



Newsletter

Autumn 1 2020

Thank you

It has been a very busy half term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL families for their support and patience. There are several events which will be put on hold until 2021 in the hope that we will be able to reschedule and other events which we will be going ahead with either by telephone or Microsoft Teams. We are hoping to reschedule swimming sessions for pupils in Y5 in the summer term who missed out in Y4. We will notify you by text, class dojo and the academy website to confirm events.

Please note that Friday 23rd October the school is closed and will re-open after half term on Monday 2nd November 2020

Online Home Learning

The response back from the Online Home Learning questionnaire has been overwhelming and has provided a detailed overview of the access families have to the internet and devices at home. We are in the process of reviewing our remote learning plans. It is important that parents continue to engage with Class Dojo. Once plans have been finalised information will be sent out to families.

Bonfire and Firework Displays

As a child what should you do?

- **Always let an adult handle the fireworks- never touch them.**
- **Wear gloves when handling sparklers**
- **Never EVER go back to a lit firework.**
- **Put your used sparkler in a bucket of sand or water.**

Music Mark School



For the second year running we have been awarded the Music Mark Award by Hull Music Service in recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children. Mr Lawrence has been able to continue percussion lessons with children in Y4 and small groups in Y5 and Y6 which has been very uplifting for everyone who has been able to participate.

School Website

Please keep checking the school website for any updates and remember it is now in a mobile friendly format and we hope parents and carers find it useful.
www.buckinghamprimaryacademy.net

Contact Details

It is imperative that if you change your mobile number or email address that you inform the school as soon as possible, to ensure you are kept up to date with any changes which may take place.

Curriculum

All our Enquiry questions this half term have focussed on geography and children have been learning about rivers, volcanoes and map skills. Here are the responses from some of the children across the school.



'I liked learning about the Kalahari Desert and Africa because I've always wanted to visit Africa.' Aniela in Y1N



'I knew a little bit about volcanoes, but liked learning about how they erupt,' Olivia in Y3J. 'It's great learning about volcanoes! I know lots about them now,' Jaydon in Y3B



'I have enjoyed learning why the Humber is important to Hull because it has taught me that fishing and other industries need the river,' Phoebe in Y4



'Our Enquiry question this half term has been, 'Will you ever see the water you drink again?' This has been a fantastic geography topic. I have really enjoyed finding out all about the water cycle and looking at comparisons between Hull and Zimbabwe.'

Attendance

Thank you to all families for ensuring that their child/ren have been coming into school. Our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is **96%!!!**

Please continue to inform the school if your child is absent due to being unwell or displaying symptoms of COVID – 19. The attendance team will continue to contact families daily as part of the check in process and to enquire about a child's wellbeing even if it is not COVID-19 related. The daily contact is also to check children are receiving home learning as part of a prior arrangement.

Fees and Voluntary Contributions

Thank you so much to those parents & carers who have supported our efforts to create a safe, secure and cashless school. There are currently less parents & carers, than before, who owe the school money for payment items such as school meals, after school clubs, After School Provision and FS1 lunch fees, however we aren't quite there yet.

Non- payment of fees or a shortfall in voluntary contributions for payment items impact on the school's budget. Please help us to continue providing services and optional extras by clearing any outstanding balances and by making future payments within the allocated time scales.

ParentPay letters will be issued every Tuesday during term time to pupils who have an outstanding balance for school lunches. In line with the School's charging policy we ask that school meal accounts are kept in credit and outstanding balances of £5.00 may result in pupils being unable to access the school meals service.

Please note: the school covers part of the costs for services and optional extras. Parents and carers who fail to respond to previous correspondence will receive reminder letters through the post. If you are a parent or carer who has recently received a letter through the post or have an outstanding balance prior to September 2020, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable repayment plan. As a school we have previously committed to avoiding the use of a 3rd party debt collection agency, and would like to avoid this as we understand that a family's financial circumstances can change, however as a school we cannot continue to absorb the costs of unpaid services. We are happy to work with and support parents and carers, all we ask is that, should you have an outstanding balance that you are unable to pay then please notify the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Important message from the Police regarding parking.

I would just like to thank those parents over the last few days for parking sensibly in the areas away from the school entrance to the school on Buckingham Street / Ackworth Street Junction. With the present situation they have had to put in measures to safeguard both children and parents with regards to COVID-19. By parking away from the main gates and utilising the streets in the area of the school and walking a few meters helps tremendously to alleviate the congestion at peak times. We have had reports of some parents and school staff that some people are still insisting on stopping too close to the gates when the children are entering the school sometimes leaving engines running whilst doing this. I myself have witnessed this and strong words of advice have been given to the driver concerned. The Police will be monitoring this issue and will be informing our partners at Hull City Council regarding this situation.

PLEASE THINK OF YOUR CHILDREN AND OTHERS SAFETY!

PCSO 7588 Cressy
School Liaison Preston Road Police Station

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Dates for the Academic Year

Please find below a list of important dates which are coming up throughout the academic year. We may include new dates so please keep an eye out for the next newsletter or alternatively you can check the calendar on the school website. Please note some events may be postponed last minute due to COVID-19 updates in the guidance.

We would like to remind all families that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and each case will be considered separately. Forms can be obtained from the main school office. Please note that dates are subject to change which maybe out of our control.

Please note: some of the dates may differ slightly from other schools.

2020/2021	
23.10.20	Professional Development Day – School CLOSED
HALF TERM	
02.11.20	First Day back for children
w/c 16.11.20	Anti-Bullying Week
20.11.20	Flu Vaccinations for pupils taking place in school
w/c 14.12.20	Christmas Poetry Week
w/c 14.12.20	A virtual Christmas Nativity performed by Y2 - tbc
17.12.20	Christmas Dinner
18.12.20	Last day for children
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
04.01.21	First Day back for children
15.01.21	A virtual Y6 SATs information session for parents

22.01.21	A virtual Y2 test information session for parents
w/c 01.02.21	Online Safety Week
15.02.21	Last Day for children
HALF TERM	
22.02.21	First Day back for children
04.03.21	World Book Day
w/c 15.03.21	Poetry Week
24.03.21	Last day for children
25.03.21	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
12.04.21	First Day back for children
03.05.21	May Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
w/c 10.05.21	Y6 SATs Testing
w/c 10.05.21 & w/c 17.05.21	Y2 Testing
28.05.21	Last day for children
HALF TERM	
07.06.21	First Day back for children
w/c 07.06.21	Phonics Screening in Y1 and Y2 re-takes
25.06.21	Summer Fayre tbc
02.07.21	Sports Day tbc
23.07.21	Last day for children
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
06.09.21	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day
07.09.21	First Day back for children