

# Growing Together



## Friday 13th September

*Head Teacher's Message: The children have settled well into classes in their second week at school. My learning walks this week have focused on teaching and learning and the sequence of lessons. The children have been very articulate and have been able to tell me all about what they have been learning and why. We have been using exit tickets to secure their knowledge and understanding at the end of lessons, which has proved very successful!. I have been very impressed with what they have learnt in just two weeks! Mrs Taylor*

### Message Board

#### After School Clubs

Children will have been notified via text or letter this week regarding their place in clubs. For safeguarding reasons, if a child is unable to attend a session for any reason or if they no longer wish to attend a club, please could we ask that a note is sent to the staff member in charge of the club.

Reminder that there is no parking on school premises when picking up from after school clubs.

Any club queries or questions, please see Mrs Gray. Thank you.

#### Maths Day Thursday 19th September

This year maths day is being taken over by Rockstars. Your child can dress up as a rockstar/popstar for a donation of £1 for the day to rock their times tables on TTrackstars. There will be a whole host of maths based activities throughout the day. If your child does not wish to dress up they can come in normal uniform.

#### Special Needs and Disabilities

Dear Parent / Carer / Guardian

Special Education Needs and Disabilities and Inclusion Support. We would like to ask you your views on the services Durham County Council provide for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities or who need inclusion support to stay in education. At present we need to change the way we work as we are spending more money than we have available. We therefore need to look more carefully at the services we offer, to see if we can spend less and still meet the needs of children and young people. If you would be interested in telling us your views you can complete an online survey at [www.durham.gov.uk/](http://www.durham.gov.uk/) consultation. Alternatively, a questionnaire can be posted to you upon request. An easy read version of our ideas is also available on the web page. If you have any queries about the contents of this letter, please email [HNB@durham.gov.uk](mailto:HNB@durham.gov.uk) or telephone 03000 260 000.

#### Cross Country Trials

Mrs Gray will be holding cross country trials for year 5/6 children this Monday night after school. It will run until 4:00.

If children would like to try out, they must bring sports wear and a water bottle. Cross country events will take place at Catchgate school on Thursdays where children will be required to run in long distance races. Parents/carers would be asked to provide lifts if children make the team.

When the trials are finished, children are free to walk home if they already have permission. Otherwise pick up will be in the lower ks2 yard.

As the trials are on for one week only, if children have places in other clubs, these will be unaffected and children can return to them the week after. Their places will be kept.

Thank you


#### Early Bird Intervention

This term we have decided to focus on Year 3, 4 and 5 for our Early Bird intervention sessions. If your child has been identified as someone who may benefit you will receive an individual letter from their class teacher. Sessions begin this Monday ( 16th September ). at 8:30 am .

#### Holidays

Due to the changes in amendments to School Attendance Regulations, Head teachers may not grant ANY leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. From September 2015 each adult with parental responsibility will be fined £60 per child if they choose to take their child out of school for more than 6 days that is not authorised by the school.

### tweet of the week

 **Burnopfield Primary** @Burnopfield\_sch · Sep 10  
A huge well done to our 2 lovely year 6 girls who took part in the junior and Mini @greatnorthern\_ Amazing times (even beat Mrs Taylor, apparently!)  
#growthmindsetburnopfield #activeburnopfield #youcandoit #proudteachers alert

#### Applications for Primary and Secondary School places

If you have a child that is 5 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you will need to complete an application form online to apply for a primary school place. Applications open on 12th September and will close at midnight on 15th January 2020.

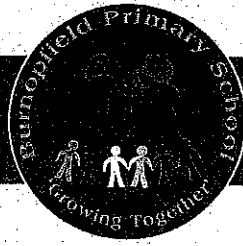
If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2020 the application process opens on 12th September and will close on 31st October 2019.

You can apply for schools using the link: [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Keep in Touch



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## MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

### Burnopfield Primary School

Name of child: .....

Year Group: .....

Medical condition : .....

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Required treatment : .....

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Signed .....

Date .....

***Please fill in and return to school as soon as possible, thank you.***

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## INDEMNITY FORM

### Burnopfield Primary School

I, ..... of .....  
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Parent / guardian of ..... agree as follows:-

1. I have been advised by the School that the wearing of jewellery by my child during physical education may cause harm to my child or to another person.
2. Nonetheless, I wish my child to participate in physical education whilst wearing jewellery.
3. I will accept responsibility for the death or injury to my child caused by the wearing of jewellery by my child.
4. I will indemnify Durham County Council, the Governing Body of the School and their employees against all claims for death or personal injury caused by the wearing of jewellery by my child.

Signed ..... Parent / guardian

Date .....

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Dear Families

Every year we review our curriculum to ensure that we are offering the best opportunities, experiences and education to all of our children. This year we have incorporated six key curriculum drivers - these drivers will underpin all of our teaching.

**Growth Mindset**

We have had a major focus on Growth Mindset over the past few years. We are confident that this is now firmly embedded in our school culture. We want to keep building on this as it has a massive impact on children's attitudes and behaviour.

