



## Newsletter

Spring 2019

### Message from the Principal

The Easter break is finally here and it is amazing the amount of learning which has taken place throughout the spring term. Next term we will be launching our new bespoke Buckingham Primary Academy curriculum which we are very proud and excited about. As parents you will receive a knowledge organiser which will set out your child's topic for the term and the learning which will be covered. We have ensured that our approach will engage and motivate children to want to acquire new knowledge and apply their existing knowledge.

Sports Day has been moved to **TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE** (weather permitting) and this year we will be holding a Summer Fair on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Information will be going home after the Easter holidays so please keep an eye out as we will be asking for support and help from parents.

**Please note that the Summer Term starts on TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2019.**


### Decorated Egg Competition & Easter Parade

We were so impressed by all of the entries for the decorated egg competition and would like to congratulate all pupils who took part. It was very difficult to choose the winner for each year group as each entry was fantastic, Miss Doy popped out and bought everyone a little treat - well done everyone!

Thank you to all of those parents & carers who have offered their initial thoughts and valuable input towards our Community Hub project. Our 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Parade was a huge success and a great way to kick start the fundraising. We would like to say thank you to pupils, parents & carers for being involved, it's always a pleasure to see the school community come together for this historical event, and the Easter Bonnets were fabulous! This year Tradewind Recruitment sponsored our event by providing Easter Egg Prizes to the winners!



### Top of the school for attendance!

Well done to everyone our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is **95.3%!!!** 

Top class with the highest attendance since the beginning of the academic year is **3L with 96.4%** A really big well done.

Our target is 96% and we would strongly urge families to not book holidays during term time. This does affect your child's attendance and valuable learning time and could result in a fine from the Local Authority.

### Humber and Fire Safety

The Humber and Fire Safety Team came into school to do a presentation to children in Y5 and Y6. The purpose of the presentation was to provide the children with an insight into the types of jobs there are within the fire service and how specially trained dogs work alongside the team to help prevent arson attacks and nuisance calls to 999.



### Science Week

During the week 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March, we took part in British Science week 2019. Each year group investigated different aspects of science under the theme of Journeys. Children across the school were involved in science investigations, which meant that they were experimenting with: flight, moving objects and forces; the movement of solvents in liquids; changes in materials and even the journey of a sneeze! Throughout the school, fabulous scientific work enabled pupils to create nature diaries, research Charles Darwin and use investigative skills to collect data, record results and form conclusions. Each year group will create an entry for the competition to showcase all manner of scientific journeys.

### Sporting Champions

This term has been extremely fruitful in showcasing the quality of sporting talent we have in the school. Year 5 boys competed in the Hull Football finals and played several games, never giving up and working tirelessly to support one another. They finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of all of the primary schools in Hull which is a fantastic achievement. The Year 6 boys also competed in their respective Hull football finals night. Again playing several games, working hard as a team and achieving great success. The Year 6 boys finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of all of the primary schools in Hull, again a wonderful achievement. As summer approaches we have more festivals and competitions and we are looking forward to seeing more fantastic sporting ability, collaboration and perseverance.



### 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](http://www.buckinghamprimaryacademy.net)

### E-Safety Week

Safer internet week's theme this year was 'together for a better internet.' We took part by refreshing our knowledge of the SMART rules which remind us how to stay safe online and what to do if we feel uncomfortable or worried. We also joined other schools nationally in creating a pledge to do something great and positive online (view on Twitter with the hashtag #ourinternetourchoice). To find out more about the SMART rules visit: <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/beingsmart/>



### 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. Enclosed are the holiday dates for 2019-2020. Please note when these are, along with staff development days.

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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. Please note **Sports Day is now on TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

<b>05.04.19</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Development Day</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>23.04.19</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>
<b>06.05.19</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>13.05.19 – 16.05.19</b>	<b>Y6 SATS Testing</b>
<b>13.05.19 – 24.05.19</b>	<b>Y4 swimming</b>
<b>20.05.19 – 24.05.19</b>	<b>Y2 Testing</b>
<b>24.05.19</b>	<b>Last day for children</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>03.06.19</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>
<b>w/c 10.06.19</b>	<b>Y1 Phonics Screening and Y2 RE-sits</b>
<b>11.06.19 – 14.06.19</b>	<b>Y6 Bikeability</b>
<b>17.06.19</b>	<b>Y4 performing at the City Hall at 1.30pm</b>
<b>25.06.19</b>	<b>SPORTS DAY for all year groups</b>
<b>27.06.19</b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
<b>03.07.18 &amp; 04.07.18</b>	<b>Y6 Performance to parents at 3.30pm</b>
<b>05.07.19</b>	<b>Y6 Awards Ceremony &amp; disco from 1.30pm</b>
<b>12.07.19</b>	<b>Reports go home to parents</b>
<b>18.07.19</b>	<b>End of term disco for FS – Y5</b>
<b>19.07.19</b>	<b>100% attendance treat</b>
<b>19.07.19</b>	<b>Last Day for children</b>
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>02.09.19</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day</b>
<b>03.09.19</b>	<b>First Day back for children</b>
<b>24.10.19</b>	<b>Last day for children</b>
<b>25.10.19</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Training Day</b>
<b>04.11.19</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>

20.12.19	Last day for children
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
06.01.20	First Day back for children
14.02.20	Last day for children
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
24.02.20	First Day back for children
02.04.20	Last day for children
03.04.20	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
20.04.20	First Day back for children
04.05.20	<b>May Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
22.05.20	Last day for children
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
01.06.20	First Day back for children
26.06.20	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day</b>
17.07.20	Last day for children
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>	
07.09.20	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day</b>
08.09.20	First Day back for children