



BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

8th September 2023

New dates for your diary below in red

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school in such a positive way this week. I have been really impressed by the behaviour of the children and the calm learning environments established by our hard working staff. I look forward to seeing what we can all accomplish together this year, in partnership with our families.

Speed Survey and parking

Faye Southgate, one of our parents, and I met with the Bucklesham Parish Council and Suffolk County Council to discuss a reduction to the speed on the Brightwell Road (currently 60mph) in August. The County Council have agreed that they will pay for and conduct a speed survey by attaching a device to the school warning sign on the road between 5th – 16th October to measure the speeds, and this will generate a report which will identify next steps, if they are needed.

Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that you can not park on the yellow zigzag lines outside of school, as this needs to be left free for emergency vehicles, also the bus stop, as it is for buses only. I would rather you were late picking your child up because you have had to park further away from school and walk, than you parking unsafely and causing an accident where a child or parent were hurt. We did have some incidents last year where parents had their foot run over by another car and children narrowly missed being hit. Please park and drive safely.

School Uniform

There is a new charity based in Felixstowe, Pushchair Pitstop, that is tackling uniform poverty in the Felixstowe area, including for Bucklesham families. They are looking for donations of unwanted uniform in good condition to pass onto families. Our BSA also collects uniform to sell at their events for a small charge, to support families and reduce waste. If any parents are in a position where they are in need of support for uniform, please contact the school office or myself. There is a simple form you can fill in to request uniform from Pushchair Pitstop and also for support in buying new school shoes.

School Nurse

I have been asked to share this information from the school nurse about the services and support they can offer.

An introduction to the school nursing service, the support we provide and how to get in contact. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmrr9zFT6tk>

ChatHealth

Young people- If you are aged between 11 and 19, you can confidentially text ChatHealth to ask for help about a range of issues or make an appointment with a school nurse. You can also find out how to access other local services including emotional support or sexual health services.

Parents- If you are a parent or carer of a young person, you can use ChatHealth to seek help, advice or support about a range of issues which maybe affecting you or your child.

Text a School Nurse on **07507 333356**. Texts are charged at your standard network rate. The service is available **Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm**, excluding bank holidays.

Website

Visit the newly updated School Nursing website where you will find lots of information, resources and videos www.suffolk.gov.uk/schoolnursing or via the below QR code.

Attendance Information

It is important that all children aim for 95% attendance across the year and we work with families and the Education Welfare Officer to support families to ensure their children are in school, on time, every day that they are well enough to attend. We can administer medicine in school to support with this. The Local Authority has asked me to share this information page about school attendance which offers guidance for parents,

[School attendance - Suffolk County Council](#)

Curriculum Enrichment

Next Friday 15th is [National Dot Day](#), which is linked to a book called 'The Dot', which is all about having a growth mindset and believing that you can do anything you set your mind to. Having a growth mindset is something that we are encouraging all of our children to develop, as this will make them more resilient and able to take risks, and learn from their mistakes. It's not a case of "I can't do it", but a case of "I can't do it yet!"

The children will be working in their House teams next Friday for an hour, looking at the book and doing some art work, which will then be displayed in the Hall from each House. Children can wear non uniform for the day if it contains something dotty – this is optional and children can opt to wear their normal school uniform. Please don't go and buy something new, just get creative with an old t shirt and some pens! We look forward to seeing what the children can create.

It was exciting to see the Tour of Britain Cycle Race pass by our school yesterday. I hope parents enjoyed it too!

We have also purchased a box of Lego from the voucher we received from the tokens from the Ipswich Star and East Anglian newspapers. Thank you for collecting so many tokens for our small school.



Tesco Community Tokens

Don't forget we are one of the community projects trying to win the most blue tokens by the end of September for our 'reading for pleasure' project to enable us to buy more books for the children to read. You can vote for us at the Tesco store in Felixstowe, Kesgrave, Martlesham, and Ipswich Tavern Street.

Celebration Assembly

As of next Friday, parents are welcome to attend our Celebration Assembly on a Friday at 9am. We have moved it to an earlier slot to allow parents to attend more easily when they drop off at school. Please sign in and out at the front Office.

Headteacher's Awards

Well done to the following children who have received the Headteacher's award this week.

Willow Class	Hunter, for showing fantastic behaviour and using kind hands this week.
Oak Class	Aardy, for settling so well into Year 2.
Ash Class	Cody, for always being ready to learn and working hard.
Yew Class	Arya, for working hard this week and always having a positive attitude.

Well done to Ruby for completing the Primary League Active Summer Challenge, the Reading Library Challenge, 5m front crawl swimming badge and gymnastics Explore Core Skills 1 certificate over the summer. Well done to Grace H for completing her gymnastics Explore Apparatus 2, Swim Stage 8, Library Reading challenge and Fitkids Summer Camp over the summer. Well done to Alfie K and Austin for swimming 25m unaided. You have all been busy!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend; enjoy the sunshine!
Miss Rachael Rudge
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Clubs next week: Mon Inspire, Tues Homework, Wed Dance, Fri Football

Monday 11 th September	Swimming starts for Yew Piano lessons start 3:30pm Oak Class Meet the Teacher session
Tuesday 12 th September	3:30pm Ash Class Meet the Teacher session
Wednesday 13 th September	3:30pm Yew Class Meet the Teacher session
Friday 15 th September	National Dot Day, wear dotty clothes (optional), or school uniform
Tuesday 19 th September	School Council speeches 3:30pm Willow Class Meet the Teacher session
Friday 22 nd September	1:15pm Flu immunisations
Tuesday 3 rd October	1:15-3:45pm U11 Football Whitton Sports Centre
Monday 9 th October	9-10am Open Morning for 2024 Reception intake
Tuesday 17 th October	am Crucial Crew Y6
Friday 20 th October	PD Day

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Wednesday 6 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023

PD Day 20 October 2023

Half Term: 23 - 27 October 2023

PD Day 3 January 2024

Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024

Half Term: 19 - 23 February 2024

PD Day 12 April 2024

Monday 15 April 2024 – Friday 19 July 2024

May Day – 6 May 2024

Half Term: 27 - 31 May 2024

All dates are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change