Burton Salmon CP School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a shorter half-term, which is jam-packed with events and activities including Class 2's trip to Yorkshire Wildlife, our open morning this week on Thursday 8th May for future Nursery and Reception children, KS2 SATs, Year 6 and Reception height/weight checks and Class 1's Open Classroom on Thursday 22nd May.

We're looking forward to welcoming Mrs Nowell back after half term following her maternity leave. She will slot back into her roles at Burton Salmon, working Wednesday-Friday each week.

Please also visit: https://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk/key-info/safeguarding/online-safety-parents for the latest Online Safety Newsletter for May.

Latest news

Burton Salmon Quiz afternoon

Unfortunately, due to the poor weather, we were unable to hold our event in March as planned, however, on Friday 25th April, Class 2 hosted our first ever charity quiz event for our school's families and even the sun made an appearance.

The children showed a passion for contributing to the mental charity Place2b and raising money for school resourcing based on our Mental Health Week. They took an idea and went soaring with it which resulted in our quiz event. There were three rounds to our BS quiz: General knowledge, The Curriculum, and a classic Music round. Our families got competitive, and a good time was had all around. It was a close call but, in the end, the Billenness family came out on top to take the win with the Smith Family and the Eckhardt-Cotterill family coming in not far behind. Thank you to our Burton Salmon families for your participation and donations.

A big thank you also for your generous contributions and donations to the cake bake sale – we raised **£70.70** from this alone! The ticket sales will be totted up and the total amount split between FOBSS (Burton Salmon PTA) and the Place2Be mental health charity [Improving children's and young peoples mental health – Place2Be]

Launch of new ReFood food recycling scheme

As we are now part of Pathfinder, the Estates and Premises Team have been looking at ways we can reduce waste, in particular, food waste from lunchtimes and snack times.

The WRFED schools have signed up to this exciting food recycling scheme ReFood, which collects food waste to create renewable energy through a natural recycling process called Anaerobic Digestion.

We have each taken delivery of a new 240 litre bin which will be emptied on a weekly schedule.

Attached is a poster, which clearly shows what can and cannot be sustainably recycled in these bins. We have waste bins in each classroom and our staffroom and kitchen, all with biodegradable liners, to collect bagel, fruit, and vegetable waste.

We are excited to share this new scheme with the children and lunchtime staff and help us do our bit for a greener future!

Class 1 Lotherton Hall visit

On Wednesday 2nd April, Mrs Newton led the children in Reception and Year 1 from Burton Salmon and Chapel Haddlesey on a fantastic visit to Lotherton Hall. The children enjoyed a penguin workshop first of all, where the guides shared lots of facts about penguins, and explained that they are black and white for camouflage purposes. The children played some fun games and acted out as penguins, trying to copy their waddles!

This was followed by a guided tour around the zoo. The children learnt about different birds and animals that live there. A highlight was seeing the penguins swimming around and even getting the chance to see some joeys peeping out of their mummy wallaby tummies! They also managed a visit to the nocturnal zone, building on the children's learning from their winter topic.

After lunch, the children discovered that some dragons had recently visited Lotherton Hall and laid eggs. So, this meant an egg hunt was necessary! The children followed a map and found lots of nests with precious eggs in them. They read how to train the baby dragons and even saw one peeping out of its shell!
They all had a fantastic day and represented Burton Salmon beautifully.

Year 4 Residential

What an incredible first residential trip for our Year 4 children! As we arrived at Kingswood, the amazing weather set the perfect scene for our action-packed adventure. On the very first day, the children couldn't wait to dive into the excitement, enjoying thrilling activities like abseiling, flying down the zip wire, and testing their creativity in buggy building.

As the sun began to set, we gathered around the campfire, sipping delicious hot chocolates and sharing laughter and stories. It was truly a magical evening that many of us won't forget!

The second day brought even more excitement as we tackled archery and climbing. It was impressive to see the determination in each child as they faced their fears head on, showing enthusiasm and bravery that left us all bursting with pride.

Every child threw themselves into the activities with gusto, making the most of this fantastic opportunity. It was heartwarming to watch friendships blossom and confidence grow throughout the trip. We can't wait for more adventures like this in the future! Here's to our first residential being a smashing success!

