



## Buckden CE Academy Weekly Round Up

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### Green Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

As we strive to begin to live our ethos of sustainability we would like to plant a School Orchard on the edge of the school playing field. We have sourced ten trees from the Sustainable Food Trust who are making sure that the trees we will be planting are native to Cambridgeshire. We will be holding our first 'Green Day' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to help fund the purchase of these trees. If we do have any excess funds we will use this to buy more plants or trees for our outside area.

On this day the children can come into school in non-uniform but wearing something green i.e. a t-shirt, jumper or even ribbons in their hair. Please send a voluntary contribution towards our Green Day or alternatively you can donate on-line on the agora system : "Events" tab "Green Day"

If you would like to pledge a £5.00 donation you can have your family name put on the stake of one of the trees. There will be a limited number of trees and so this will be on a first come, first served basis. Pledge on-line on agora: "Events" tab "Green Tree"

## Diary Dates

### DECEMBER 2019

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 2.30 pm Reception Nativity Play.

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** – 9.00 am – Parent Drop-In session

10.30 am – SEN Coffee Morning

2.30 pm Reception Nativity Play.

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** – Green Day.  
3.15 pm - Book Fair (until 13 Dec)

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** – 2.00 pm – Key Stage 1 Play.

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** – 2.00 pm – Key Stage 1 Play.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Christmas Disco's.

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Dinner. (children only)

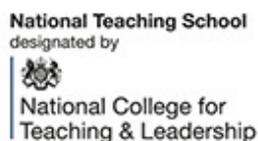
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** – 6.00 pm – Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Marys Church.

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** – 2.00 pm - Koinonia Afternoon.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
ASPIRATIONS DAY**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
BUCKDEN SHOWCASE  
HINCHINGBROOKE PAC**





## B.O.S.S.

### Payment

Payment for BOSS fees are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Can you please ensure that all payments are made by this date. If you have any problems or cannot make the payment on the due date please contact Andrea, either at BOSS, by email – [BOSS@buckdenacademy.org](mailto:BOSS@buckdenacademy.org) or by phone - 07841 204419.

### Places

Parents are booking places in BOSS which are not being used, and not informing BOSS when these places are not required. BOSS has a high demand for places and those unfulfilled places which are not being used are very much sought after. Can you please cancel your child's place if you no longer wish them to go to BOSS on a day that has been pre-booked.

Thank you.

### Illness

We have had a lot of illness in school over the past few weeks, including sickness bugs, coughs and colds and chicken pox. We would be grateful if parents could follow the guidelines to help prevent the spread of the illnesses.

- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.
- If your child is suffering from coughs and colds they need to be kept at home until the symptoms have started to improve.
- If your child has chicken pox they need to be kept at home until all the spots have scabbed over and become dry.
- If your child has headlice please treat all members of the family with a recommended shampoo. Chemist shops can give advice on what is the best treatment to use. For further information please look on the NHS website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>.

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 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.



### Guitar Lessons

Mr Ross the guitar teacher has not been in school for lessons for the past two weeks. Normal lessons have been resumed this week. Due to lack of time he will not be able to give extra lessons this term. Therefore an adjustment will be made for payment of lessons for the Spring term.

If you have any queries relating to this please contact the school office.

### Books

Thank you to everyone who has very kindly donated books to the school. We have had a fabulous response, but do not need any more books.

If any parent, or grandparent, could spare a couple of hours to help catalogue the books we would be very grateful of your help. If you are able to help please see the office staff. Thank you.

### Christmas Dinner

We will be having Christmas dinner on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. **If your child does not normally have a school dinner on Tuesdays please book the "Christmas Dinner" under the "Events" tab on Agora before the 6<sup>th</sup> December so we can cater for additional numbers.**

Due to lack of space in the hall we are unable to invite parents and visitors in for Christmas dinner.

### Play tickets

The office is currently in the process of allocating tickets for the Reception Nativity Play and the Year 1/2 Christmas Play. Ticket allocations have to be kept to a minimum due to space in the hall as well as Health and Safety and fire regulations. Once the first round of tickets have been distributed and every parent has had the opportunity to request tickets parents will be informed if there are any more tickets available.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Hilltop 2020

A payment of £45.00 for the Year 4 residential visit to Hilltop is due on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Payment can be made by cash or cheque at the school office or via the on-line payment system.

### School Office Hours

A reminder that the school office is open from 8.00 am – 4.00 pm. Any phone message or email received after this time will not be accessed until the following day.



## 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.

Laura Kenny	Retell the story of Jesus.
Jason Kenny	
Ellie Simmonds	Talk about your reading book, or story that you have read, at home. How are the characters feeling and why?
Jonnie Peacock	
Alistair Brownlee	Look around your house and garden to see what is symmetrical.
Max Whitlock	
Simone Biles	How do you think using trains could be good for the environment?
Jessica Ennis-Hill	
Usain Bolt	Retell the story of 'The Firebird' to someone at home.
Muhammad Ali	
Helen Glover	Ask your parents about the different mobile phones that they have had and how they have changed over the years.
Hannah Macleod	
Paula Radcliffe	Talk about whether you think Joe Patience should go to war. Give explanations for your opinions.