



**Newsletter**

**Autumn 2 2018**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

It has been a very busy term and I know everyone will be looking forward to the festive period to relax and spend time with family members and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE for their continued support with their child's education as without your support many events such as the Nativity, Christmas Fayre to name a few would not be as successful.

At the Christmas Fayre we raised nearly £1000 and the monies raised will be going towards resources for our newly established library which is in need of new good quality books.

**Please note that the Spring Term starts on MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

**Please see page 3 for an important update regarding this week's press release for school meals.**

**Staying Safe**

Main car park. There are a few parents who in an effort to get their child into school on time are 'flying' into the main car park. Whilst we encourage children to arrive on time we also want children to arrive safely. Please can I urge everyone to drive with care and caution for others. I would rather a child is a few minutes late and arriving into school safely.

**Top of the school for attendance!**

Well done to everyone our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is **95%!!!**



Top class with the highest attendance since the beginning of the academic year is **3L with 96%** A really big well done.

Our target is 96% and we would urge families to not book holidays during term time. This does affect your child's attendance and valuable learning time.

**Nativity**

The Nativity was absolutely FABULOUS and a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members coming along to see the production of Born In A Barn. The children where a huge credit to everyone and we are so proud of their perseverance and achievements throughout all of the rehearsals.



### Stay and Play Session

Foundation stage 1 and 2 held a stay and read session this term and would like to thank all parents and carers who came to support them. The children thoroughly enjoyed snuggling up with a good book.



### Children In Need

Children In Need day took place on 16<sup>th</sup> November. This year everyone came dressed in 'spots'. As a whole school we raised £246.82 through your generous donations.



### What makes a hero?

During the autumn term the whole school enquiry question has been, 'What makes a hero?' and a particular focus on WW1 and WW2. The children have thoroughly enjoyed researching and finding out about the hero which has appeared in each book. Here are some of the children's thoughts about what they have been learning from each year group throughout the school:

#### Private Peaceful Y5/6

The book is set in WW1, which links to our whole school enquiry question 'What makes a hero?' The story shows how two brothers, who always stick up for each other, go poaching in the colonel's land and how they react once they get caught. I enjoyed reading it because each page is a cliff-hanger as you never know what is going to happen next.  
Aliye A

#### Rose Blanche Y3/4

This book is set in Germany during World War 2 and the main character is a little girl called Rose Blanche. She stumbles upon a concentration camp in the woods and watches the events happen while she hides. I really enjoyed the book because it's the kind of book I would choose to read and it links to our school topic of World War 1.  
Zack F

#### Lonely Beast Y2

I have really enjoyed reading this book because it is all about the adventures of a large, Lonely Beast. The Lonely Beast travels to the beach where he finds lots of sea creatures while he is searching for some friends or other Beasts. I hope the ending is a really happy one!  
Phoebe ES

#### Lonely Beast Y1

I really liked reading this book because the Lonely Beast travelled to the city and the people were really kind to him. The people made a garden for him to live in so the Beast was happy.  
Oliver H

#### Puffin Peter FS2/ FS1

I liked this book because I like it at the beginning when Puffin Peter and Paul were the best of friends. When the storm was over the whale came and was trying to find Paul but instead he found some penguins.  
Cora R

Thank you to everyone who managed to make it to either our showcase at St. Columba Church displaying work from Y5/6 and to the one we held in school. Next term our enquiry question is, 'How can conservation help our planet?'

### Y3 and Y4 Trip to Wilderspin

Year 3 and Year 4 went on a wonderful and enthralling trip to Wilderspin this term. Children were immersed in History, by learning all about life as a child in a Victorian school and completed their day with a journey into World War 2 and the life of an evacuee. The children had the opportunity to take part in Victorian lessons, dress as Victorian children and play using Victorian toys and equipment.



### Switch off Fortnight

Learning Council have been taking responsibility for raising awareness about the over use of electricity throughout the school day. This has had a positive impact on both children and staff remembering to switch off lights and electrical devices when they are not in use.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE: School Meal Price Increase

Parents & carers may have seen this week's press release in the Hull Daily Mail regarding a price increase for school meals. Children in FS2 to Y2 will not be affected, however parents with children in years 3 to 6 will see meals increase from 50p to £1.00 with effect from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The decision has not been taken lightly and is the result of negotiations between the Hull Association of Head teachers and Hull City Council. As a school we appreciate that this is short notice and encourage all parents and carers to apply for free school meals to check their entitlement. This can be done by completing a free school meal form, available from the school office, or by visiting <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Please note: The Hull Daily Mail are encouraging parents to apply for free school meals via Hull City Council, however the council will not process applications for Buckingham Primary Academy pupils as free school meal applications are administered in house by Mrs Elder. The link for the Buckingham Primary Academy's free school meal application portal is available on the school website and parents and carers will receive a link by text to the portal before we break up for Christmas.

