



Buckden Church of England Primary Academy

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Company No: 07708603

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 5th April 2019

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED FROM TODAY FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY.
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE AN ENJOYABLE EASTER.
WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 23rd APRIL.**

Class Prayers.

Every class in Buckden School has written their own prayer to be shared before lunchtime and at hometime. As a Church School, and following guidance from Ely Diocese, each child has the opportunity for quiet reflection at these key times of the day. The children enjoy writing and sharing their reflections within their classroom with their friends.

- **Dinner Money for the Summer Term**

	Summer Whole Term (57 days)	Summer First Half Term 23rd April – 24th May (23 days)	Summer Second Half Term 3rd June – 18th July (34 days)
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) (School dinners cost £2.30 per day).	£131.10	£52.90	£78.20
Year 4 children who are going on the Hilltop residential visit.	(54 days) £124.20	(20 days) £46.00	£78.20
Year 6 children who are transferring to Hinchingsbrooke School in September 2019.	(54 days) £124.20	£52.90	(31 days) £71.30

The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day - £11.50 per week. Payment can be made either by cheque (made payable to Buckden School), cash or using the on-line payment system. Payment can also be made by the week or day at the school office.

Please can all outstanding dinner money payments be paid. If you have any queries relating to payments please see Mrs Marsh or Mrs Mayes in the school office.

- Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 30th April from 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm and Wednesday 1st May 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm. Appointments can only be booked on the school website when we return to school after Easter.



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- On Wednesday 1st May at 7.00 pm the school, along with the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) services team, is holding a parents workshop in the school hall. This will take the form of an information evening based around the question ‘What is SEN?’ It will explain how children can be supported and give information of where to get help and advice. The evening is open to all parents (no children).
- After Easter Florence Nightingale class will be visiting Hardwick Dene Residential Home every Thursday to spend time with the residents, sharing their learning, and taking part in activities. We are asking for volunteers to walk with the children to Hardwick Dene, leaving school at 1.40 pm and returning at 3.00 pm. If you can help please contact the school office. Thank you.
- Music Lessons – Please see the timetable below. Letters giving details of payment will be sent out as soon as possible in the new term.

Instrument	Start date of lessons	Teacher
Guitar/Ukelele	Thursday 25 th April	Mr Wilson
Drums	Friday 26 th April	Mr Purcell
Piano	Monday 29 th /Tuesday 30 th April /Wednesday 1 st May	Mrs Grigg

- When we return to school summer dresses and suitable sandals may be worn. If your child is wearing their shirts/blouses school ties must be worn at all times. Please ensure your children come to school wearing the correct uniform.
Now that we will (hopefully) be expecting warmer and sunnier weather please can you make sure your child has a suitable sunhat in school at all times. If you think they may need sunscreen, or hayfever medication, please administer in the morning before they come into school.

- Visits to our Allotments

As we return to school for the summer term we will be resuming our regular visits to the school allotment. When the children visit the allotment they will need to have their wellies, and a pair of long, old trousers or joggers. They will also need to have a sunhat should the weather be hot and sunny as they will be working outside.

Amelia Earhart class will be going to the allotment on Thursday afternoons leaving school at 2.00 pm and returning at the end of the day at 3.15 pm. If any parents can walk to the allotments with the class please see Mrs Anderson.

Marie Curie & Queen Elizabeth II classes will be going to the allotment on Wednesday 24th April (the first Wednesday back at school). We will be leaving at 1.10 pm and returning for 3.15 pm, going twice once with each class. If any parents can walk to and from the allotments with the class groups please see Mrs Clarke or Mrs Jaynes.

- Thank you for your support of the Book Fair. We raised £928.89. The school will receive 25% of the total raised to buy new books for the library.
- Thank you very much to everyone for your support for the Teddy and Book Tombola for Mozambique on Monday. We raised £48! Added to fundraising events in the village including the sale last weekend we have raised a fantastic £693.93! A fabulous amount in response to awful crisis in Mozambique. Thank you so much.



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- Once again we have a large amount of lost property. It will be out during the week we return to school for parents to look through. All unclaimed lost property will be put into the clothes bank at the end of the month.

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are named – this will make returning lost property to their rightful owners easier. Thank you.

