

Dear Parents and Carers,

We do hope you had a lovely half term. We have had a great start to our first week back with all the children taking part in creating our school mosaic. SevernRiversTrust asked our children to design an image representing the local area with water. Using these designs, a local mosaic artist Rachel Shilston (<https://www.rachelshilston.co.uk/>) created a design. All the children have been part of making our school mosaic. It took 2 days and the children worked in groups of 5 /6. Once it has dried we will send out photos. It will go outside and on display for everyone to admire. It really is quite stunning! The children have loved it!

On Wednesday some of our Year 5 children went to Tenbury High School (THOA) for a Taster Morning. They were picked up in a THOA minibus and driven across to spend the morning finding out about life in secondary school. The main focus for them that morning was on PE. They all had a great time and really enjoyed it.

On Thursday it was Class 4's turn for their Stay & Read Session. Parents and children arrived at 8.30am and sat together in the hall reading. The children went back to class at 8.50am and Mr martin explained how reading works in Class 4 and ways you can help your child at home with reading. Thank you for coming if you were able to make it.

Year 6 parents met with Mrs West after school on Thursday to find out more information about Year 6 SATs that all Year 6 children across the country complete each May. If you were unable to make that meeting and would like information, please contact Mrs West.

We have also welcomed Mrs Went to our lunchtime supervisor team this week.

Have a good half term,

Emma Partridge.

Headteacher

Values

As a Church of England School, we have 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 talked about exploring our world and space. We looked at how NASA are planning on going to the moon again in a spacecraft called Artemis 11. We thought about the International Space Laws and how countries have agreed to share discoveries for the benefit of everyone on Earth. We looked and thought about the world around us and space. The bible teaches us that the vastness of space shows us how powerful God is. By gazing at the stars and planets, Christians believe they are seeing the wonderful things God has created.

'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they por forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.'

Psalm 19: 1-2

. ' At Burford, we are:

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

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 1 91.67

Class 2 have won best attendance with 100%!

Class 2 100.00

Class 3 97.85

Whole school 96.45

Class 4 96.88

Class 5 96.00

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March it is World Book Day!. The children can come to school dressed as a book character and we would love them to bring their favourite book to share with their Flourishing Family. Please make sure you have named the book!

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

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

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day—dress as a book character and bring a book in!

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

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

Friday 6th March – FOBSA Film night – 3.30-4.15pm KS1, 3.30-5.30pm KS2.

Tuesday 10th March – PINS SEN parents meeting 2.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 18th March – Heights & Weights – Y6 & YR

Thursday 19th March – Y5 Taster Day @ Lacon Childe

Friday 20th March – Non-Uniform for Easter Bingo

Friday 29th march – FOBSA Easter Bingo – details to follow

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

Thursday 26th March – Easter Service at Tenbury Church – 2.45pm

MERITS

Aidan : for fantastic subtraction skills in Maths

Jaxon : for being kind and caring to his friends

Skylah : for always trying hard with her reading

Cora : For showing our value love by helping others

Eric : For noticing when others need a kind word

Wynn timer : For working hard on her handwriting

Daniil : for great teamwork with his learning.

Thor : for great independence and focus in his maths learning.

Nathan : for focusing on his TTRS

Annabelle & Lucy-Rae : for demonstrating a wonderful attitude to learning in maths.

Tristan & Harry: for a fantastic attitude to maths this week.

Halle : for shining with confidence this week.

Attendance Award

Class 2 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