We encourage all parents and carers to apply for free school meals regardless of circumstance or which year group your child is in. The information you provide will be automatically rechecked by our system so that if your child does become eligible we can notify you that you will no longer have to pay for child's meals. It will also allow us to check eligibility before your child moves up to year 3.

**Parents and carers who apply for free school meals will be automatically entered into a draw with a chance of winning a prize!**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the increase or free school meal applications, please speak to Mrs Elder who is always more than happy to help.

### Fees and Voluntary Contributions

Thank you so much to those parents & carers who have supported our efforts to create a safe, secure and cashless school. There are currently less parents & carers, than before, who owe the school money for payment items such as school meals, after school clubs, After School Provision and FS1 lunch fees, however we aren't quite there yet.

Non-payment of fees or a shortfall in voluntary contributions for payment items such as school trips have a direct impact on the school's already overstretched budget. Please help us to continue providing the above services and optional extras by clearing any outstanding balances and by making future payments within the allocated time scales.

Please note: the school covers part of the costs for the above services, optional extras and school trips. Unpaid fees will result in some or all services being withdrawn.

If you are experiencing difficulties making payment, we kindly ask that you do not ignore letters or phone calls and instead contact the school office as a matter of urgency. Mrs Elder is more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have and work with you to make suitable arrangements.

### School Website

Please keep checking the school website for any updates and remember it is now in a mobile friendly format and we hope parents and carers find it useful.

[www.buckinghamprimaryacademy.net](http://www.buckinghamprimaryacademy.net)

## 2018/2019

### Dates for the Academic Year

Please find below a list of important dates which are coming up throughout the academic year. We may include new dates so please keep an eye out for the next newsletter or alternatively you can check the calendar on the school website.

We would like to remind all families that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and each case will be considered separately. Forms can be obtained from the main school office. Please note that dates are subject to change which maybe out of our control.

Please note: some of the dates may differ slightly from other schools. During the 2018/19 academic year the school will be **CLOSED ON FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 07.01.19            | Children back to school                           |
| 16.01.19            | Y6 SATs Information Session for parents at 2.45pm |
| 17.01.19            | Y2 SATs Information Session for parents at 2.45pm |
| 04.02.19            | E-Safety Week                                     |
| 13.02.19            | Parents Evening                                   |
| 14.02.19            | Parents Evening                                   |
| 15.02.19            | Valentines Disco and last day                     |
| HALF TERM           |   |
| 25.02.19            | Children back to school                           |
| 07.03.19            | World Book Day                                    |
| 11.03.19            | Science week                                      |
| 15.03.19            | Red Nose Day                                      |
| 02.04.19            | Whole School Showcase                             |
| 03.04.19            | Decorated Egg Competition                         |
| 04.04.19            | Easter Parade                                     |
| 05.04.19            | SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Development Day             |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS     |   |
| 23.04.19            | Children back to school                           |
| 06.05.19            | Bank Holiday – School Closed                      |
| 13.05.19 – 16.05.19 | Y6 SATS Testing                                   |
| 13.05.19 – 24.05.19 | Y4 swimming                                       |
| 20.05.19 – 24.05.19 | Y2 Testing  |
| 24.05.19            | Last day for children                             |
| HALF TERM           |   |
| 03.06.19            | Children back to school                           |
| w/c 17.06.19        | Y1 Phonics Screening and Y2 RE-sits               |

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| <b>11.06.19 – 14.06.19</b>     | <b>Y6 Bikeability</b>                             |
| <b>21.06.19</b>                | <b>SPORTS DAY for all year groups</b>             |
| <b>27.06.19</b>                | <b>Family Pie and Pea Race Event</b>              |
| <b>03.07.18 &amp; 04.07.18</b> | <b>Y6 Performance to parents at 3.30pm</b>        |
| <b>05.07.19</b>                | <b>Y6 Awards Ceremony &amp; disco from 1.30pm</b> |
| <b>12.07.19</b>                | <b>Reports go home to parents</b>                 |
| <b>18.07.19</b>                | <b>End of term disco for FS – Y5</b>              |
| <b>19.07.19</b>                | <b>100% attendance treat</b>                      |
| <b>19.07.19</b>                | <b>Last Day for children</b>                      |
| <b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>         |   |
| <b>02.09.19</b>                | <b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day</b>      |