- The school is still receiving e-mails to the old email address. This address is not in use and is not accessed. Emails sent to the old address cannot be replied to. Please send all emails to the new school address office@buckdenacademy.org. Thank you.
- Circuits will start on the morning we return to school – Tuesday 23rd April. If your child is attending circuits they will need to enter the hall via the door by the school office. Please do not arrive before 8.25 am as the hall will not be ready before that time. If children are early they will be asked to wait outside until the equipment has been set up. Please arrive on time – latecomers will not be admitted as there will not be enough time to complete circuits.
- **News from the PTA**
The PTA would like say a huge thank you for all your help and support over the past busy term including last Friday's Mother's Day Shop and Café. Enormous thanks goes to Year 6 parents for their fantastic selection of cakes, and to parents from Year 3 for the cakes for the cake sale after school today!

Many thanks to those children who entered the Easter Art Competition... all the pictures were really fantastic and judging was extremely hard!

Well done to the winners of the Art competition. They are:-

Key Stage 1 – Teddie Webb
Arthur Hucklesby
Benny Quinn

Runners Up – Ellie-Louise Romaine
Finn Wakeling

Key Stage 2 – Paige Routledge

Runners Up – Maya Wakeling
Grace Richardson
Charlotte Triance

We finish this term sharing the news that Buckden Academy's PTA have been chosen to be this year's Buckfest Charity. We're so excited and delighted to share this news. This means that with the Buckfest donation and the funds we've been working so hard to raise, the children will have some new outdoor play equipment.

Here's to a fantastic summer term, with more PTA events needing your support and Buckfest to look forward to ... the tickets go on sale on Saturday 13th April!

Our next meeting is on Monday 29th April at 8.00 pm at The George Hotel, Buckden. Please come if you are free.

Many thanks and a very Happy Easter.
Sammy Riley
Chairperson



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Diary Dates

Monday 29 th April	8.00 pm – PTA Meeting at The George, High Street, Buckden.
Tuesday 30 th April	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm – Parents Evening.
Wednesday 1 st May	Payment of £60.00 due for the Year 5 residential visit to Normandy, France. 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm – Parents Evening. 7.00 pm – SEN Parents Workshop.
Tuesday 7 th May	Class and Team photographs. (No circuits on this day).
w/b 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week.
Monday 20 th May	PTA Cinema Night.
Friday 24 th May	pm – Year 5 to St Neots Safety Zone. 3.15 pm – PTA Cake Sale.

(Details of all events will be sent home in the nearer the time of the event)

Tuesday 9th April – Thursday 11th April } B.O.S.S. Easter Holiday Childcare
Tuesday 16th April – Thursday 18th April }

Friday 19th July – Thursday 15th August B.O.S.S. Summer Holiday Childcare.

Residential Visits

24 th – 26 th April 2019	Year 4 residential visit to Hilltop, Sheringham, Norfolk
23 rd – 27 th September 2019	Year 6 (current Year 5) residential visit to Normandy, France.



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NEWS of FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST MARYS CHURCH, BUCKDEN.

APRIL

Saturday 6th April

10.00 am – Cleaning Crew.

Wednesday 10th April

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

2.30 pm - Community Café in Living Stones Room.

Saturday 13th April

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

7.00 pm – Aragon Singers Concert.

Sunday 14th April

Palm Sunday.

Friday 19th April

Good Friday.

10.45 am – Children's Workshop.

Saturday 20th April

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

Saturday 27th April

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

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Friday 3rd May

Stageworks Concert.

Saturday 4th May

10.00 am - Cleaning Crew.

Wednesday 8th May

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

2.30 pm - Community Café in Living Stones Room.

Saturday 11th May

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

Saturday 18th May

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

Saturday 25th May

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

For further details of the above events please go to www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk.



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TERM DATES

Spring Term Closes

Friday 5 April

Summer Term Opens

Tuesday 23 April

May Day

Monday 6 May

Half Term

27 May – 31 May

Summer Term Closes

Thursday 18 July

Professional Day

Friday 19 July

Professional Day

Monday 22 July

Professional Day

Tuesday 23 July

Professional Day

Wednesday 24 July

Professional Day

Monday 2 September

Professional Day

Tuesday 3 September

Autumn Term Opens

Wednesday 4 September

Half term

21 – 25 October

Autumn Term Closes

Friday 20 December

2020

Spring Term Opens

Monday 6 January

Half Term

17 – 21 February

Spring Term Closes

Friday 3 April

Summer Term Opens

Monday 20 April

May Day

Monday 4 May

Half Term

25 – 29 May

Summer Term Closes

Wednesday 15 July

Professional Day

Thursday 16 July

Professional Day

Friday 17 July

Professional Day

Monday 18 July