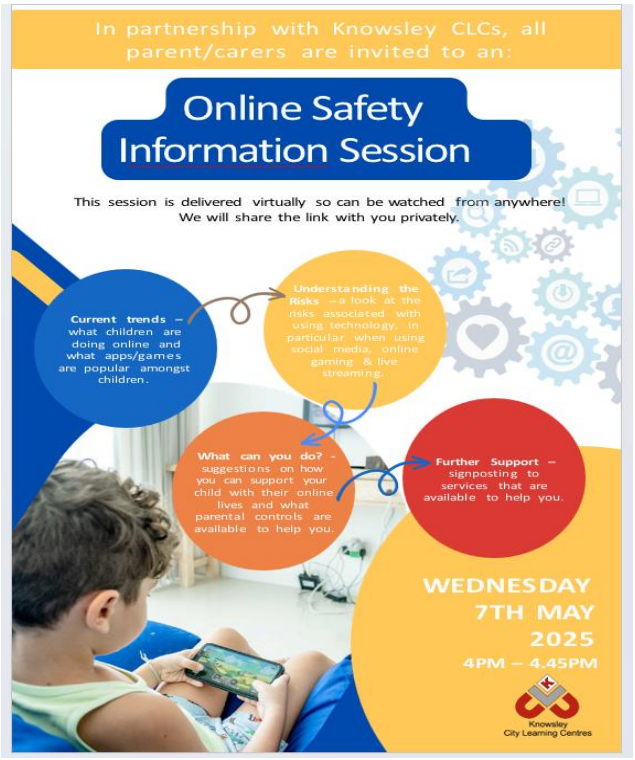
From Burton Salmon, we had two Year 4 children attend – Phe and Charlie. Phe reported: *'It was fun. I loved it and the instructors were very nice and funny.'* Charlie said: *'I thought the residential was fun because we did lots of activities.'*

Upcoming events

Knowsley City Learning Online Safety – Parent/Carer Information session

Hello

Ahead of the virtual Parent/Carer information session (scheduled for the time below), I have attached a poster that you may wish to share to help publicise the event.



Parent/Carer information session

Summer: Wednesday 7th May 2025 – 4pm – 4.45pm

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared. No pre-registration is required.

This is the link to access the session which is a repeat of the session last delivered in January 2025: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NzViMDEzNGEtYWM3Ni00MjkzLTg1ODAtZWI2Y2YyZDkwNmFh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d

If you have any questions, then please do just let me know.

Thanks

Jodie

Bikeability for registered Year 5 and Year 6 pupils

Thank you to those families that have signed up this year for the government's national cycle training programme. You will have received an email with details on how to give consent online now, as the Bikeability service has digitalised. Just in case, I have sent home paper copies of the training consent forms, which need to be completed and returned by Monday 12th May please.

A reminder that the two dates are Thursday 26th June and Tuesday 1st July, and the payment details have been added to ParentPay, for you to make payment. Thank you.

PE Kits – a reminder of what is acceptable within school

We have received updated guidance from NYC about the wearing of jewellery in PE, swimming, and PE-based after-school clubs. All jewellery including watches, bracelets and earrings **MUST** either be removed at home before coming into school or before the activity starts by the child themselves in school.

The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the earring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There have been cases of children wearing earrings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence.

The school has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care, as dictated by national guidance.
Our Uniform policies will be updated to reflect this national guidance.

Please comply with our policy as follows:

For PE lessons (indoor and outdoor) • A plain or embroidered white or school colour (can also be navy at Burton Salmon) short-sleeved, round neck t-shirt • Plain black or navy shorts of any style • A plain navy or black tracksuit/sweatshirt top (not a' hoodie' top) and bottoms OR a plain navy or black crew neck sweatshirt (available from MyClothing) • Trainers • All items to be kept in a named PE kitbag please.

For all your uniform needs, quality assured Burton Salmon Community Prim... (myclothing.com)

A gentle reminder that smart watches are not allowed in school.

Please could you ensure that this is supported from home. Thank you.

Drinks in school

It is important that children please bring in a named water bottle daily. These can be refilled throughout the day at our plumbed-in water station. Please only send in water (in a plastic drinks bottle – not glass) and **not** juice etc, as this goes against our Healthy School's policy which can be found on the school website: Food Policy - Autumn 2022 | Burton Salmon Primary School (burtonsalmonschool.org.uk)

Children's illnesses

Please consider if your child has just a cough and sniffle, i.e., a normal cold, they are fine to come to school. If they have an elevated temperature, or have tested positive for Covid, guidance is for them to stay off school. If your child does test positive for Covid, we recommend that they stay off school for 3 days and can return when they no longer have an elevated temperature and can manage a full day at school.

Pupil absences: it is important that you please make sure you telephone or email the school **before 9am** to notify us of any child absence, with a reason. Equally, we ask if your child is unwell and you have called on the first day of their absence, we also require a call on each subsequent day until they are well enough to be back in school. If we do not receive any communication, by phone or email, we start our process of contacting all the contacts allocated to your child and if we still have not received any information, the Children Missing in Education protocol is triggered. A child that arrives after our registration time of 9am, but before 9.10am receives a late mark – L. A child who arrives late after 9.10am, will be registered with a late after registers mark – U. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

A reminder of our school **Pupil Attendance Policy for reporting absences due to illness** which can be found by following this link: pupil-attendance-policy-guidance-spring-2025-.pdf and pupil-attendance-policy-2024-25-pathfinder-mat.pdf

Parents are asked to inform the school office by telephone or email by 9am each day a child is unwell and will not be attending school.

• **A child who has been given antibiotics should be kept away from school for the first 48 hours of treatment.** • A child who has been sick or who has diarrhoea should also be kept away from school until the child has been clear of the problem for 48 hours.

• Medical/dental appointments should be attended out of school hours, however where this is not possible the school will require notification prior to the absence. When a child is absent for a medical appointment it is expected that they will return to school immediately following the appointment. Please contact the office for further guidance on specific illnesses and required length of absence.

