

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the final week of this half term. It has been a very busy half term in school and seems to have flown by. I cannot believe our Year 6 children only have half a term left with us.

As some of you may know Mrs Wildman is expecting her second child. She will be starting her maternity leave on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This week though, was the last week she will be teaching. She will be back after half term for a week, but not in class. Mrs Susannah Quill will be teaching Class 3 Monday-Wednesdays from June 1<sup>st</sup>. I am sure you all are with us wishing Mrs Wildman and her husband all the best and welcoming Mrs Quill to Burford.

We had our Pentecost Church Service on Wednesday with Rev. Lawrence. We had planned on having it at Burford Church but the road to the church was going to be closed so as you know we held it at school. It was wonderful to be able to have our vicar lead the service. The children sang beautifully. Rev. Lawrence will be coming into school from September every other week to lead Worship.

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.

In Worship this week we asked ourselves 'Do we learn more from winning or losing?' We looked and talked about the FA Cup final that happened at the weekend. We discussed when we have all lost at something and how we felt and maybe what we learnt. The Bible teaches us that while only one person or team can win, the true value of any competition is in giving your absolute best. Developing self-control and an honest character is a far greater achievement than winning. By choosing kindness and integrity, you earn rewards that last long after the race is over.

*'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.'*

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

**At Burford, we are:**

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

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 1 88.99

Class 2 96.53

Class 3 94.89

Class 4 96.77

Class 5 98.67

Classes 5 have the best attendance this week!

Whole school 95.08

### Class 2 Plea

Has anyone got any large builders bags for Class 2 to use as part of their Young Leaders? We need to collect different plastics.

### Playpark

Over the last few weeks some of our children have had accidents and have fallen off the equipment at the playpark before school They have been unsupervised. Please can I remind everyone we are not responsible for the children until they are in school. If you child walks to school on their own please speak to them about playing carefully on the equipment. Thank you.

### Mobile Phones

A reminder about mobile phones and 'smart watches'.

Please can we remind all parents that children are not allowed to bring a mobile phone to school unless they are Y5 or Y6 and walk home. A child's mobile phone should be turned off before they enter the school grounds and not turned on again until they have left. If we find a child with a mobile phone that is turned on or they should not have one in school, we will take the phone off them and will expect their parent to pick the phone up from the office at the end of the day. If any child has a smart watch it must be on aeroplane mode at all times once they enter school grounds, and again if we find a watch has been taken off aeroplane mode, we will keep the watch in the office and expect a parent to collect it at the end of the day. The child will not be allowed to wear the watch again in school. Thank you for your understanding.

### PARKING

Please can we remind everyone to be mindful of where they are parking. Please can everyone be polite and courteous towards our local residents. Please do not park across local residents drive ways even if it is only for a minute or two. We are very lucky to be able to use the Village Hall Car Park so please use this if you can.

### 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



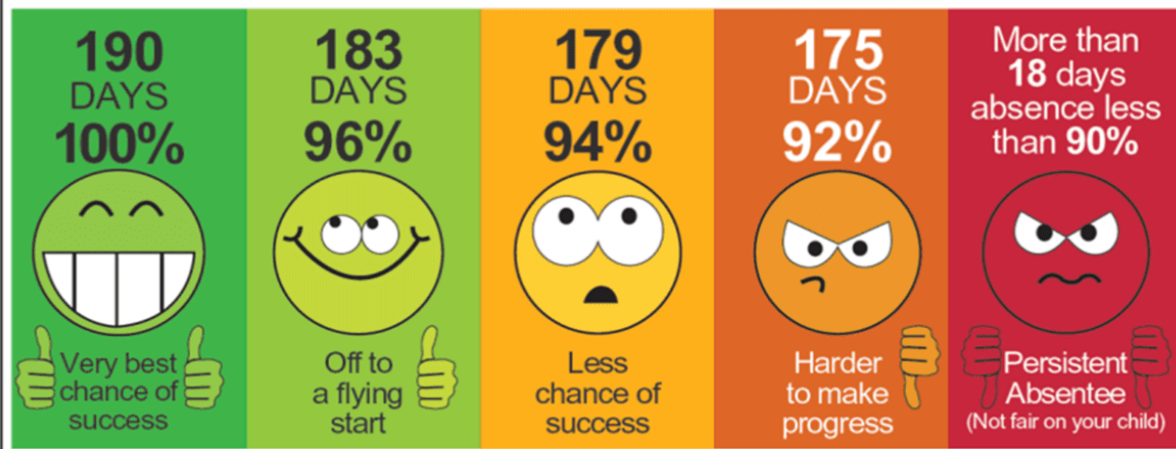
## Every Minute Counts

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

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 visits, 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**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of Summer 1  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Summer 2 starts  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – MTC – Year 4 starts  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Class 4&5 Wroxeter – details to follow  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Class 4 Stay & Read – 8.30am  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – PSC – Year 1 starts  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Stay & Read- Class 1 – 8.30am  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Library Ambassadors to Tenbury Library 1.30pm  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – New Year R transition – 9.20-1.15pm  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 & 6 PGL Residential  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Stay & Read- Class 2- 8.30am  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – SevenRivers Trust workshop- Class 1 & 2  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Diocese Y6 Leavers Service at Hereford Cathedral -children only  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Stay & Read- Class 3- 8.30am  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fete**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Taster Day at THOA – more details to follow  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Parenting Drop-in session – 'Sleep' - 2.30pm-3.30pm  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July- End of Year Performance at The Regal – more details to follow  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Sports Day – parents are invited to the afternoon part.  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Induction Day at THOA  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Burford Church at 2.30pm – pick up from the church Y6 parents only to attend service  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Summer term ends.  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – PD Day – no children  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – PD Day – no children  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Autumn Term starts.

## MERITS

Joey-Lee : for showing kindness to a friend  
Jaxon : for trying hard with his reading  
Oliver : for work hard to include capital letters and full stops  
Dottie : for some thoughtful and beautifully presented, writing this week.  
Summer : for being a super time teller.  
Wynnie : for working hard in all her subjects.  
Class 3 : for being the most amazing, lovely class  
Isla - for using super personification!  
Daisie - for using super personification!  
Tristan : for showing courage and giving new things a go.  
George : for being very helpful and having a fantastic attitude

## Attendance Award

**Class 5 : Well done!**

## Librarian Awards

Milly : for helping to tidy up the library and helping put up new displays

Lucy & Izzy : for helping put up new displays

### 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.

### Davis Bequest

This is a fund that has been sent 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/>

### 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>

#### 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>

## 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