



Newsletter

Spring 2 2021

THANK YOU!

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Buckingham we are immensely proud of every single child and their achievements. Many have discovered new talents and skills over the past year. The resilience shown by everyone has been tremendous.

I would like to personally thank every family for their support, commitment, and hard work during the national lockdown. I know that everyone has been affected in different ways. We have all discovered new ways of learning and for those of you who support your child at home with remote learning you have all done an AMAZING job.

I would also like to personally thank ALL staff at Buckingham who have ensured that there has been a level of normality for all our children, particularly when children were learning both in school and at home.

Whilst there are many challenges which are still ahead of us, we will ensure that every child is able to access a broad and balanced curriculum with the aim of children being confident members of society.

Over the Easter break if you have any questions or queries and you need to contact anyone could I ask that you send me a message on class dojo which will be checked on a regular basis, particularly if it is related to C-19. I can now confirm that **Thursday 6th May school will be closed to children.**

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 12th April 2021.

Miss P Hillman

Attendance



Our attendance champions are 5B with 97% since the beginning of the academic year. It is mandatory that all children are now attending school. We appreciate there are times when you child is unable to attend school and thank you to everyone for keeping staff informed if your child has been unable to attend school, this avoids 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.

After the Easter break children will continue to come into school wearing PE kit with the exception of Early Years, on their PE days.



Science Week



We have been learning about female scientists throughout science week and how they have influenced modern day science, mathematics and engineering. This has been alongside looking at transportation through the centuries and renewable energy such as electric and hydrogen cars for the future. We certainly have a lot of children who are now thinking about a future career in either science or engineering.

Bunny Hop!

Thank you to everyone who made a donation, towards the Bunny Hop which took place on the last day. Children and staff had huge amounts of fun. This has included how far children can hop and healthy body science experiments. We have raised £447.50 for Dove House Hospice!



Important Information - REMINDER

If your child has been in school and develops symptoms within **48 hours of school closing on Thursday 25th March 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 but please do ensure that you contact the school office or Miss Hillman to notify us of your circumstances.

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. Again, please ensure that you contact the school office or Miss Hillman to update us on your circumstances.

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 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.



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

EASTER HOLIDAYS	
26.03.21	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day
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12.04.21	First Day back for children
12.04.21	Poetry Week
w/c 19.04.21	A virtual Showcase to parents
03.05.21	May Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
06.05.21	INSETT Day – SCHOOL CLOSED to children
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
28.06.21	Poetry Week
05.07.21	Science Week
02.07.21	Sports Day tbc
w/c 12.07.21	Transition week for all pupils in Y6
w/c 19.07.21	A virtual Showcase to parents
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