It is crucial that parents please adhere to this procedure to ensure that all pupils are safe and their whereabouts accounted for.

Medicines in school including inhalers

If you require your child to have medicine administered during a school day (including asthma inhalers), please complete a **'Parental Request for Medicine in School'** form, which is available from the school office. We are not allowed to administer any medicine without this being completed fully and signed by a parent/carer and the Head of School. If your child requires a course of antibiotics for example, over a

period of a few days, please ensure that the medicine is handed directly into the school office each morning. **Whilst we can administer Calpol (or similar Paracetamol-based medicines), we are not insured to administer any Ibuprofen medication sent in, unless a doctor prescribes this.**

OOSC – Pippins and Orchard Club drop-offs and collections

For Pippins Breakfast Club, you can, but you do not need to book ahead. **Children must be brought to the door by an adult, signed in and handed over to a member of staff; please do not park on the road and allow your child to enter the school grounds by themselves.**
For Pippins Breakfast Club, please ring the OOSC doorbell as normal, at the red playground door, then enter the green gate at the side of Class 3 next to the field. Please walk down to the Class 3 side door and your child(ren) can be signed in. *Please also note that breakfast is served up until 8.30am; if you are dropping off your child after this time, please ensure that your child has already had breakfast at home. **We have extended the slightly earlier drop-off time of 7.45am to Wednesdays (as well as Thursdays and Fridays). This earlier time will incur an extra £1.00, setting the price at £5.00 a session from 7.45am to 8.50am. From 8am until 8.50am the charge will remain at £4.00. Please let the office know if you think you might like to take advantage of this additional service. Thank you.
For Orchard After-School Club, please ring the OOSC doorbell as normal, at the red playground door, then enter the green gate at the side of Class 3 next to the field. Please walk down to the Class 3 side door and your child(ren) will be brought by Miss Morgan, Mrs Hindle or Mrs Titterington to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers by **5.30pm**.

Polite reminder: if you have booked a place at Orchard Club but collect your child at the end of the school day without notifying the office, you will still be charged. We need to know of any cancellations before 12 noon, otherwise a charge of £5.00 will be added to your child's ParentPay account.

All payments are usually added to ParentPay within the same week.

ParentPay

Across the federation, there is an agreed maximum debt per child, which is £30.00. This includes payment for any swimming lessons, nursery fees, school dinners, after-school clubs and out of school club payments. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Helen Obridge
Admin Officer

Important dates for your diary

Thursday 8th May 2025	Open Morning for future Nursery/Reception children 10am -12
w/c Monday 12th May 2025	KS2 Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Class 2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday 21st May 2025	KS2 Recycling Information Assembly - am
Thursday 22nd May 2025	Class 1 Open Classroom from 2.45pm -3.30pm
Friday 23rd May 2025	Year 3 and 4 Quidditch PE event at Burton Salmon - tbc
Friday 23rd May 2025	Break up for half-term
Monday 2nd June 2025	School re-opens
Wednesday 4th June 2025	Sports Day afternoon from 1.15pm
Wednesday 11th June 2025	Reserve Sports Day afternoon from 1.15pm
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Specsavers workshop for Class 3 children - am
Thursday 26th June 2025	Bikeability Day 1 for registered CL3 children
Tuesday 1st July 2025	Bikeability Day 2 for registered CL3 children
Friday 18th July 2025	Break up for summer
Monday 21st July 2025	Training Day
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Training Day
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	School re-opens

Training Days for the Academic year 2024 -2025

Please note that the remaining two NYC allocated Training Day for the academic year 24/25 are:

Monday 21st July 2025
Tuesday 22nd July 2025

SELBY MUSIC CENTRE

Selby Music Centre
Barlby and Osgodby Methodist Church and Halls
Hull Road, Osgodby YO8 5GY

Selby Music Centre meets on Saturday mornings in term time from 9.30 – 12.20 at Osgodby Methodist Church, just across the road from Selby garden centre. We have students from **Y2** up to **Y13** and from complete beginners up to grade 5 plus.

We offer **free** taster sessions each half term. Performing music with other people is one of life's great joys; wouldn't your child like to give it a go?

Does your child enjoy singing? We have a youth choir (Y3 – Y8) from 11.05 – 12.20 who recently opened York community choir festival and sang in the VE day commemoration concert in Harrogate.

Instrumental groups for beginners to grade 2 take place from 9.30 -10.45 and include clarinets, flutes, trumpets, guitars, ukuleles, violins, violas, cellos, basses and limited spaces for percussion and keyboards. We are particularly keen to encourage beginner wind players to come along.

More advanced musicians playing above grade 2 are welcome to join our String Flutet (violin, viola, cello, bass, flute) or the Folk/Rock group guitars, percussion, keyboards, flutes from 11.05 – 12.45.

Would you be interested in a **Saturday morning music group for parents and children under 5** from September? Or do you have a child who will be in reception, Y1 or Y2 in September who would like to take part in a music group? Please get in touch if you may be interested!

More details are on the website **www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk** and please contact helen.moulds@northyorks.gov.uk for other information and to arrange a visit.