



Newsletter

Autumn 2 2020

Happy Christmas and THANK YOU!!

It has been a very busy term with lots of challenges which have been facing everyone during these unprecedented times. With the support and feedback from parents it has meant that we have been able to make school life as 'normal' as possible for all of our children, ensuring that it is a happy and safe place to come and learn. I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL families for their support and patience. Have a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Please note that we re-open after the Christmas break on Monday 4th January 2021.

Important Information for the end of term - REMINDER

If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of school closing on Friday 18th December 2020 AND they test positive you must inform the school via the School Nursing Team. The School Nursing Team will cover reports of Covid cases from the end of term. The School Nursing Team telephone number is 01482 336634 (and 01482 344301 for the duty line).

Attendance



Our attendance since the beginning of September has been **outstanding**. Our whole school attendance is 95.7% and we would like to say a big thank you to parents/ carers for ensuring that their child is in school.

Top attendance goes to Miss Warvill's class in Y3 with 97.6%.

Christmas Nativity



Whilst we have been unable to have a 'live' audience into school that has not deterred KS1. Both year groups have been rehearsing and produced an outstanding version of the Nativity. The performance has been recorded and will be available on the school website. A link will be sent out once it has gone live at the end of the week.

Christmas Poems



Sadly, for the first time in 5 years we have been unable to go to the local church for our family Carol Concert, which I know is one of the top school events for many of you in the academic year. This year each class has been rehearsing a Christmas Poem. Each of the poems have been recorded using the greenscreen. A link will be sent out at the end of the week for you to view each class poem.

Reading

Reading has been high profile in the school and children in Y5 and Y6 have exceeded all expectations. We have some very talented and avid readers. Our top readers in Y6 are Zack and Violet who between them have read nearly 400,000 words since the beginning of September. We encourage every child during the Christmas holidays to keep reading.



Fees, Voluntary Contributions & Free School Meals

Whilst we do have some outstanding fees owed by parents and carers, as a school we appreciate that Christmas can be an expensive time for everyone and that some of our families may be experiencing additional hardship this year due to the impact of the pandemic, furlough and job losses.

If you are currently unable to pay please do not worry over the Christmas period, we are happy to discuss or accept a payment when we return in January.

For those parents & carers who have larger debts all we ask is that each time you receive a letter please try and pay something off the balance- this could be small weekly amounts or larger amounts each time you're able to do so. ParentPay letters are sent home with pupils every Tuesday to help parents and carers keep on top of fees for school meals and other payment items.

If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office or send an email to admin@buckingham.hull.sch.uk and we will check our system. Sometimes the system doesn't pick up a change in circumstances and when this happens parents and carers are able to provide evidence of benefits etc for the school to verify and confirm eligibility in order to manually update the system.

Thank you for your support & Merry Christmas

2020/2021

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
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
10.02.2021 11.02.2021	Parents Evening – virtually
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 08.03.21	Science Week
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