



11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We apologise for the length of this letter but we have a lot of information to share with you this week. We would like to begin by thanking you all once again for complying with our procedures. We are sure that you will all agree that drop off and pick up times have run very smoothly.

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you all that our priority is keeping children safe in school and preventing the possible spread of the virus. Please be assured that we have a strict set of guidelines in place for what our response would be if there was a positive case in school.

Our Recovery Curriculum at Burnopfield

Before the end of the summer term, class teachers and subject leaders worked to identify areas of the curriculum that were not taught in your child's previous class due to lockdown from the end of March. We have merged the identified untaught content with the current year group curriculum, making links which will consolidate and enhance learning. As a result, each year group will be taught a blended curriculum this year which will consist of their current year group objectives alongside those identified from their previous curriculum.

As always, there will be an emphasis on the consolidation of the basic skills in English and Maths. The focus will be on: reading, spelling, handwriting formation, number bonds, times tables facts and written methods. Homework will also have a focus on basic skills.

Attendance

We are delighted to report that our overall attendance during the first week back in school was over 97%.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We are seeking two parents to join our Governing Body. The Governors set the aims and objectives for the school and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. To express an interest or for further information, please email school by Friday 18th September at Burnopfield@durhamlearning.net

Snacks

Children are permitted to bring a snack into school each day. This should only consist of healthy items such as a piece of fruit. Please refrain from sending in chocolate, sweets or crisps.








Weekly Awards

Star of the Week which is awarded for working hard

Bright Spark which is awarded for having a growth mindset and showing determination and perseverance.

Kindness award is for showing a caring attitude towards others

Star reader is given for effort and progress in reading.

	Star of the week 	Kindness 	Star Reader 
Willow Class	Thomas S	Ruby C	
Walnut Class	Savannah C	Ross H	
Pine Class	Thomas M	Seren L	Jace R
Poplar Class	Harry F	Heidi D	Ryleigh N
Lime Class	Jasmine S	Grace	Reva
Lilac Class	Daniel F	Daniel L	Anya
Hazel Class	Rory D	Jack C	Erin H
Hawthorn Class	Ollie S	Charlotte J	Juliette V
Chestnut Class	Kaci S	Eve M	Nina G
Cedar Class	Toby W	Lily C	Sam G
Birch Class	Harry Simpson	Charlotte Forster	Evie Lafferty
Beech Class	Louie N	Ava P	Lucy C
Ash Class	Connor Y	Finley S	Ruby S
Apple Class	Amber P	Amber S	Aaron K

Bright Sparks for this week are

Year 1 Pine: Austin F

Year 1 Poplar: Layla R

Year 2 Lime: Flynn

Year 2 Lilac: Kasia

Year 3 Hazel: Rosie

Year 3 Hawthorn: Zachary

Year 4 - Jack R

Year 4

Year 5 Beech: Eva C

Year 5- Birch: Matthew Hall

Wellbeing

As part of our focus on children's wellbeing, Relax kids will begin on 21st September with the **Year 4 and 6 bubbles (separately)** Consent forms will be given out by teachers and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The school





counsellor is also available for those who may need extra support at this uncertain time. Please speak to the class teacher who will liaise with Mrs Ferris, our pastoral leader, to discuss any new referrals.

Reading

It is vital that all of your children continue to read as often as possible at home and at school. We are sending reading books home and these will be 'quarantined' when returned to school before being put away.

Key Stage 1 children will bring reading records home and Key Stage 2 will use these and planners within school. Please listen to children read at least 3 times per week and in Key Stage 1 sign their reading records so that teachers know what they have read. Thank you for your support.

Parent survey

Yesterday you should have received a link to an online survey. We very much appreciate any feedback you give us.

PE kits

Reminder that all children need to have a PE kit in school. As the weather turns colder, you may wish to send in a pair of jogging bottoms and a hoodie as well as a pair of outdoor trainers. PE kits can be left in school for the half term.

School Crossing Advice from DCC

The School Crossing Patrol service has been reinstated across the County to coincide with school re-opening.

- Parents, please remember social distancing and good respiratory hygiene on the school journey, including when you are waiting to cross with the school crossing patrol.
- While waiting to cross, please stand behind the school crossing patrol to limit face-to-face contact.
- The crossing patrol needs to concentrate on traffic and keeping you safe so please remember to keep your distance when you cross in front of them.
- Wherever possible, avoid waiting or congregating near school gates, especially if this is the work location of the school crossing patrol.
- If travelling by car please consider parking away from the school gates and walking a short distance to free up the school gates for the crossing patrol.

School Lottery

Since the launch in February, the supporters of Your School Lottery have raised £489.20 for our school. Thank you! There is a cash prize every week, plus the chance to win £25,000! Now is a great time to sign up because you might also win a Family Forest Staycation - please see details attached.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/burnopfield-primary-school>





Dates for your diary

Attached is a list of dates for events which will be taking place in school this term. During this uncertain time it is not feasible to plan for the full year so we will release dates on a termly basis.

Date	Event
W/C Mon 28th Sep	Poetry week.
October	Black History Month.
Fri 23rd Oct	Break up for half term.
Mon 2nd Nov	School re-opens.
W/C Mon 2nd Nov	Reporting to parents (more details will follow)
Thu 3rd Dec	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch.
Fri 4th Dec	Staff inset day - school closed.
Mon 14th Dec	Reception Christmas party
	Year 5 Christmas party
Tue 15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas party.
	Year 6 Christmas party.
Wed 16th Dec	Year 4 Christmas party.
	Year 1 Christmas party.
Thu 17th Dec	Nursery AM and PM Christmas party.
	Year 3 Christmas party.
Friday 18th December	Possible Christmas panto Break up for Christmas

We wish you all a pleasant and relaxing weekend.

Mrs C Thompson and Mrs R Brunton

Acting Co-Head Teachers

