



# Buckden Church of England Primary Academy

Registered in England  
Company No: 07708603

## Weekly Newsletter Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Welcome back to you all – we hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for the coming school year.  
We would also like to welcome our new children and their families to Buckden Academy.

### 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.



ELLIE SIMMONDS

JONNIE PEACOCK

ALISTAIR BROWNLEE

MAX WHITLOCK

SIMONE BILES

JESSICA ENNIS-HILL

USAIN BOLT

MUHAMMAD ALI

HELEN GLOVER

HANNAH MACLEOD

PAULA RADCLIFFE

### TALK HOMEWORK IS THE SAME FOR EVERYONE THIS WEEK.

What if we only ate chips?  
How would it affect our bodies?

### 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.

- If your child is going on the Year 6 residential visit to France there is a meeting for children and parents on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 pm in the school hall.

Please can you return the medical form to the office if you have not already done so. We will be collecting passports and E-HIC cards so we have everything in order and ready as we leave early on the morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please bring them to the office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.



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- **Dinner Money for the Autumn Term**

For the first time since September 2015 we are having to raise the cost of a school dinner to £2.35. This rise affects all children in Key Stage 2. For parents whose children have just moved up to Year 3, please remember your child no longer receives meals under the Universal Free School Meals scheme and you will have to pay for school meals. Pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) are entitled to Free School Meals under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme.

	Autumn Term	Autumn Term 4 <sup>th</sup> September – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Term 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	£171.55 (73 days)	£77.55 (33 days)	£94.00 (40 days)
Year 6 children who are going on the French Residential visit	£159.80 (68 days)	£65.80 (28 days)	£94.00 (40 days)

The cost of a school meal is £2.35 per day - £11.75 per week.

Visitor's meals are £3.50. If you would like to have a school meal with your child please book it at the school before 9.30 am on the day you wish to come in.

- House captains are role models from Year 6 who are helpful, nice to all children across the school, kind, sincere and honest. The best two candidates in each house have been chosen, irrespective of gender, by staff across the school.

The responsibilities of the house captains include showing visitors around the school, helping in assemblies and helping on occasions when we have visitors in for tea and a chat.

The sports captains have a strong association with sporting activities both in and out of school. They will lead their house team at sports day and in inter-house competitions.

This years captains are:

	<b>ARAGON</b>	<b>HARDWICK</b>	<b>HUGH</b>	<b>LINCOLN</b>
<b>HOUSE CAPTAINS</b>	<b>Charlotte Drage</b> <b>James Burbidge</b>	<b>Elodie Barnes</b> <b>Matilda Irvine</b>	<b>Elodie Moss</b> <b>Alfie Dudley</b>	<b>Grace Sweeney</b> <b>Tyler Drage</b>
<b>SPORTS CAPTAINS</b>	<b>Olivia Dobos</b> <b>James Harvey</b>	<b>Mila Bloomsmar</b> <b>Ted Purser</b>	<b>Hannah Pye</b> <b>Nate Woodmore</b>	<b>Lucy Flack</b> <b>Tyler Sammon</b>

- The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped at Buckfest this year. Buckden Academy was the main beneficiary, and it has been confirmed that we will be receiving £5000.00 from the Buckfest committee. This will be used to buy equipment for the outside area.
- If there are any changes to parental or guardian contact details can you please inform the office staff. Please ensure the classteachers and office staff are informed of all the named adults who are allowed to collect your child at the end of the day.  
If there are any last minute changes to the arrangements for after school pick up for your child/children, please telephone the school office and a message will be passed on to the classteachers.



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- Clubs will be starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The club list has been sent out to parents via Parentmail. If you have any queries please see staff in the school office. Unfortunately due to staff issues Jamworkx will not be running this term. It is hoped to start the club after Christmas.
- When leaving a message on the absence line please state your child's name, their class and the reason for their absence. This will ensure the registers are marked with the correct code. If no reason is given the register will be marked as an unexplained unauthorised absence.  
If your child is not at school and we have not received notification as to why they are absent by 9.30 am a member of the office staff will call parents to confirm the reason for your child's absence.
- Circuits will start on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. During the coming weeks teachers will be assessing the children to see who would benefit from going to circuits. If your child attended circuits last year, they will continue to do so unless you hear from the school. For children who have not attended before, parents will receive a letter giving details of the sessions along with a consent form, which should be returned to the school office.
- If your child has an asthma inhaler please ensure it has been returned to school and the correct medical form has been completed. All asthma inhalers are kept in the classrooms.  
If your child has been newly diagnosed please inform the office staff who will supply the medical form which will need to be completed and given to your child's classteacher.
- The school day starts at 8.45 am and ends at 3.15 pm. Please make sure your children are in school at the correct time and are collected at 3.15 pm. If you are late collecting your child please inform the school office, and a message will be passed on. The school gates are closed at 3.30 pm. Please ensure you have left the school premises by this time.

To help make the parking in and around the school easier we are asking parents to use the following guidelines:

- The car park in front of the school is for teachers and official visitors to the school only.  
Please do not park on the staff car park for dropping off or collecting your children.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines around the school, in the bus bay, or use these areas to drop or pick up your child/children. These areas are reserved for disabled parking and the school bus.
- Please do not park across the driveways of the local residents in School Lane, Greenway or Mill Road.
- Please do not park on, or near to, corners of roads. This can block visibility for road traffic and pedestrians.
- Please do not park in the car park by the shops.

If you have difficulty parking around the school, please use the car park at The Village Hall off Burberry Road, which is a short 5 minute walk to the school.

- **Music Lessons**

Music lessons will begin next week as shown below.

Details of payments will be sent out over the following days.

Instrument		Start Date	Teacher
Piano/Violin	Monday/Tuesday / Wednesday	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Catherine Grigg
Guitar/Ukulele	Thursday	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Ross Wilson
Drums	Friday	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Paul Purcell

Your child will be informed of the time of their lesson as they start next week.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Mayes in the school office.



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- BOSS/After school clubs will no longer be accepting payment using cash or cheques. All payments for clubs should be made electronically using SIMS pay – payments for BOSS can be made using SIMS pay, bank transfer or childcare vouchers.

## **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Meeting for parents and children going on the Year 6 residential visit to France
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 residential visit to France.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am – 10.00 am – Parent Drop-In session
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual and family photographs.

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

## **Residential Visits**

23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 6 residential visit to Normandy, France.
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Year 4 residential visit to Hilltop, Sheringham.



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## NEWS of FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST MARYS CHURCH, BUCKDEN.

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 am – Cleaning Crew

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

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

2.30 pm – Community Café in Living Stones Room.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

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

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

11.00 am – All age service and Harvest Festival

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

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

### OCTOBER

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

10.00 am – Cleaning Crew

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

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October

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

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

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](http://www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk).



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## TERM DATES

**Half term**  
**Autumn Term Closes**                      **21 – 25 October**  
**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**                                      **Friday 8 May (Please note change of date).**  
**Half Term**                                      **25 – 29 May**  
**Summer Term Closes**                      **Wednesday 15 July**

Professional Day                              Thursday 16 July  
Professional Day                              Friday 17 July  
Professional Day                              Monday 20 July