the week is our Achievement Assembly on a Friday afternoon just before the children go home for the weekend. This is a lovely time for us to come together as a school and celebrate the successes of the week. Our focus this term has been on our school value 'kindness' and it makes me incredibly proud to hear all of the kind words and actions the children across the school use.

Each week we also recognise class attendance. The classes with the highest percentage for that week receive a golden star for their classroom door. 6 golden stars = a class treat. This means that each class gets a fresh chance each week to claim a golden star. We haven't got any classes with 6 yet so clearly the classes with the highest attendance have been different each week!

Compare to last year our whole school attendance is up by 1% this may not sound a lot but it is really significant. Than you for understanding how important it is for children to be Attendance Heroes: **H**ere, **E**veryday, **R**eady, **O**n time

Have a great weekend.

Graham Almond - Headteacher

## ONLINE SAFETY

We have included some very useful information from the NSPCC later on in the newsletter. We have had a number of incidents both inside and outside of school over the last couple of weeks. We would urge you to monitor closely the content your child accesses and have the relevant parental controls enabled.

## PARKING

We once again find ourselves having to ask that parents and carers park and drive carefully and considerately. We have had visits from two enforcement officers recently.

I spent some time at the front of school on Thursday morning and witnessed a lot of sensible and thoughtful driving - thank you.

The main issues seem to arise when drivers try to carry out a three point turn on School Lane or turn in entrance ways. Please avoid this as it causes more congestion and stops the flow of traffic. We have a commitment to our whole school community and in particular our children to drive responsibly. Thank you.

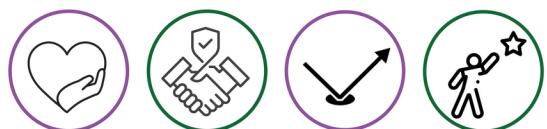


## MOBILE PHONES

Our new routine for Mobile Phones has worked very well this week. Thank you for your support. The priority behind our new arrangement is keeping our children safe and ensuring responsible use of technology.

## TOP UP SHED

Our Top Up Shed is located at the back of the Car Park behind the wooden gates. It is there for all members of the school community - when they need it. We know there are times during the month when you may need some help. There are lots of products in the Top Up Shed to help you. We have a range of food and household products. Please help yourselves and feel free to donate, when you can.



## BURTON END PRIMARY ACADEMY: CALENDAR 2023-2024

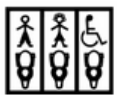
### JANUARY

Thursday 4th January	8.35am	Back to school: Start of the Spring Term	All year groups
Tuesday 30th January	-	School Nurse Height and Weight Check	Reception
Wednesday 3rd January	-	School Nurse Height and Weight Check	Reception

### FEBRUARY

6th February	All day	Safer Internet Day	All year groups
Friday 16th February	3.25pm	Last Day of Term	All year groups
Monday 26th February	8.35am	First Day of Term: Back to school	All year groups
Monday 26th February	All	Keep Safe Week	All year groups
Tuesday 27th February	3.30pm	Parents' Evening	All year groups
Thursday 29th February	3.30pm	Parents' Evening	All year groups

## OUR MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK



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# SAFE PARKING AT OUR SCHOOL GATES

## Please keep clear:

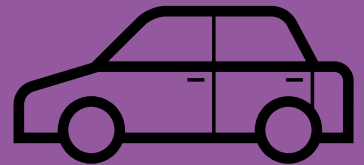
- Zig zags
- School entrances
- Dropped kerbs
- Resident's driveways
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction



**This helps our children to see cars and drivers to see our children.**

## You can help by:

- Keeping your speed low, this will allow everyone else to see, think and act safely
- Always encourage your child to enter and exit your car on the pavement side
- Check for pedestrians or cyclists before opening the car door
- Stopping at the zebra crossing or for a school crossing patrol when asked
- Waiting patiently at the zebra crossing
- Parking away from school gates to reduce congestion
- Taking care when reversing.



## Please don't:

- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your children off: this puts our children at risk
- Overtake cars who are allowing traffic to flow or pedestrians to cross
- Turn around in entrances or gateways
- Park on yellow lines, the yellow zig-zag lines or opposite entrances
- Keep your engine running as it pollutes the air around our school



# Online safety: top tips

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started.



## Chat to them about what they like to do online

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'

- Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.
- They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.
- Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

## Talk about who they are in contact with online

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online – messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

- Use settings to help limit who can contact your child.
- Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.
- Let your child know they can come to you or another trusted adult if any conversation makes them feel uncomfortable.

## Help manage what they see and do online

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

- Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.
- App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.
- Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.

Make sure to talk to your child first before implementing any new settings and explain to them how they help to keep them safe.

## Remember it's ok to ask for help!

Remember you don't have to be an online safety expert – that's our job! We're here to help, with resources and advice to help support you and your child.

If your child asks you a question you don't know the answer to, or speaks to you about a negative experience they had online, here are some of things you could do:

- Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)
- Call the NSPCC helpline **0808 800 5000** to speak to an advisor
- Ask another parent
- Speak to your child's teacher
- If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline: [childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)





# BURTON END PRIMARY ACADEMY



## HALF TERM MULTI-SPORTS CAMP



### 22ND FEBRUARY

5 TO 13 YEAR OLDS | BOYS AND GIRLS |  
9AM-3PM | £20 PER DAY

Learn New Skills, Champions League Tournament,  
Fun Games and lots of Prizes to be Won!

GRASS MATCH PITCHES  
MUGA PITCH  
INDOOR SPORTS HALL

SCHOOL LANE,  
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