



Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Message from the Principal

It has been a very busy half term and children are most definitely ready for a break to recharge their batteries. Whilst summer seems a long time ago the homework challenge of completing a 'Summer Scrapbook' was a huge success and the standards were very high. The scrapbooks are on display and visitors, children and staff enjoy reading and looking through them on a daily basis. Thank you to all parents who had a helping hand.

We have a number of events taking place throughout November and December including our termly 'Showcases', Nativity and Carol Concert. Please keep a look out for further details and timings. In particular please put the dates of our showcases into your diary which are: Y5/6 on 9th November at 1.45pm at St. Columba church and FS-Y4 on 21st November in the afternoon at school.

Staying Safe

Main car park. There are a few parents who in an effort to get their child into school on time are 'flying' into the main car park. Whilst we encourage children to arrive on time we also want children to arrive safely. Please can I urge everyone to drive with care and caution for others. I would rather a child is a few minutes late and arriving into school safely.

Top of the school for attendance!

Well done to everyone our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is **96.5%!!!**



Top class with the highest attendance since the beginning of the academic year is 3L with 98.2% A really big well done.

Healthy Packed Lunches

There are a few children who are starting to bring in fizzy drinks and chocolate bars as part of their packed lunch. We will be contacting parents directly as this is not part of our school policy if this continues.

'Help for Heroes'

Y5/Y6 are holding a service at St.Columba Church on Friday 9th November at 1.45pm. Y5/6 have been studying, 'Peaceful Private' by Michael Morpurgo and have produced art work which will be displayed at the church for everyone in the local community to enjoy.

The children will be leading a remembrance service which will provide an opportunity for everyone to remember the soldiers who have fought and lost their lives to ensure we have the freedoms which everyone has today. All donations will be going towards, 'Hull Help for Heroes.'

Poppies will be available for children to purchase for a small donation the first week back after half term.



School Website

We have been working on our school website to ensure that the information available is relevant and easily accessible. The website has been redesigned in a mobile friendly format and we hope parents and carers find it useful.

www.buckinghamprimaryacademy.net

Anti-Bullying Week – CHOOSE RESPECT!



Anti-Bullying week is taking place w/c 12th November 2018. The theme this year is, 'CHOOSE RESPECT!' We will be launching the week on Monday 12th November by asking every child and adult to come into school wearing odd socks to show respect for differences.

Harvest Festival



Thank you to everyone who brought in donations to give to our chosen charity, Emmaus. Kelly from Emmaus sent the school a lovely email thanking everyone for their kindness and generosity. The donations will make a difference to the lives of people who, through a variety of circumstances, find themselves homeless. We are hoping to do further projects with the charity to raise awareness.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning on the 28th September. It was lovely to have the support of the community to support MacMillan. This year we raised a fantastic £349.00 which is a huge increase on last year.



Trips

Y5 and Y6 went on their first school trip to Leeds Armouries. It was a huge success and the day ended literally with a BANG!!
Y4 and Y3 have trips planned after the half term holiday. Whilst we keep the cost of trips down to an absolute minimum we do rely on contributions to ensure that trips are able to go ahead. We appreciate your support in this matter as trips give children the opportunity to extend their learning further.

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.

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 2018/19 academic year the school will be **CLOSED ON FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2018 and FRIDAY 5th April 2019.**

AUTUMN TERM	
03.09.18	SCHOOL CLOSED- Staff Development Day
04.09.18	Children back to school
05.09.18	Meet the teacher – Y1 and Y2 at 3.15pm
06.09.18	Meet the teacher – Y3 and Y4 at 3.15pm
07.09.18	Meet the teacher – Y5 and Y6 at 3.15pm
28.09.18	Macmillan Coffee morning
03.10.18	Parents Evening
04.10.18	Parents Evening
26.10.18	Last Day
HALF TERM	
05.11.18	Children back to school
09.11.18	Y5/6 'Help for Heroes' Service and Showcase at St. Columbus Church at 1.30pm – All Welcome
12.11.18	Anti-Bullying Week
16.11.18	Children In Need
21.11.18	Showcase in school for EYs, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
30.11.18	SCHOOL CLOSED- Staff Development Day
05.12.18	Christmas Fayre
13.12.18	KS1 Nativity at 3.30am
14.12.18	KS1 Nativity at 9.30pm
13.12.18	'Book Bus' in the large car park
14.12.18	Christmas Lunch
21.12.18	Carol Concert at St. Columba Church at 10am and last day of term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
07.01.19	Children back to school
16.01.19	Y6 SATs Information Session for parents at 2.45pm
17.01.19	Y2 SATs Information Session for parents at 2.45pm

04.02.19	E-Safety Week
13.02.19	Parents Evening
14.02.19	Parents Evening
15.02.19	Valentines Disco and last day
HALF TERM	
25.02.19	Children back to school
07.03.19	World Book Day
11.03.19	Science week
15.03.19	Red Nose Day
03.04.19	Decorated Egg Competition
04.04.19	Easter Parade
05.04.19	SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Development Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
23.04.19	Children back to school
06.05.19	Bank Holiday – School Closed
13.05.19 – 16.05.19	Y6 SATS Testing
13.05.19 – 24.05.19	Y4 swimming
20.05.19 – 24.05.19	Y2 Testing
24.05.19	Last day for children
HALF TERM	
03.06.19	Children back to school
w/c 17.06.19	Y1 Phonics Screening and Y2 RE-sits
11.06.19 – 14.06.19	Y6 Bikeability
21.06.19	SPORTS DAY for all year groups
03.07.18 & 04.07.18	Y6 Performance to parents at 3.30pm
05.07.19	Y6 Awards Ceremony & disco from 1.30pm
12.07.19	Reports go home to parents
18.07.19	End of term disco for FS – Y5
19.07.19	100% attendance treat
19.07.19	Last Day for children
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
02.09.19	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day