

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday it was Online Safety Day. The theme this year is linked to the use of AI. We started off with an assembly led by Mrs Wildman on the positives of AI, but also the dangers we need to be aware of and how tricky it now is to spot what is real and what is fake. The children spent the day learning about keeping themselves and other safe online. More and more of our lives are linked to using the internet – it is more important than ever that we all know how to stay safe and how we can keep others safe.

On Wednesday Class 2 took part in 'Dancefest' at The Regal, Tenbury. They performed alongside other schools to each other. They have spent this term learning their dance routine ready for this week. Well done Class 2! I know you were all amazing and really enjoyed it.

Class 3 had their 'Stay & Read' Session this week. Parents came in to school at 8,30 with their children and read together. Once the children had gone to class Miss Martin explained how we teach reading and ways you can support your children at home to help create a love of reading. Thank you to all the parents who were able to make it.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Stocker. She has worked at this school for 39 year! She has been a caretaker and now our lunchtime supervisor over those years. We gathered in the hall at lunchtime to say farewell and thank her for all she has done for us over the years. We will miss her very much and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future!

Have a good half term,

Emma Partridge.

Headteacher

Values

As a Church of England School, we have a church values 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 in Worship looked at our Mental Health and how we keep ourselves healthy especially when using social media. We talked about the government are considering new laws to help keep children safe online and to protect their Mental Health. The Bible teachers that to be happy we must be kind to ourselves. We need to be careful about what we watch, read and listen to, because what we think about affects how we live.

'Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.'

Proverbs 4:23

At Burford, we are:

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

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 1 90.48

Class 2 94.67

Class 3 94.35

Class 4 96.61

Class 5 94.67

Class 4 have won best attendance!

Whole school 94.21

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Children walking home

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children walk home after school with their parent's permission. If your child is expecting to walk home but you are coming to pick them up, can you please let the school know. Recently we have had a couple of children start to walk home and the parents have arrived to pick them up and the children had already left. Thank you.

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.

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



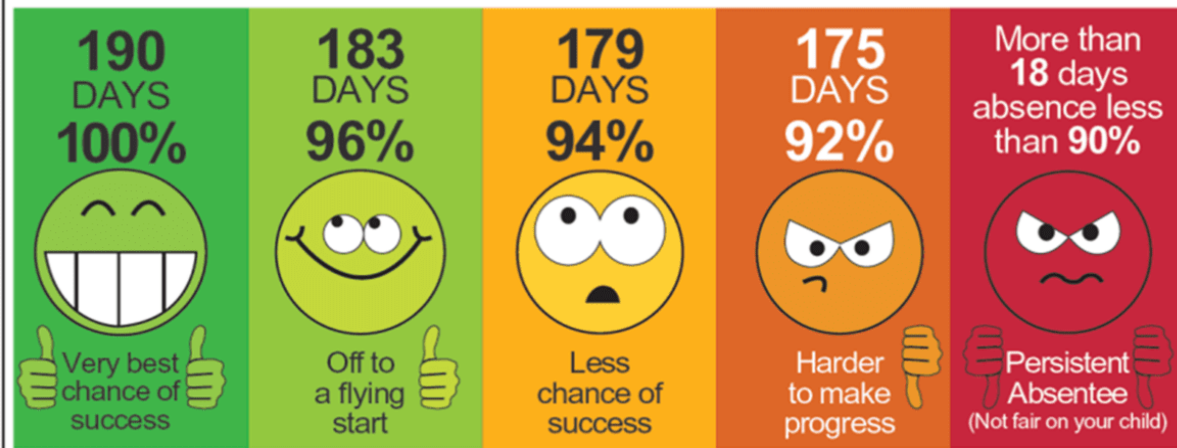
Every Minute Counts

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. If you would like help to fill this in, please pop into the office and we can help you with it.

<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

Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February – HALF TERM

Tuesday 24th February – Mosaic Workshop Day 1 – details to follow

Wednesday 25th February – Mosaic Workshop Day 2 – details to follow

Thursday 26th February - Stay & Read session – Class 4 8.30am

Tuesday 3rd March – Parents evening – 2.30-4.30pm – letter sent out

Thursday 5th March - Stay & Read session – Class 5 8.30am

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day—dress as book character

Thursday 5th March – Parents Evening – 4pm-7pm – letter sent out

Friday 6th March – FOBSA Film night – details to follow

Wednesday 25th March – Class 5 to Hereford cathedral – details to follow

Thursday 26th March – Easter Service at Tenbury Church – details to follow

MERITS

Flo : for super explanation about chameleons in Science

Kylun : for adding numbers to 20

Mavie : for always trying her hardest with her learning

Evan : for working hard with his name writing

For all of Class 2 : for taking part in the Dancefest and being amazing!

Skylar : for writing an incredibly persuasive text.

Albie : For reading a book with wonderful expression to Miss Martin.

Halli : for working with year 4s in maths

William : for writing a wonderful discussion text.

Freya : for working hard to ensure her letters are formed correctly.

Grace : for demonstrating great engagement by asking lots of questions

Rosie : for demonstrating independence in her maths learning this week

Attendance Award

Class 4 had the highest attendance for this week

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