




Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th September

2019

Class Prayers.

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	Play 'Simon Says' naming parts of your body.
JONNIE PEACOCK	
ALISTAIR BROWNLEE	What would happen if there were no trees?
MAX WHITLOCK	
SIMONE BILES	Talk about the different types of rocks that you know about.
JESSICA ENNIS-HILL	
USAIN BOLT	www.linguascope.com . User Name: Buckden. Password: jellyfish
MUHAMMAD ALI	
HELEN GLOVER	What are the order of the planets in our solar system starting with the closest to the sun. What mnemonic can you use to help remember it?
HANNAH MACLEOD	
PAULA RADCLIFFE	Talk about how different animals are adapted to where they live. What is the 'wackiest' adaptation you can find?

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 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 23rd September. Please bring them to the office by Friday 20th 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 th September – 18 th October	Autumn Term 28 th October – 20 th 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.

- We would like to thank Mrs Surridge, and others, for carefully tending our allotment over the summer holidays. Mrs Surridge also entered some of our pumpkins into Buckden Village Show at the weekend, and we were very fortunate to win a first and a third in the class.
- On Wednesday 18th September we are having an Open afternoon from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm. This will give parents the opportunity to come and find out more about the school and then to meet informally with your child's classteachers and see their classrooms. Please note this is not a parent consultation evening – they will be held later in the school year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.
- We will be holding another Buckden School Showcase this academic year to celebrate all the performing arts that will be taking place in our classrooms. The event will be held on Saturday 13th June 2020 at Hinchbrooke Performing Arts Centre and all children in school are invited to take part.

Further information will be coming later in the school year, but please save the date in your diaries for this fantastic event.

- To encourage a love of reading our children are given time to explore the books in our class reading areas. They take it in turns to sit in the reading corners in the classrooms to look at the books whilst other members of the class can relax and enjoy their books in other areas of the room. For children in Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 we would like them to bring in a cushion to sit on if they would like to. Please don't buy a new one or allow children to bring in a cushion that is special to them or yourselves in case it gets dirty, dusty or damaged. We do have a few spare cushions if you do not have a suitable one.

If you have any unwanted books at home that you no longer need or use, the school would welcome donations for the libraries.



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- If you have a spare couple of hours during the day and would like to read with children in Year 5 on a regular basis please see the office staff. Your child does not have to be in the year group – any volunteer is welcome to help. Thank you.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 30th 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.
- A message from the PTA
The PTA will be holding a Tombola in aid of Buckden Christmas Lights event at the end of school in the playground on Friday 20th September from 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm. Tickets will be 50p each or 3 for £1.00 and all monies raised will go towards the running of this lovely event. If you have any suitable items such as toys, teddy bears, games, books, etc, donations would be welcomed and can be dropped off at the school office next week between Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th September.
Many thanks for your support.
For further ways you can get involved please contact Jules Woodmore on 07970 532110.

We are also holding a fundraising event tomorrow -Saturday 14th September. We will be holding a charity tea bar from 9.00 pm – 12.00 pm at Buckden Cricket Pavilion.



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Diary Dates

Saturday 14 th September	9.00 am – 12.00 pm: PTA Charity Tea Bar at Buckden Cricket Pavilion.
Wednesday 18 th September	3.30 pm – 4.30 pm: Open afternoon.
Friday 20 th September	3.15 pm – 4.00 pm: PTA Tombola in the playground.
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th September	Year 6 residential visit to France.
Wednesday 25 th September	9.00 am – 10.00 am: Parent Drop-In session organised by the Family Worker Service.
Monday 30 th September	Early morning circuits start.
Thursday 10 th October	Individual and family photographs.

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

Residential Visits

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



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NEWS of FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST MARYS CHURCH, BUCKDEN.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 14 th September	10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.
Saturday 21 st September	10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.
Sunday 22 nd September	11.00 am – All age service and Harvest Festival
Saturday 28 th September	10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.

OCTOBER

Saturday 5 th October	10.00 am – Cleaning Crew
	10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.
Saturday 12 th October	10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.
Saturday 19 th October	10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Coffee and Cakes in Living Stones Room.
Saturday 26 th 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.



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TERM DATES

Half term 21 – 25 October
Autumn Term Closes Friday 20 December

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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
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