



Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

It has been a very busy term and I know everyone will be looking forward to the festive period to relax and spend time with family members and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE for their continued support with their child's education as without your support many events such as the Nativity, Christmas Fayre to name a few would not be as successful.

At the Christmas Fayre we raised nearly £1000. The monies raised will be going towards refurbishment of the hall into a drama / theatre space and towards the development of our Community Hub.

Please note that the Spring Term starts on MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2019.

OFSTED

We had our OFSTED inspection on Tuesday 26th November and Wednesday 27th November 2019. You will all have received a copy of the Inspection Report and we are delighted with the outcome of GOOD in all categories. Staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that all children who come to Buckingham Primary Academy receive a good quality of education. We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in your child's education.

Reindeer Run

Our chosen charity which we will be supporting this academic year is Dove House Hospice. On Friday 13th December 2019 we had a whole school Reindeer Run in support of raising money Dove House Hospice. Children and staff had a brilliant time wearing antlers and red noses whilst running around the school playground.

A team member from Dove House took an assembly to let the children know about the work which Dove House does to support families.

Top of the school for attendance!

Well done to everyone our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is **95.6%!!!**



Top class with the highest attendance since the beginning of the academic year is **6E with 97.2%** A really BIG well done.

Our target is 96% and we are so close at the end of the Autumn Term. We would urge families to not book holidays during term time. This does affect your child's attendance and valuable learning time.

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

Christmas Jokes

Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can 'ho ho ho'

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow.

Nativity

The Nativity was absolutely FABULOUS and a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members coming along to see the production of, 'A Miracle In Town'. The children were a huge credit to everyone and we are so proud of their perseverance and achievements throughout all of the rehearsals resulting in a polished performance.

Reading

Developing a love of reading has been one of our priorities for this academic year. Our aim is for EVERY child to be reading at least three times a week or more at home and in school. At the end of the Autumn Term we have the majority of our children are reading at least three times a week. Y6E are the first class in the school where every child is now on orange or yellow of their FRED reader. This is a real achievement. We would like you to encourage your child to continue to read on a regular basis during the Christmas Holidays.

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 such as school trips have a direct impact on the school's already overstretched budget. Please help us to continue providing the above services and optional extras by clearing any outstanding balances and by making future payments within the allocated time scales.

Please note: the school covers part of the costs for the above services, optional extras and school trips. Unpaid fees will result in some or all services being withdrawn.

If you are experiencing difficulties making payment, we kindly ask that you do not ignore letters or phone calls and instead contact the school office as a matter of urgency. Mrs Elder is more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have and work with you to make suitable arrangements.

2019/2020

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.

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. During the 2019/29 academic year the school will be **CLOSED ON FRIDAY 3rd April 2019 and Friday 26th June 2020.**

2019/2020	
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
06.01.20	First Day back for children
14.01.20	Y6 SATs information session for parents at 2.45pm
21.01.20	Y2 Testing information session for parents at 2.45pm
04.02.20	Parents Evening
05.02.20	Parents Evening
w/c 10.02.20	Online Safety Week
13.02.20	Valentine's Disco
14.02.20	Last day for children
HALF TERM	
24.02.20	First Day back for children
02.03.19 & 03.03.19	Bikeability for Y6E
05.03.20	World Book Day
w/c 09.03.20	Science Week
11.03.19 & 12.03.19	Bikeability for Y6L
01.04.20	Photograph Day - Individuals
01.04.20	Showcase to parents from 3.30pm
02.04.20	Easter Parade
02.04.20	Last day for children
03.04.20	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
20.04.20	First Day back for children
08.05.20	May Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED VE Day
w/c 11.05.20	Y6 SATs Testing
w/c 11.05.20 & w/c 18.05.20	Y2 Testing
22.05.20	Last day for children

HALF TERM	
01.06.20	First Day back for children
w/c 08.06.20 & w/c 15.06.20	Y4 Swimming lessons
w/c 08.06.20	Phonics Screening in Y1 and Y2 re-takes
24.06.20	Summer Fayre from 3.30pm
25.06.20	Sports Day
26.06.20	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day
17.07.20	Last day for children
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
07.09.20	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day
08.09.20	First Day back for children