

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we officially welcomed our Reception children into our school and community. On Wednesday Miss Mason, Mrs Nugent, Mrs Flynn and myself went to St Mary's Church, Burford. We met their parents there. Mr Bryant then led the service to welcome the children and parents to our school. The children had a treasure hunt looking for chocolate while exploring the church. All the children received a bible as a welcome gift. It was lovely seeing them explore our beautiful church and be welcomed into our school.

Emma Partridge.

Headteacher

Values

As a Church of England School we have a church value for each half term, as well as our own schools values of Love, Trust and Courage. We also look at our flourishes. These are what our children, parents and staff decided our children needed to 'flourish'. They form the basis of our curriculum.

This week we look at the value of Courage. We found out about The Guinness Book of Records is 70 years old. The book was first published in 1955! They are releasing a list of record breaking achievements that no one has done yet! We considered how you have to have and show courage for a lot of these record breaking attempts. The Flourishing Families then carried on this discussion in their worship on Tuesday.

James 1:2 'Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him'

At Burford, we are:

**Rooted in Love,
Growing in Trust,
Blossoming with Courage,
Prepared to Flourish in God's World**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 1 96.55

Class 4 have won best attendance!

Class 2 93.67

Class 3 97.57

Whole school 96.83

Class 4 98.96

Class 5 96.67

Snacks/Tuck

All children may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to have as a snack at breaktime. No other snacks should be provided for breaktimes. Children in Years R-2 are provided with free fruit at break times. We will not be having Tuck Shop on a Friday this year, instead we are starting 'Treat Fridays'. Children can bring in a small treat from home to eat at break time. All children should bring in a drink in a named bottle daily. This can be water or squash.

Uniform – jewellery

Please can we remind parents that children should not be wearing any form of jewellery to school other than small stud earrings. This includes necklaces and bracelets. Thank you.

Oak Tree Club

If you would like to book for either Breakfast Club or Oak Tree Club please use the online payment system. You can book daily or in blocks or as and when you need it. If you have any problems with it just contact the office. Tax-free Childcare vouchers are available if you are working and can be used to pay for our wraparound care as we are registered. If you are receipt of Universal Credit you can claim 85% of the costs back.

Every School Day Counts



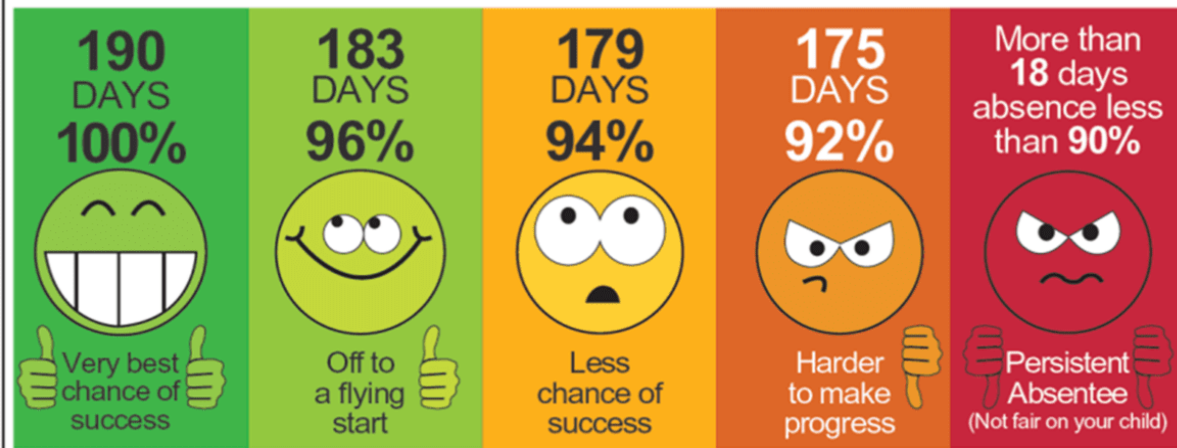
Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



DID YOU KNOW?



10 minutes late every day

=

32 hours lost learning each year.



Attendance

Attendance is very important and this year the government are focussing on this in schools more. It is vital your children are at school. Learning in schools builds upon the previous day, so children who miss days are missing out on stages of their learning. Arriving late also affects children's learning. The school day starts at 9.00am. It really is important that children arrive by this time. We start lessons at 9.00am. Children who arrive late miss out on the beginning of their lessons and find it tricky. We open the gates at 8.50am and close them again at 9.00am.

Please make sure you send your child to school unless they are too unwell. If your child is unwell please phone the office each day they are not at school. Sometimes it can be hard to decide if your child is too ill for school. This is a useful link that may help you decide.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We will not authorise any holiday take during term time unless it is **exceptional circumstances**. You could be fined. Please try to avoid term time for your holidays.

We work closely with Shropshire Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who monitor school attendance half termly in all schools in Shropshire. It is important that we all work together to support your children attending school. Any concerns you have please do contact the school.

