

BURNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Kind

13th Nov 2020



Dear Parents

We are now in week 2 of National Lockdown, school continues to run as normally as possible in line with our keeping safe and COVID procedures which you are all very familiar with. The children have adapted really well, but this month continues to feel very different, especially at weekends!

We are continuing with our hygiene regime and class group bubbles. So far, this week has been busy with a bubble self-isolating due to their teacher having COVID. We have had an additional confirmed case but the child had been absent from school several days prior to testing positive. This meant the other pupils and staff in that bubble did not have to self-isolate. Please note we do not set the rules as to when we ask a bubble to self-isolate, we report all cases to the relevant authorities and follow the criteria and rules which they set.

We look forward to welcoming the children from Year 4G back on Wednesday. We have rearranged for the nurses to come back and deliver their flu vaccinations which they missed this week. I want to reassure parents we have a lot of systems in place and we will communicate directly with you should there be cases reported to us which mean a bubble needs to self-isolate. Please ensure you check your messages at the weekend as it is often the case that reports come to us at the weekend and we want to give you as much notice as possible. That said I have everything crossed for a quiet and safe weekend!

Christmas Events

We are planning our virtual Christmas calendar of events and Mrs Walker is coordinating a virtual Carol Concert. We might not be able to get together as a community at the end of this term, but we are still going to make this term as wonderful and memorable for the children as possible.

We hope to have each year group perform a Christmas song which we will record and be able to share with you. We have a record of children whose parents do not wish their children to appear in photographs/ videos / anything we publish on our website or social media. If you would like to add your child to the list please contact the school office immediately.

Children In Need

Today is our annual Children in Need Appeal day. As a school we have always shown fantastic support to this amazing charity. Although this year things are very different for us all, we still have had a fun-filled fundraising day in school to help the appeal. Thank you everyone for your support we raised £253

Parking

Can I please urge parents not to pull up outside the school gates or park on the double yellow lines outside the school in order to make a quick drop off. Children are trying to get into school safely and this is making it difficult for them no matter how sensible and careful they are trying to be. In addition to this it is difficult enough having to cross the cycle path to get into the school safely without having to navigate around cars moving in all sorts of directions. It is an accident waiting to happen. Please don't be this selfish and put lives at risk.

School Lunch

Could we kindly ask you to make payment for your child's school lunch in advance of them eating the meal. We now have a number of accounts in arrears and will be contacting people in arrears by the end of next week to ask for payment (if it hasn't already made).

If you are having difficulty making payment please contact either myself or Mrs Lemin and we will work with you to sort out a payment plan.

Regards
Jane Ramsay
Headteacher



Forthcoming Events

16th November	Anti Bullying Week
4th December	Christmas Craft Day
Monday 7th Dec	Christmas Movie Night
Thursday 10th Dec	Christmas Lunch (Children can wear own clothes and Christmas Jumpers)
Friday 11th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day— Donations welcomed Reception Christmas Party Nursery Christmas Party
Monday 14th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Party
Thursday 17th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Party Year 5 & 6 Christmas Celebrations
Friday 18th December	School Closes Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers

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