



## Newsletter

Spring 1 2021

### Message of THANKS!

Who would have thought that the last 6 weeks would have involved families and school embracing home learning remotely. A huge THANK YOU to everyone. It has been a challenging few weeks but with the support from everyone we are confident that all children have access to a good curriculum offer.

Next week is half term and staff at Buckingham will be taking a well-earned break. If you have any questions or queries and you need to contact anyone could I ask that you send Miss Hillman a message on class dojo which will be checked on a regular basis throughout the week.

I know that circumstances may change for some parents/carers and your child may require a place in school. Again contact Miss Hillman via class dojo and she will contact you to discuss if we are able to offer a place whilst following government guidance to ensure we keep staff and children safe.

### Attendance



Thank you to everyone for keeping staff informed if your child has been unable to attend their remote learning. Engagement since the start of the spring term has been outstanding and we are very PROUD of everyone. If your child is unable to attend school or remote learning inform the school to avoid unnecessary phone calls.

### School Uniform



A gentle reminder to all families about school uniform. It is important that children who are attending school are wearing the correct school uniform including school shoes and correct PE kit. Children who are learning from home should be dressed and ready for learning, ideally sat at a table or desk to reduce the number of distractions. Teachers will be contacting parents if their child is not wearing the correct uniform in school.

### Mental Health Week – w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> February



Mental Health Week was a huge success and provided an opportunity for children both in school and at home to express their feelings and discuss hopes and dreams once everyone is able to return to school safely. Take a look on Twitter for activities children completed.

### Reading

Nearly every child in the school has completed at least one FRED reading card and we have some children who are now on their **BLUE** FRED reader.

Children in Y5 and Y6 have exceeded all expectations and have between them read over **6,500,000 words** since September!! We encourage every child during half term to keep reading.



## Connectivity



Teachers have been looking at different ways to keep all children both in school and at home connected together as a class. There have been some fantastic ideas, which include class quizzes, finding out about pets at home to imaginative PE sessions using lots of creative thinking. Encourage your child to join these sessions.

## Online Safety Week – w/c 8<sup>th</sup> February



Online Safety Week has raised awareness amongst children in school and at home of what to look out for to remain safe online. The theme this year has been about trust and not to believe everything you read or see. If you are unsure, tell an adult who can help.

## Important Information - REMINDER

If your child has been in school and develops symptoms within 48 hours of school closing on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 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).

## Fees, Voluntary Contributions & Free School Meals

Whilst we do have some outstanding fees owed by parents and carers, as a school we appreciate 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, we are happy to discuss or accept a payment when you are able to do so.

For those parents & carers who have larger debts all we ask is that each time you receive a text reminder or 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.

Weekly reminder texts are sent to parents and carers of all pupils who have an outstanding balance on their ParentPay account and we hope that this will 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](mailto: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.



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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. **If Polling Day goes ahead the school will be closed on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

<b>23.10.20</b>	<b>Professional Development Day – School CLOSED</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>22.02.21</b>	<b>First Day back for children</b>
<b>04.03.21</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>w/c 08.03.21</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>w/c 15.03.21</b>	<b>Poetry Week</b>
<b>25.03.21</b>	<b>Last day for children</b>
<b>26.03.21</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>12.04.21</b>	<b>First Day back for children</b>
<b>w/c 19.04.21</b>	<b>Showcase to parents of artwork</b>
<b>03.05.21</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>06.05.21</b>	<b>INSETT Day – SCHOOL CLOSED to children – tbc</b>
<b>28.05.21</b>	<b>Last day for children</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>07.06.21</b>	<b>First Day back for children</b>
<b>w/c 07.06.21</b>	<b>Phonics Screening in Y1</b>
<b>28.06.21</b>	<b>Poetry Week</b>
<b>05.07.21</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>02.07.21</b>	<b>Sports Day tbc</b>
<b>w/c 12.07.21</b>	<b>Transition week for all pupils in Y6</b>
<b>w/c 19.07.21</b>	<b>Showcase to parents</b>
<b>23.07.21</b>	<b>Last day for children</b>
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>06.09.21</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day</b>
<b>07.09.21</b>	<b>First Day back for children</b>