There is a very helpful flyer we are sending out on dojo which explains what the % of absence equates to in days.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Free school meals are available to pupils whose parents are in receipt of, **one or more** of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

This means your child will qualify for a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG). If your child is in receipt of FSM all your school lunches ordered through school are free and with the PPG the money is used to fund educational visits, including residentials, music lessons and much more.

This is different to the Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) all children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 get. That will not qualify you for funding for educational visit, music lessons etc.

You have to apply online. We have put a link on our website. Here is a quick link to our website page with the information.

<https://www.burfordce.org.uk/Parents/Free-School-Meals-Application/?skipHAP=y>

DIARY DATES

please keep an eye on these, as we will add to them over the term

Thursday 2nd October – Class 2 Good Heart Farm trip- letter has been sent out

Tuesday 7th October – Source to Sea workshop

Wednesday 8th October – pm Harvest Festival at Tenbury Church – more details to follow

Tuesday 14th October- Bikeability – Y6 – details to follow

Wednesday 15th October – [Parents Evening 2.30pm-4.30pm – letter to follow](#)

Tuesday 21st October – Prayer workshop in Ludlow – Class 3 – details to follow

Tuesday 21st October - Parents Evening 4.00pm-7.00pm – letter to follow

Monday 27th – Fri 31st October – Half Term

Monday 3rd November – Autumn 2 term starts

Friday 19th December – Autumn Term ends

MERITS

Nancy : for showing perseverance when cutting out - well done!

Harry & Olivia : for your thoughtful response to 'what makes me special?'

Kylun : for fantastic reading!

Oliver : for marvellous Maths!

Ella : for working really hard with her phonics.

Maisie : For working really hard in all her learning.

Cora : For taking all the challenges in her learning.

Finley : for fantastic writing in english.

Mia : for fantastic maths skills.

Francine : for being a kind friend to others.

Leo : for having a great attitude towards his learning.

Ruby : for developing a range of fabulous ideas for her independent write.

Georgia :- for developing a range of fabulous ideas for her independent write

Nathan & Loki : For a fantastic hardworking attitude to Maths.

School Uniform

Just a reminder on school uniform.

Red polo shirt with or without the school logo
Grey or black school trousers, skirts or dresses.
Dark blue cardigan or jumper with or without school logo
Black, blue or brown shoes.

PE Uniform

T shirt in the plain white either with or without logo
Black or dark blue shorts
Dark (black, blue or grey) plain tracksuit bottoms
Dark plain (black, blue or grey) tracksuit top or hoody.
Trainers
Long hair should be tied back
Small stud earrings will need to be covered up for PE.

We do know it is colder in school than normal with windows open for ventilation so children may wear layers underneath their t shirts and tops.

Information to support our Parents, Children and Community.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm and abuse.

The Government has released guidance for parents on keeping children safe from harm and abuse. There are links and telephone numbers to help get support or seek reassurance for a range of topics to support you, your children and other families.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Davis Bequest

This is a fund that has been set up to support people in the Burford Community. It was set up a number of years ago. This means it is available to families of children from our school whom circumstances have changed for short term support. This is something that may be needed during these times. To apply for the Davis Bequest please contact myself at school on head@burford.shropshire.sch.uk.

Safeguarding - Talking to your children about Sexual Harassment

This is something that has been in the news a lot recently but can be something that is tricky to talk to your children about. The Children's Commissioner has written and suggested ways to help discuss this appropriately with your children. This is the link to the website <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

Barnado's support for parents

Barnardo's have developed a support hub for parents where they will be able to find a range of resources, tools and videos to help support their child's journey back to school. Schools may wish to send this link out in their communication with their parents and carers - <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/support-hub/back-to-school>

Keeping children safe online.

The Government has issued guidance with links to help parents keep children safe online. This is the link to the guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

LINKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Covid Symptoms in Children : For more information, please click on the link below:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Scarlet Fever/Streptococcus A : For more information, please click on the link below:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>

Autism West Midlands : For more information, please click on the link below:-

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/>

To Access our Parent information Sheet, please click the link below:-

[Burford Parent Information Sheet](#)

ASD Virtual Support Group for Parents

Wednesday Mornings 10am-11am and Wednesday Evenings 8pm-9pm – 1st and 3rd Weds of each month (term time)

Our online support groups meet twice a month via Zoom. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support. We recommend that you have attended an online advice appointment with a member of the team before joining group sessions (link above).

If you would like to join either of the support groups, please email the team here shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

Dad's Group

Monthly on a Thursday 7pm-8pm

This is an opportunity for dads to meet online, share ideas, celebrate their children's achievements and offer support to each other with a member of Autism West Midlands present. For more information and booking details please right click on the link below and scroll down to the bottom of the page to see the section 'Dad's Group'.

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/>

Advice and support

We also offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents/carers and professionals can contact our small team directly to arrange an appointment please call:

Shropshire office - 01952 454156

Mon, Wed, Fri - Wendy Cowton 07900784186

Weds, Thu, Fri - Emma Hegenbarth 07881109480

Tue, Wed, Thu - Dawn Lewis 07706309382

Email shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk
Helpline 0121 450 7575