



Newsletter: April 2017

National Assessments

Pupils in Years 6 will take their statutory assessments in the week commencing 8th May. Children **MUST** be in school every day this week as there is no allowance by the government for absence.

Children in Year 2 will be taking their statutory tests throughout May beginning on 2nd May. Please ensure that your child is in school for this period as it is difficult to accommodate them at times other than when the rest of the class are taking their tests. It also makes it more fun if they are doing it altogether! We wish them all the very best and know they will make us all proud!

School Closures

Parents and carers are reminded that school will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May: Local Elections

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June: Half Term Holiday

Monday 5th June : All children back in school

School Office

May we respectfully remind parents that the school office is open between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Telephone calls will not be answered outside of these times. If you wish to report your child absent this can be done by text at any time.

Attendance:

School Attendance to date: 94.69% Our target is 96%

An attendance review was held on 27th March and further letters were sent to children whose attendance either fell below 90% or was already below 90% and had not improved. Several parents have been called in for a meeting with the EWO to try to improve attendance. Arriving after the registers have closed results in your child being marked absent for that session.

March's Attendance

Week ending 03.03.17(Overall:97.25%)

1 st	Y4	100%
2 nd	Y3	98.93%
3 rd	Y5	98.40%
4 th	Rec	98.00%
5 th	Y6	97.65%
6 th	Y2	96.67%
7 th	Y1	95.19%

Week ending 10.03.17 (Overall:95.73 %)

1 st	Rec	97.50%
2 nd	Y6	97.10%
3 rd	Y4	96.92%
4 th =	Y1	96.30%
4 th =	Y2	96.30%
6 th	Y3	95.36%
7 th	Y5	95.20%

Week ending 17.03.17 (Overall: 95.32%)

1 st	Rec	100%
2 nd	Y6	97.79%
3 rd	Y2	97.22%
4 th	Y1	96.30%
5 th	Y3	94.64%
6 th	Y5	94.00%
7 th	Y4	92.79%

Week ending 24.03.17 (Overall:95.67 %)

1 st	Rec	100%
2 nd	Y1	99.63%
3 rd	Y5	97.60%
4 th	Y3	95.36%
5 th	Y6	95.29%
6 th	Y4	94.62%
7 th	Y2	91.85%

Week ending 31.03.17 (Overall: 95.41%)

1 st	Y5	99.60%
2 nd	Y3	98.52%
3 rd	Y6	96.47%
4 th	Rec	95.50%
5 th	Y4	95.38%
6 th	Y1	94.44%
7 th	Y2	92.22%

School Uniform

We are very proud of the immaculate way our children are presented in their school uniform every day and I am so grateful for your support with this. As we approach the summer months, may I just remind you of a few requirements:

- Hair should be tied back if long or neat and tidy (**not spiky with gel**) if short. This helps avoid our friends the nits and also gives the children the impression that they are here to work, not make fashion statements!
- Shorts may be worn by boys and girls. These should be school uniform shorts in grey and, especially for the girls, should not be too short or revealing.
- Girls may wear blue checked dresses if they prefer.
- School shoes, not trainers should be worn. If your child wishes to wear sandals, these should be sensible without heels and suitable to run and play in at break times. Stubbed toes are very painful!
- PE Kits are required in school EVERY day. We have an increasing number of children not bringing in their kits. They WILL not be excused PE if they do not have their kit and. As we are not always able to find spare shorts or tops, they may have to do it in their normal uniform. Long hair must be tied up for PE lessons (this applies equally to girls and boys).
- Sun cream and hats should be worn on hot days and your child should be encouraged to drink water throughout the day. If you wish to send sun cream in for your child, please label the bottle and hand to the classteacher. Teachers are not allowed to apply suncream, so please teach your child how to do this.
- House badges should be worn as these are part of the uniform. This term is always very competitive as the children look to be part of the winning team. The badge helps them feel that they belong to the house. New badges can be bought via Parentpay for 50p.
- Please ensure your child has water for the school day. This should be either plain water or clear flavoured water. We do not allow fizzy drinks or squash unless there is a medical reason certified by a doctor to provide it. Bottles are available by Parentpay for £2. Children may bring squash if they have a packed lunch from home. School dinner children will always have the choice of milk or water.

Advance Notices

Open Afternoon

This will be held on Tuesday 6th June from 1.15pm. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to share in an afternoon of your child's school life. Please go to your child's normal entrance door. Parents may leave with their children at 3.20pm. It promises to be an afternoon full of challenge and fun!

Swimming Gala

The Burntwood Primary Schools' Swimming Gala will take place on Wednesday 19th July and a squad will be selected from children in Years 3-6. Over the next few weeks we will be asking children who can confidently swim 25metres to apply to be part of the squad. The children should be able to swim 25 metres of front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke. Please watch out for the application form over the next few weeks.