



Buckden CE Primary Academy Weekly News Round Up

Friday 20th November 2020

Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter which we hope will help keep you up to date with all that happens in school.

Christmas Dinner

The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Wednesday 9th December. The menu has been sent home. If your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 they will automatically receive a dinner. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and does not usually have a school dinner, please book a dinner via the school office. School dinners are £2.35, payment can be made by cash, cheque or on the on-line system.

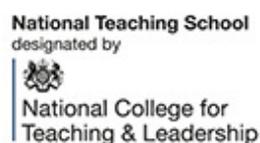
All requests for Christmas dinner must be received by Monday 30th November.

Go-Red Day

Your donations for our Go-Red Day last month raised £189.94 Thank you all for your generous donations, which will be used to buy books for our Dyslexia Friendly library.

B.O.S.S. Notices

On Friday 18th December, the last day of the Autumn Term, B.O.S.S. will not be open for the afternoon session. School will close for everyone at 3.30 pm.





PTA Notices

Christmas Food Hampers

The PTA would love to create Christmas food hampers for local families who will be struggling this festive season due to the rippling effects of Covid-19. For those who feel they can contribute we'd be very grateful for donations of luxury food items between now and Friday 11th December. Items can be sent into school with your child and put in their class box. These will be collected by the PTA on 11th December. Please don't include fresh food or perishables. Luxury items for families could include shortbread or Christmas cookies, chutneys or preserves, Christmas pudding or cake, mince pies, panettone, coffee, nuts (pre-packed in case of allergies) – whatever you feel is food that helps make Christmas extra-special.

Thank you for your support!

Help us make history!

It has been an unprecedented year, one that future generations will learn about. The PTA would like your help in preserving this history by documenting memories and experiences of our children in a number of time capsules, which will be buried in the school grounds in the Spring. Please see the list below for ideas of how your child can contribute to the time capsule if they would like to join in. We are asking for a minimum £2.00 donation for each item contributed to a capsule. This will help cover the cost of the capsules and help towards the PTA's fundraising efforts for a new sensory wall in the Peace Pod, which is needed by the students now more than ever.

Suggested items they might like to include:

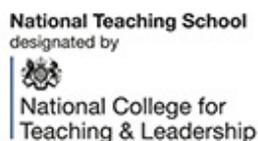
- A photograph taken during homeschooling, wearing masks, a family 'lockdown' portrait or a documentary photo - like the snaking queue for IKEA or Tesco! Please add a written note on the back.
- A letter to the future them or a future child about what this year has been like – what they've enjoyed, changes and challenges.
- A poem or journal extract describing living in times of Covid-19, of being in school bubbles or any other personal experiences.
- Any artwork, with a note on the back to give it context
- Newspaper clippings
- A paragraph about their most special memories from this year
- A paragraph about how they hope 2021 will be different or the positive bits they hope will stay the same.
- Alternatively they could answer questions like: What have I learnt most from the experience? Three things I'm most excited about when it's over? What have I enjoyed or been busy doing during lockdowns or when I've had to isolate?
- If they prefer not to draw or write, you could film a short video/interview on your phone and send it to buckdenpta@gmail.com, which we will then save to a USB to put in the time capsule.

Please write their first name and age on each piece they contribute.

As time capsules aren't very big, we ask that items are paper-based, photos or digital so that we can fit as much as possible in each one.

Any questions, please email buckdenpta@gmail.com.

Donations can be made by Paypal (buckdenpta@gmail.com); cash in a sealed envelope via school; or BACS. Buckden CofE School PTA Account No: 56138968. Sort Code: 30-96-26. Please use your name and time capsule as the reference.





Talk Homework

Talk homework is linked to the learning taking place in the classroom. It is expected that you spend some time with your child discussing the talk homework. This will help to improve language and communication skills. The discussions will be continued in class during next week.

Steve Backshall	Talk about how you can be a good friend.
Chris Packham	
Greta Thunberg	What does 'bullying' mean?
Sessions	
Rachel Carson	Talk about the different types of bullying. Who we can talk to when we need to?
Sylvia Earle	
Isatou Ceesay	Talk about what makes a good friend.
Wangari Maathai	Think of an example of a time when someone has been a good friend to you.
Gerald Durrell	Discuss what we have learnt during Anti-Bullying week.
Dian Fossey	Talk about things that we sometimes say and how we can hurt people.
Celia Hunter	Talk about the choices you can make to support our Anti-Bullying message at school.
Erin Brockovich	Reflect on the impact our words and actions have on others and how we can be supportive of others.