



Buckden CE Academy Weekly Round Up

Friday 20th December

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

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

WE WILL SEE YOU ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2020 FOR THE START OF THE SPRING TERM.

Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 14th January from 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm and Wednesday 15th January 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm. Appointments can only be booked on the school website when we return to school in January.

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 ensure your child has their pencil case refilled over the Christmas holidays.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

JANUARY 2020

Wed 8th

9.00 am – Parent Drop-In session
10.30 am – SEN Coffee morning

Tues 14th - 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm –
Parents Evening

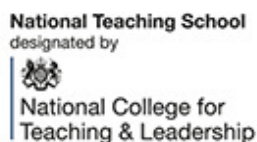
Wed 15th – 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
Parents Evening
(Details of how to book appointments to follow in January).

Wed 15th - Applications for
primary school for September
2020 close

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6th March 2020
ASPIRATIONS DAY

Saturday 13th June 2020
BUCKDEN SHOWCASE
HINCHINGBROOKE PAC





Dinner Money

	Spring Term (60 days)	Spring First Half Term 6th January – 14th February (30 days)	Spring Second Half Term 24th February – 3rd April (30 days)
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.

Mid-morning snacks and water.

All pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit every day as part of the national government scheme. Please do not send your child in with extra snacks unless there is a medical reason and an arrangement has been made with the school.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 may bring in a piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar – no crisps, sugary cereal bars or chocolate snacks please – to have at morning break. This is in-line with our Healthy Eating status. Please ensure that cereal bars do not contain nuts as we have a number of children in school with nut allergies.

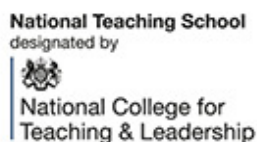
All children should have a named, filled water bottle, no squash or juice, unless you have an arrangement with the school. Those who have previously brought in juice will happily drink water when their bottles are refilled. The children keep their water bottles with them in the classroom so they can access them when they need a drink. Water bottles can be refilled from the water fountains around the school.

After School Clubs

The new clubs letter has been sent out. Clubs will start on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Circuits

Circuits will start as we return to school on Monday 6th January 2020.





Scooters and bikes

There have been incidents involving children riding their bikes and scooters across the playground and bumping into children and parents. The playground is a very busy place at the beginning and end of the day so please can all children who bring scooters and bikes to school dismount at the gates and walk them into the playground and the bike sheds.

Thank you.

School kitchen

Congratulations to the ladies in the kitchen. They have once again been awarded a 5* Food and Hygiene rating by the Food Standards Agency.

Thank you to Mrs Bigg and her team for their hard work in the kitchen.

Music Instrument Lessons

Music lessons will start when we return in January.
Letters giving details of payment will be sent at the beginning of the new term.

Instrument	Start date of lessons	Teacher
Piano	w/b Monday 6 th January	Mrs Grigg
Guitar/Ukelele	Thursday 9 th January	Mr Wilson
Drums	Friday 10 th January	Mr Purcell

Bad weather

Should the school be faced with closure due to adverse weather conditions we will put notices on the school website, the school Facebook page and send notice via Parentmail to inform parents of the school's status. Please bear in mind that a decision to close in extreme weather is the last resort. We need to take into account health and safety issues in and around the school in freezing weather, along with the fact that many of our staff commute and we need to ensure their safety when travelling to and from work.