



Buckden CE Primary Academy Weekly News Round Up

Friday 18th December 2020

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

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND SAFE NEW YEAR.

WE WILL SEE YOU ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2021 FOR THE START OF THE SPRING TERM

Dinner Money for the Autumn Term

Dinner money for the spring term is listed below. Pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) are entitled to Free School Meals under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme.

	Spring Term	Spring Term 4 th January – 12 th February	Spring Term 22 nd February – 26 th March
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	£129.25 (55 days)	£70.50 (30 days)	£58.75 (25 days)

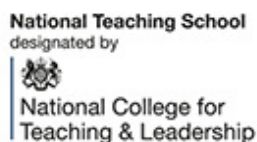
The cost of a school meal is £2.35 per day - £11.75 per week. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Buckden School) or on the on-line payment system.

After School Clubs

The new clubs letter will be sent during the second week of the Christmas holidays. Clubs will start on Monday 4th January 2021.

Absences

Please can all absences be notified on the absence line sickness@buckdenacademy.org, or leave a message on the phone line. Please state your child's name, their class and the reason for their absence.





Pencil Cases

All children, with the exception of children in Reception, should have their own pencil cases with pencils, glue stick, coloured pencils, a blue fine tip handwriting pen, highlighters, a whiteboard marker and earphones with a 3.5 mm jack (for use with laptops and I-pads) in them.

Please use the time over the Christmas holidays to restock the pencil cases ready for the Spring Term.

Thank you.

School Uniform

We do tend to collect a large amount of lost property, much of it is unnamed. Can parents take the opportunity in the school holidays to ensure that all clothing and belongings are clearly named to enable us to return items of lost property to their owners.

Thank you.

Music Instrument Lessons

Music lessons will start when we return in January.
Letters giving details of payment have been sent out to parents.

Instrument	Start date of lessons	Teacher
Piano	w/b Monday 4 th January	Mrs Grigg
Guitar/Ukelele	Thursday 7 th January	Mr Wilson
Drums	Friday 8 th January	Mr Purcell

School Times

A reminder of the school times for each year group. Any child arriving late should join the end of the next group of children who are waiting to come into school by the main gates, remembering to keep a safe distance from others. If the gates are closed they can enter the school through the office area. As we are still at risk of Covid can we please remind all parents to adhere to the safe distancing guidelines whilst dropping off and picking up the children.

The School Day :-

Years 5 & 6	8.30 am – 3.30 pm
Years 1 to 4	8.45 am – 3.15 pm
Reception	9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Thank you.

Bad weather

In the unlikely event of the school being faced with closure due to adverse weather conditions we will put notices on the school website, the school Facebook page and send notice via Parentmail to inform parents of the school's status. Please bear in mind that a decision to close in extreme weather is the last resort. We need to take into account health and safety issues in and around the school in freezing weather, along with the fact that many of our staff commute and we need to ensure their safety when travelling to and from work.



Reception Intake September 2021

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021, Mrs Woodward and Mr Palmer will be conducting a Zoom meeting at 4.00 pm on Thursday 7th January. The meeting will include a tour of the school and a question and answer session.

To join the meeting on Zoom please use the following log-in details

Meeting ID: 821 0239 3467

Passcode: tm3ZWE

A reminder that all applications for primary school places for September 2021 must be submitted by Friday 15th January 2021. Please go to <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions> for details of how to make your application.

Goodbye!!

This is my last newsletter as school administrator. I am retiring today after 23 years working in the school office. Over that time I have seen many changes in the school, worked with many staff and seen countless pupils as they have progressed through the school. Far too many to remember them all. In fact some of our parents were pupils when I first joined the school!

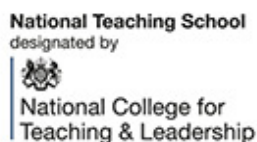
I have enjoyed meeting you all, having our chats and laughs through our window. Thank you for the kind words, cards and gifts received over the years – all have been very much appreciated. I will miss you all, the staff, parents and pupils, but wish you all well for the future.

Carol Mayes.

Collection for Mozambique School

Thank you for your donations for the school in Mozambique. We have totalled the donations and we will be passing on £320.83 to the project.

Libby will keep us informed as to how your donations have been used.





School Term and Holiday Dates 2021-2022

2021

Spring Term Opens	Monday 4 January
Half Term	15 - 19 February
Spring Term Closes	Friday 26 March
Summer Term Opens	Monday 12 April
May Day	Monday 3 May
Half Term	31 May – 4 June
Summer Term Closes	Wednesday 14 July
Professional Day	Thursday 15 July
Professional Day	Friday 16 July
Professional Day	Monday 19 July
Professional Day	Tuesday 20 July
Professional Day	Wednesday 1 September
Professional Day	Thursday 2 September
Autumn Term Opens	Friday 3 September
Half Term	25 – 29 October
Autumn Term Closes	Friday 17 December

2022

Spring Term Opens	Tuesday 4 January
Half Term	14 – 18 February
Spring Term Closes	Friday 1 April
Summer Term Opens	Tuesday 19 April
May Day	Monday 2 May
Half Term	30 May – 3 June
Summer Term Closes	Tuesday 19 July
Professional Day	Wednesday 20 July
Professional Day	Thursday 21 July
Professional Day	Friday 22 July