



Buckden CE Primary Weekly Round Up

In line with our new website we have redesigned our weekly Round-Up to help you keep up to date with all that happens in school.

We would like to thank all the parents that came in for the open afternoon this week. It was lovely to see so many children showing their parents around the school.

A HUGE THANK YOU

Our PTA have had an amazing year and raised a huge amount of money. They have worked so hard to get the school equipment for our outdoor area and as a result we are so pleased to confirm that a total of £18,851 will be being spent on our outdoor area.

We would like to thank the committee members of Buckfest for their contribution of £5000. Also thank you to St Mary's Church for their contribution of £1000.

We are very grateful that our community are so supportive of the school, we really appreciate everyone's contribution.

On Friday 27th September we will be having our annual MacMillan Coffee Afternoon which will run in conjunction with the Scarecrow Festival Awards ceremony. Please can parents of children in Year 5 provides cakes for the Macmillan event.

If you would like to join our PTA the AGM will be at The George 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

Koinonia (Community) Friday

We will be holding our first 'Koinonia Friday' on the 18th October.

School will open at 2.00 pm. All parents and grandparents, plus some invited members of our community will be invited in to share with the children work they have chosen to celebrate from this term. You will be receiving an invitation from the children later in the term.

The PTA will be serving tea and coffee in the hall.

Children will be released to their parents or carer and are able to leave school once they have shared their work.

We hope to repeat this event at the end of every half-term.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER 2019

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Year 6 Residential Visit to France.

Wed 25th – 9.00 am - Parent Drop in session with Family worker.

Fri 27th - 3.30 -4.30pm MacMillan and Scarecrow Festival .

Mon 30th – Early Morning Circuits start.
Harvest Festival Service.

OCTOBER 2019

Wed 9th – PTA AGM @ The George 7.00 pm – 7.30pm.

Thur 10th – Individual /Family Photos.

Fri 19th – 2.00 pm Koinonia (Community) Friday

JUNE 2020 – DATE TO REMEMBER

Saturday 13th – BUCKDEN SHOWCASE at PAC





This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or bring them in yourself to the school office, and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.

We hope everyone will enjoy collecting Team GB stickers and exploring healthy eating this term. Remember, Aldi's Kit for Schools Team GB stickers are available until 3 November when shopping in any Aldi store. We will keep everyone up to date with how many stickers we have collected, and how many we have to go!

Thank you so much for your support on this project – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!

Last year we were very lucky to work with the Cambridgeshire Maths Hub. We received some great training and advice on how to improve maths at Buckden. One of the changes that we have made on their advice was to purchase, with match funding from the Maths hub Power Maths text books and an online resource to the value of nearly £5000.

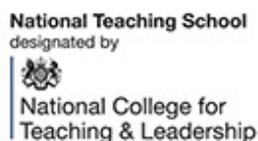
What is Power Maths? *Power Maths* is a resource that has been designed for UK schools based on research and extensive experience of teaching and learning around the world and here in the UK. It has been designed to support and challenge all pupils, and is built on the belief that EVERYONE can learn maths successfully.

How does this support our approach to teaching? The philosophy behind *Power Maths* is that being successful in maths is not just about rote-learning procedures and methods, but is instead about problem solving, thinking and discussing. Many people feel they were taught maths in a way that was about memorising formulas and calculation methods, then having to apply them without any real understanding of what or how these methods actually work. *Power Maths* includes practice questions to help children develop fluent recall and develop their conceptual understanding. *Power Maths* uses growth mindset characters to prompt, encourage and question children. They spark curiosity, engage reasoning, secure understanding and deepen learning for all.

We have also made the decision to move from Matheletics to Abacus from the same company as Power Maths for Mathematics homework as it supports and links to the mathematics curriculum we are now using. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will have access to this resource via the website <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

Your child's teacher will let you know your child's username and password next week and we hope to have it up and running for most classes by Friday 27th September

See below for an image from the log-in page, you will need to use the school code kmm7 in the bottom box. If you do have any problems let me or your teacher know and we will endeavour to help. *Mrs M Heather*

A screenshot of the login page for the Power Maths resource. It features three input fields: "Username" with a person icon, "Password" with a lock icon, and a field containing the school code "kmm7" with a keyboard icon. Below the fields is a yellow "Log in" button. A link for "Forgotten password?" is located between the password and school code fields.



Harvest Festival

On Monday 30th September we will be having our Harvest Festival service at St Marys Church. We will be collecting non-perishable store cupboard foods, which will be donated to the Godmanchester Foodbank. Please can all donations be tinned or dried foods. We cannot accept fresh or perishable foods, fruit or vegetables as these will spoil before they can be distributed.

The children should bring in their gifts on the Monday morning of the Harvest service to take to the church.

Unfortunately due to lack of space in the church we are unable to invite parents to the service.

Volunteers Needed

If you have a spare couple of hours a week we would welcome your help to support our pupils across the school with reading. Training will be given.

Contact the school office if you are able to help.

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	Talk to your adults or grandparents about what school was like for them.
Jonnie Peacock	
Alistair Brownlee	What happened on days 6 & 7 of the creation story.
Max Whitlock	
Simone Biles	Find out about the Ten Commandments.
Jessica Ennis-Hill	
Usain Bolt	Talk about the expressions inspired about nature that we explored e.g. you blew me away.
Muhammad Ali	hit the hay.
Helen Glover	Discuss the evidence to prove whether the Earth is flat or round.
Hannah Macleod	
Paula Radcliffe	Talk about where Charles Darwin travelled to on The Beagle. What did he see on his travels?