



Burrsville Infants Newsletter

December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing term it has been! The term has been packed with so many activities ranging from Year 2's trip to Colchester Castle, a Pantomime, Year 2 singing at Clacton Shopping Village and the amazing performances from EYFS and Key Stage 1 last week. As a school, we have raised lots of money for charity and donated items to the Food Bank at Harvest and EYFS have also had a collection of food that they donated. The PTA has worked incredibly hard to fundraise for the school and the Raffle that they held was generously supported by donations from Parents and Carers and raised over £400.

I would like to take this moment to thank you all for your continued support and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas

Mrs Westcott.

EYFS Performance

Well done to Rowan and Maple class for their first school performance. All the children were very brave, standing in front of an audience to perform and all sang beautifully.



Key Stage 1 Performance

During our busy last term, the KS1 children spent lots of time practicing their Nativity - A Christmas Recipe. They thoroughly enjoyed learning all the songs and dance moves as well as some children acting with speaking roles. It was an enjoyable time for both children and teachers and they performed it beautifully three times! We were extremely proud of their efforts and all of their hard work paid off. A huge thank you to the adults at home for supporting them in learning their lines and songs and supplying costumes.



Year 2 7 Before 7 Flashmob

On Monday 9th December, year 2 children took part in a singing flash mob at Clacton Shopping Village as part of our 7 Before 7 Promise. The children did a fantastic job singing and put us all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to everyone who came. Clacton Shopping Village filmed the experience, follow the link if you would like to watch: <https://app.frame.io/presentations/cad3d315-7715-46af-8fa2-ab8bf34c3f47>



Lunchtimes

We have been looking at how lunchtimes work and have decided to make some changes to the areas that the pupils access from January. When the pupils return to school in the New Year there will be a rota in place so that across the week one class will be able to spend lunchtime in the Forest Area. They will have to have wellington boots in school to access the forest area so please can I ask that your child has a pair in school at all times.

Can we please ensure that lunchboxes are healthy - please see below for suggestions.



Attendance

In Assembly today we celebrated pupils that had got 100% attendance for Autumn Term - the pupils will be coming home with a certificate and badge. We also awarded all of the pupils who had 97% and above attendance - they will be coming home with a badge. The pupils are allowed to wear their badge in school. Badges will be awarded each term, and the aim is to collect 9 badges across their time at Burrsville - each badge will be a different colour for each term.

Spare Uniform

We are in desperate need of donations of larger uniform – sizes 8-9 and 9-10 if anyone has any uniform that they no longer need.

Applications for Year 3 Junior School

For any parents with children in Year 2, you are now able to submit an application for a year 3 junior place, this must be submitted by the 15th January 2025.

Any late applications are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chance of being offered a preferred school.

Applications can be made online www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Parking

Please can I ask parents not to park on the Yellow Zig Zag lines that are in front of the school when dropping off and picking up. Parking here is not permitted during school hours.

PTA Update

Firstly, the PTA wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who brought in items for the 'donate to dress down day'.

We were overwhelmed by the response & the hampers for the raffle were full to the brim!

We hope the lucky winners enjoy their prizes.

We would also like to thank those who donated items from the local community:

Jimmy's Farm

Westcliff Theatre

Princes Theatre

Crafts & Flowers by Regina

Playpalz

Jungle Adventure

Go Bananas

Lola's Hair & Beauty

Morrisons

Aum Yoga

Aquasprings

Lola's Hair & Beauty

Morrisons

Aum Yoga

Aquasprings

Curry's

Amazing Activities

A total of £47 was raised for 'Save the Children' for our Christmas Jumper Day on 18th December.

We hope the children enjoyed taking part in the Bauble Design competition. Well done to all the winners who enjoyed a special hot chocolate with Mrs Westcott on Thursday 19th December. More details about money raised will be shared in the next update.



We hope our next event will be a Valentines Disco in February. Further information to follow.

Finally, thank you for supporting the PTA this year. We hope the children have enjoyed the events we have offered including Valentines Disco, Easter Colouring Competition, Wonka Raffle & Crazy Hair Day. We wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. And if you feel like you'd like a new challenge for January, we are always looking for members ♥

2024/25 Term Dates

Christmas - Last day of term 20.12.24 1:30pm finish
Inset Day 06.01.25
Returning 07.01.25

Last Day of February Half Term - 14.02.25
Inset Day 24.02.25
Returning 25.02.25

Easter – Last Day of Term 04.04.25
Bank Holidays - 18.04.25 & 21.04.25
Returning 22.04.25

May Bank Holidays – 05.05.25 & 26.05.25

May Half Term – Last Day of Term 23.05.25
Returning 02.06.25

Summer Holiday –
Last Day of Term 18.07.25 1:30pm finish
Inset Day 21.07.25
Returning September 2025

Diary Dates

Celebration Assemblies – 2:30-3:00pm
Parents will be invited

14.02.25

04.04.25

23.05.25

17.07.25

Open Classrooms - 2:00-3:00pm
Further details will be sent

23.01.25 – Elder

23.01.25 – Hazel

07.02.25 – Cedar

07.02.25 - Sycamore

Autumn Term Attendance

Class	%
Rowan	94.4%
Maple	92.93%
Cedar	94.06%
Sycamore	94.2%
Hazel	95.11%
Elder	93.07%

Congratulations to **Hazel** class for the highest attendance this term!

Dinner Menu

We will return on week one.

Please note a change to our week one menu – Option 1 on Thursday will now be barbeque chicken.

The updated menu has been emailed separately and can also be found on our website and Facebook page.