

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. In Worship this week we talked about how long it has been and the children agreed!

On Tuesday, Class 3 went to Ludlow for a Prayer Workshop at St Laurence's Church. They learnt about prayers and how churches are places of worship for Christians. As part of RE we learn about some of the world's religions and their special places of worship. We study them over the time they are in primary school. It is an important part of understanding the world around us and how different people have different beliefs and faiths.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to Parent's Evening this week on Tuesday. It is so important to work together for our children. The next Parents Evenings will be in the Spring Term.

On Wednesday Class 5 had a cake sale to start raising money for their end of year trip. This is something we do every year and gives the children an opportunity to understand the value of money.

Today we said so long and Good Luck to Miss Walker. Miss Walker starts her Maternity Leave straight after half term. Her baby is due in December and she has promised to pop back and see us when they are both feeling up to it!

Have a good week and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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 value. 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. All children are part of 11 different 'Flourishing Families'. As they go through the school they will eventually become the leaders of the family.*

*This week we looked at ID cards and how they may be something we all have to use. We thought about what they show us but also what they do not show us. You cannot see someone personality on a photograph, how they are feeling, what they like to do. We discussed both in Worship and our Flourishing Families how these things are so important and how we can find these out.*

*'But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' 1 Samuel 16:7*

**At Burford, we are:**

**Rooted in Love,  
Becoming me and  
Flourishing together.**

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 1 87.93

Class 2 have won best attendance!

Class 2 99.00

Class 3 97.65

Whole school 95.4

Class 4 95.31

Class 5 98.00

### Carpark

Please can we remind parents that the carpark is not for parents to park to drop off or collect their children unless by prior arrangement. There is limited space in the carpark and it is for staff only. Parents dropping off and picking up from Oak Tree Club and Breakfast Club are able to use the carpark.

### Dojo

Dojo is an amazing communication between school and home. We love how we are able to send messages to everyone on it and receive messages back.

During the day while staff are teaching, they are not always able to see the messages. For safeguarding reasons if you are changing who is collecting your child after school then please inform the office and not Dojo, as the teacher as they may not have read the message.

Please can we remind everyone that quiet time when staff are not expected to reply to any messages is from 5pm-8am the following day. During weekends and holidays staff are not expected to look at Dojo or reply to messages from 5pm on Friday (or last day of term) until 8am on Monday (or first day of term). Thank you.

### 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	<b>3 days lost!</b>
10 Minutes late each day	<b>6.5 days lost!</b>
15 Minutes late each day	<b>10 days lost!</b>
20 Minutes late each day	<b>13 days lost!</b>
30 Minutes late each day	<b>19 days lost!</b>

**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**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Prayer workshop in Ludlow – Class 3 – details to follow

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parents Evening 4.00pm-7.00pm – letter on dojo

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Y6 Cake Sale

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Autumn 2 term starts

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Live Music Week Performance at school

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3 trip – details to follow

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – FOBSA Bingo – details to follow

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Autumn Term ends

## **MERITS**

Aidan : for initiating conversations with different adults.

Kylah-Faye : always being ready to learn.

Skylah : knowing all of your tricky words!

Rowan : for getting 100% on your phonics assessment!

Nika : For being helping to keep our classroom tidy.

Raife : For super focus in maths.

Rocco : For some great ideas for his instruction writing.

Marine : for a fantastic attitude towards her maths learning.

Grayson : for a great attitude towards his learning.

Autumn : for challenging herself with her learning.

Charlie : for working hard to produce a wonderful non-chronological report

Olivia :- for working hard to produce a wonderful non-chronological

Jack : for asking fantastic questions in lessons

Edward : for doing a great job presenting his geography research

## 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](mailto: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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)  
Helpline 0121 450 7575