



## Buckden CE Academy Weekly Round Up

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

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

#### Pencil Cases

All children in Key Stage 2 are asked to bring in a pencil case with their own pencils, glue stick, coloured pencils, a blue fine tip handwriting pen, highlighters, a whiteboard marker and earphones with a 3.5 mm jack (for use with laptops and I-pads).

Can you please ensure your child has their pencil case fully stocked.

Thank you.

#### Key Stage 1 Reading/Book Shed

Parents of Reception and Key Stage 1 children may have noticed a lovely bright shed that has appeared in the playground. This is our new Reading Book shed, which is full of reading and story books. Parents and children are invited to have a look through the books, take them home and enjoy reading them, then bring them back and change them for other books.

Thank you to the PTA for providing the shed and to Mr Skelton for constructing and painting it.

Please do not send the children into school wearing Smart watches – watches that can be connected to the internet, receive text messages, make phone calls and be used to take photographs. If your child wishes to wear a watch to school, please can they be a traditional one used for telling the time.

## Diary Dates

### JANUARY 2020

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** - 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm  
Parents Evening

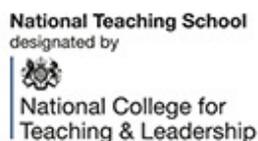
**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** – 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
Parents Evening

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** - Applications for primary school for September 2020 close

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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





### Dinner Money

	<b>Spring Term (60 days)</b>	<b>Spring First Half Term 6<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February (30 days)</b>	<b>Spring Second Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> April (30 days)</b>
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) (School dinners cost £2.35 per day).	£141.00	£70.50	£70.50

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

Payment can be made either by cash, cheque (made payable to Buckden School) or using the on-line payment system. Payment can also be made by the week or day at the school office.

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. Visitors meals are £3.50.

### Parking

It has been brought to our attention by local residents and parents that irresponsible driving and parking continues to be an issue. Parents are continuing to park on the junction of School Lane and Greenway as well as across residents driveways.

Please do not park on the corners or junction of the road as this blocks 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. When parking around the perimeter of the school please have consideration for the residents and do not park across their driveways blocking access to properties.

We have also been made aware of drivers dropping off children in the mornings and driving off at a fast speed putting pedestrians at risk. Please take care and do not exceed the 20 mph speed limit that is in place around the school.

We realise this is a contentious issue and one the school is trying to keep under control, but we need everyone to cooperate and show consideration for all residents in the village.

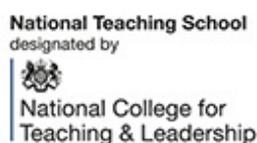
Thank you.

Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm. Appointments can only be booked on the school website.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Clarke on the arrival of their baby son who was born on Wednesday.

### **School Admissions**

A reminder that applications for children to start in Reception in September 2020 close on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. To apply for a school place please go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions).





## PTA News

The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30 pm at The George Hotel in Buckden. Everyone is welcome to attend and find out about the events already scheduled for 2020 and share any ideas and feedback about past and future events. Top of the agenda will be setting the ball in motion to become a registered charity. We would be very grateful for anyone who can attend, if only for a short while, to witness the signing of documents.

## Coin Wars

Next week we will be starting a new fundraising scheme. For our 'Coin Wars' we are asking for donations of 1 pence and 2 pence coins. They will be collected in 4 collection pods, one for each house. The house with the pod that contains the most amount of money by the end of the school year wins! But, there's a catch. Students can sabotage other houses pods by donating silver coins, gold coins and even foreign coins into an opposing pod. When we count the donations at the end of the school year, the silver, gold and foreign coins in each pod will be counted and deducted from the total of copper coins collected in that pod. It will be a contest between the four houses as to which house collects the most money. There will be a trophy for the winning house. This is a great opportunity to put those odd few coppers to a good cause. All money raised will be used to fund projects in school.

## 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
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.

**What is happening in the village hall this weekend?  
How does it link to our curriculum?**