**Respect**

We have had the 'Expect Respect' agenda in school for a number of years now, and again, this is something which will continue throughout school and is the reason for our children's outstanding behaviour.

**Well-being**

Having a healthy mind and body is vital. We will continue working to ensure that we encourage children to be physically active but also to be emotionally resilient.

**Inspirational people**

Throughout all of our teaching topics, we will have a focus on an inspirational person, someone who has been influential in the specific area we are learning about. Each new topic begins with a clear link to an inspirational person and their impact on the subject - William the Conqueror, Queen Elizabeth, Sting, Neil Armstrong, Florence Nightingale, St Cuthbert etc. This also links to our aspiration driver. In our Early Years we focus on the inspirational people in our families, and those close to us.

**Aspiration**

We want our children to have aspirations for their future education, learning and employment. Through our curriculum and links made with local colleges, universities and professionals, children have opportunities every year to experience the world of work and to look at the wide variety of careers available to them in the future. Enterprise also forms part of our curriculum.

**Adventure**

Our aim is to create a sense of fun in all of our teaching which will encourage children in their learning. Teachers plan engaging and exciting lessons to stimulate a sense of adventure and a thirst for knowledge.

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*In addition to our curriculum drivers, we will also have a focus on the following:*

**Cultural Capital**

Our children will have a wealth of experiences to develop their cultural capital. Every term, an out of school visit (or visitors into school) is planned for to link to the work studied in class. We believe that this engages our children more fully into the topics they are studying, develops their cultural capital and helps them to succeed in life.

**Performing Arts**

We want our children to develop a passion for the performing arts. Children will have a range of opportunities to develop their experience of performing arts through school plays and performances, concerts etc. We have appointed a Drama lead and an Artsmark and Cultural lead.

**Parental Involvement**

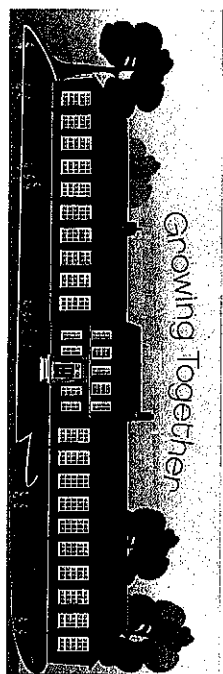
We want our Burnopfield parents to take an active part in our curriculum. Parents will be regularly invited into school to participate in their children's learning through parent's evenings, concerts, shows, workshops and exciting activity sessions.

**Local Area**

Through our History and Geography curriculum, children will study the school environment, their local area and they will find out about inspirational people from Burnopfield. Every year the children will seek out part of the community and liaise with them to work together.

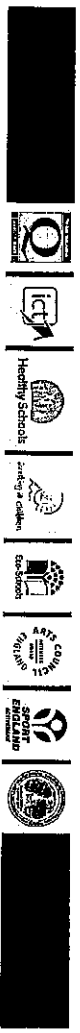
**Equality**

We want our children to understand that we are all different yet all equal. Through curriculum assemblies and 'In the News', children know that we live in a diverse society. We have 'Rainbow Ambassadors' in school who promote equality and acceptance.



Please check our school Twitter account (@Burnopfield\_sch) daily to see the huge range of activities your children experience every day being a child at Burnopfield Primary School.

For more information on our curriculum visit the school website  
<http://www.burnopfield.durham.sch.uk/>



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12 September 2019

## Application for a School Place – September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year. **The application process will open on 12 September 2019.** You will need to read the Parent's Guide "Primary and Secondary School Admission Guide in County Durham 2020/21", as it contains essential information that will help you in making your child's application. The guide is available on our website [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

**You must only complete one application and this must be to the Local Authority to which you pay your council tax (i.e. Home Local Authority).**

If you live in County Durham, you need to complete an application to tell us which school you want your child to attend. **You should list up to 3 school preferences and applying for just 1 school Does Not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school.** You can apply for any school/academy in County Durham or in another Local Authority area.

Please apply on-line at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) When you apply on-line you will receive an acknowledgement and you will be offered a school place for your child by email on 2 March 2020. **Please save your log-in details** as you will also be able to accept your child's place on-line.

Please note that school places are allocated according to specific criteria which are different depending upon which school you apply for your child to attend. **One criterion is "nearest school"**. If you wish to know your nearest school please contact us.

If your child's offer of a school place is for an oversubscribed school (i.e. where there are more applications for a school than places available) we will offer your child a school place based on the child's/parent's address. We will request information on the child's/parent's address when we offer a school place and the onus will be on you to prove your address if asked.

If you do not wish to apply on-line, you can download an application form from this website (or contact us and we will send you a paper application form) which must be received by us at the address below by the closing date. We strongly advise you to return the application form to us by "Royal Mail Signed for™" or "Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed". If you complete a paper application form you will receive a letter to inform you of the school place offered to your child.

Please note for both on-line applications and paper application forms, you will be required to read the disclaimer and sign/tick the box to agree that the information you provide on the application form is complete and correct otherwise the offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

**The closing date for receipt of on-line/paper application forms is 31 October 2019.**

Yours sincerely  
School Places and Admissions Team.

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