



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

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Dear Families,

What a busy half term we have had at Burton. The weekly Burton Bulletins have been full of all the amazing things that have been happening in school such as Science Week, our writing competition, a trip to Corfe Castle for KS1 (coming this week!) and a visit from the amazing Bank of Dreams and Nightmares to name but a few. Please do take a look back at these on our website if you missed any editions. A huge thank you to Mrs Walter for putting them together and showcasing the children's learning.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

1. Reading continues to be a focus for us at Burton. All classes are continuing with their class reading books which have been carefully selected by staff. All children are able to visit the village library on a rota basis and Mr Proudfoot as our English Lead has led staff training on the progression of reading at Burton.
2. You may have heard your children talking about the three words that underline behaviour at Burton which are: Ready, Respectful, Engaged. All classes have thought about what this looks like for them and staff will continue this work into the Summer term and beyond.
3. In our INSET day tomorrow, staff will be looking at children's personal development and how this links to our Church school status. We will be discussing the opportunities that we provide for spirituality in the curriculum and thinking about what this means for our children.
4. Monitoring in classes this half term has continued to focus on ensuring that all children are accessing the taught curriculum. We have had a range of visitors into school both from our Local Schools' Committee and the Trust, including some senior leaders from schools in the East of Dorset. All have commented on how welcome they are made to feel at our school and how polite and engaged the children are.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a focus for schools across the country with national attendance rates still not recovering to pre-pandemic levels. Attendance at Burton this term is currently **95.9%** which is above the national average; thank you for your ongoing support regarding this matter as this has improved since the Autumn term. You can find out more about attendance on the Trust's website: <https://attendance.initiolearning.org/>

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child, please speak with me or Mrs Varndell-Paulley as the Designated Safeguarding Leads at school.





Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring that children are wearing the correct uniform to school. As we move into the summer term and the weather gets warmer, please do take a look at our uniform policy which includes some summer options! www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk/uniform

I hope you all have a peaceful Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,

Adam Gough
Headteacher