



Buckden CE Academy Weekly Round Up

Friday 1st November

Welcome to our weekly news Round-Up which we hope will help you keep up to date with all that happens in school.

Koinonia Afternoon

We would like to thank all parents and visitors who came along to our first Koinonia afternoon on the Friday as we finished for half term. We were amazed and delighted at how many of you attended, and hope that you found the afternoon interesting and enjoyable. The children very much enjoyed showing their visitors around their classrooms and showing them the work they have done over the first half term of the year. Thank you also to the PTA for providing tea and Year 6 parents for providing the cakes which so many of you enjoyed. They raised £55.00 from the tea bar, which is to be spent on projects for the school.

Owing to the success of the first one, we will be repeating Koinonia afternoons in the future, having them on the final afternoon of each half term. The next one will be on Friday 20th December at 2.00 pm.

The Koinonia afternoons are not a replacement for the usual parent consultations appointments, which are held twice a year in January and April. The dates for the parents evening consultations in January are Tuesday 14th January 2020, 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm and Wednesday 15th January 2020, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm. Details of how to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher(s) will be sent home nearer the dates.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2019

Mon 4th – 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Open Afternoon for prospective parents.

Thu 7th - 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Fri 8th – Miss Lizell's walk around Grafham. Non-uniform day.

Fri 22nd – Non Uniform Day in exchange for items for the PTA hampers.

DECEMBER 2019

Tues 3rd – 2.30 pm Reception Nativity Play.

Wed 4th – 2.30 pm Reception Nativity Play.

Wed 11th – 2.00 pm – Key Stage 1 Play.

Thurs 12th – 2.00 pm – Key Stage 1 Play.

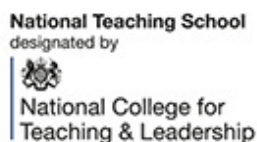
Wed 18th – 6.00 pm – Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Marys Church.

Fri 20th – 2.00 pm - Koinonia Afternoon.

JUNE 2020 – DATE TO REMEMBER

Saturday 13th June

BUCKDEN SHOWCASE





Dinner Money for the second half of the Autumn Term.

	28 th October – 20 th December (40 days)
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)	£94.00

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

Key Stage 1 pupils are entitled to Free School meals under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme.

Visitors meals are £3.50. If you would like to have a school meal with your child please book it at the school office in person or by telephone by 9.30 am.

Now that our Reception children have settled into school we look forward to welcoming their parents in for lunch, where space is available.

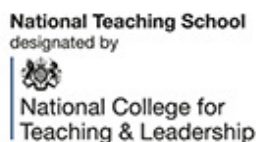
A Message from the Reception (EYFS) Team

The Kenny classes would like to visit Hardwick Dene Care Home on a regular basis to share knowledge from old to young and enjoy company of the older generation. We are hoping to start these visits in in the Spring Term For these visits we are looking to have a team of parents who can accompany the teacher and children each week so this can be done within safe adult/child ratios. The afternoon we are considering is a Thursday. If you would like to volunteer to help please let Mrs Woodward know. All volunteers will need to have a DBS certificate which will need to be actioned through the school office.

Miss Lizell's Walk

On Friday 8th November Miss Lizell will be doing her sponsored walk around Grafham Water starting at 6.00 am and continuing all through the day until 6.00 pm. Children can come to school on this day dressed as their sporting hero, or wearing sportswear, in exchange for a £1.00 donation. There is also a fund-raising page which has been set up if parents would like to make a larger donation. Please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lizell-is-walking-for-sports> if you would like to make a contribution. All monies raised will be put towards funding new sports equipment so the children can experience a wider range of sporting activities in school.

If you would like to join Miss Lizell as she walks her final lap yourselves and the children are welcome to join her at Grafham Water at the end of the school day.





Parking

It has been brought to our attention that the school bus is having difficulties accessing the school at the start and end of the school day, due to parents parking on the junction of School Lane and Greenway. Please do not park on the corners or junction of the road as this is blocking access for the school bus and other vehicles. According to the Highway Code, motorists should not park "opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space". While the Highway Code isn't the law, it can be used to support decisions made by the police or other officials responsible for parking enforcement.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA News

RAFFLE TICKETS

The PTA has been given the opportunity to run the Christmas raffle at the Buckden Christmas Lights Switch-On on Sunday 1st December. During the next few days the eldest child in every family will bring home a book of 5 raffle tickets. We would really appreciate your help in selling them. Tickets are £1.00 per ticket - £5.00 for a whole booklet. Please help us to sell as many tickets as possible to raise as much as we possibly can. If you need more books there are spare ones in the school office. If you don't sell all the tickets, please return the unsold ones to the school office. Every sale will benefit the school and its students. We're are hoping to have a lovely collection of prizes this year – a mixture of donations from local businesses as well as the luxury hampers.

Please fill in and return the ticket stubs and funds collected to the school office in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

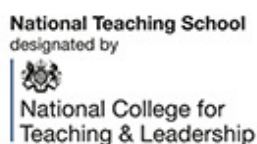
NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY – 22nd NOVEMBER

The PTA need help from you to provide the hampers for the Christmas raffle at the Buckden Christmas Lights Switch-On on Sunday 1st December.

In exchange for the children coming to school wearing non-uniform on Friday 22nd November we are asking parents to donate one item for the Christmas hampers. Items can include non-perishable food items, bottles, toiletries or any luxury items you may wish to donate. (If you send food items please ensure the sell by/use by dates are valid beyond December 2019). Each class will have a box to collect the donations.

If you know of any businesses that may like to be included as donors to the grand draw, please let us the PTA know – buckdenpta@googlemail.com.

All monies raised by the PTA will be put towards projects to benefit the students in school





Chicken Pox

There has been a confirmed case of chicken pox in our Reception class. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the procedure if your child develops chicken pox. They will need to be at home until all the spots have crusted over. Should any child return to school before the spots are crusted over parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child to take them home. Those most at risk of catching chicken pox are newborn babies, pregnant women and those with a weakened immune system. Please contact your GP if you are in any doubt as to whether you may have the virus.

School Photos

The photographer has collected the photograph orders from the office. If any parent has not returned their order and would like a copy of the photographs they can be ordered on-line by Monday 4th November without incurring a further late payment charge.

Uniform

All children should now be wearing their winter uniforms. We have had a few enquiries about the boys wearing trousers or shorts. Either grey trousers or grey shorts can be worn.

Term Dates

The term dates for 2020-2021 have been set. They have been sent home via Parentmail for your reference.

Drum Lessons

There will be no drum lessons with Paul Purcell on Friday 8th November.

He will be having catch up lessons for all pupils on Tuesday 17th December.



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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN IN RECEPTION WILL NOW BE DOING TALK HOMEWORK.

Laura Kenny

Jason Kenny

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 do you notice about the colour of the leaves?

Why are they changing colour?

Can you make a leaf rainbow?