



Bucklesham Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers.

RAAC

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub. I hope that this offers reassurance.

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

This cycle race will be going past our school this Thursday 7th September at pick up time! The race is estimated to leave Woodbridge at 3pm and travel via the Brightwell Road to arrive in Felixstowe at 3:30pm, so it is likely to pass us around 3:15pm, which is very exciting for the children to see, but the Brightwell Road will be closed as they pass through. Parents will need to park in Main Road leading down to the village. You might want to arrive early so you can see them pass! We will of course, keep hold of the children if you struggle to park until you arrive, but we do suggest arriving early if you can for pick up on Thursday. For more information, click here: [Tour of Britain | Stage Five](#)

Term dates

Term starts on Wednesday 6th September 2023. There is a PD day on Friday 20th October.

New Reception children

Our new children starting school have the option of going home at 12pm from Wednesday 6th until Tuesday 12th. On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 13th they can go home at 1pm after lunch on Wednesday 7th. After this time, they will be in full time from Friday 15th.



Working Hard, Aiming High

Beginning of school/End of school

Children can arrive any time from 8.35am and go straight into class through the usual door on the playground, apart from Willow class who go in through their own gate at the front of the school. Registers start at 8:45am and you should aim to be in school by then, and the doors and gates will close at 8:55am. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late and will need to come in through the front door and sign the late book.

The end of school is 3.20pm for everyone. Children will leave from the following places:

Willow – Their classroom door into the reception garden

Oak – Their classroom door onto the field.

Ash and Yew – The main door from the playground

Siblings will go to the youngest child's classroom and come out with them so that you can collect them altogether.

What to bring to school:

- Water bottle (named) – preferably with water in rather than squash or juice
- Packed lunch if you are bringing one
- PE kit (see below)
- Coat/hat/suncream depending on weather
- Bookbag (Willow and Oak – no backpacks please) Small backpack KS2 – not too big please!
 - Wellies named or a change of trainers to go on the field when muddy (these don't have to be in until the weather starts to turn).

No toys are to be brought into school unless asked by the teacher e.g show and tell.

Communication

The school office can respond to queries via telephone or email on (01473 659389) admin@bucklesham.suffolk.sch.uk. Class Dojo will also continue to be used this year and Tapestry with the Reception children.

Lunches

School meal cost is £2.35 or you can bring a packed lunch.

Children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal system.

Children can order via the class teacher at the beginning of the day and pay in the normal way on Parentmail. Children in either key stage can bring their own packed lunch if preferred and all children must have a labelled water bottle.

Snack

KS1 and EY children receive a free piece of fruit/vegetable each day, KS2 children should bring in a **healthy** snack. EY children have access to milk too if they want to have it.



No lunch items or snacks will be shared with any other child and please remember we are a **nut free** school.

Uniform/PE

White blouse/shirt//Polo shirt with or without motif

Dark grey skirt/trousers/shorts

Green jumper/cardigan with or without bell motif

Black leather school shoes not trainers or boots

White or grey socks

In the summer a green chequered summer dress can be worn

PE/GAMES

PE – Yellow T-shirt with/without bell motif

Green or black shorts/skorts

Games – As PE but with a tracksuit and trainers or football boots (no studs)

All the children will need to bring a drawstring PE bag to store their PE kits in. PE kits will need to stay in school **all week** as children sometimes need their kits for extra activities. Jumpers Cardigans, T-shirts, polo shirts and shorts can be purchased from the National Schoolwear Centre in Westgate Street Ipswich and some supermarkets. We also have second hand uniform available for sale – please ask the BSA.

Reception Children

Please could you make sure your child brings in a change of clothes in a named carrier bag in case of any accidents.

Wrap around Care

Breakfast club will resume from Wednesday 6th September from 8:00am. This will be held in the library. Enter the school through the door near the playground.

They will then go into their classrooms at 8:30 just before the other children start arriving. If you require a place, please contact the office as soon as possible and we will be able to assist you. The cost remains at £3.50 a session. More details about After School clubs will come via email this week, and most clubs will start on Monday 11th. All clubs are booked and paid for via ParentMail.

Monday: Inspire Sports After School club until 4:20pm

Tuesday: Homework club until 4:10pm

Wednesday: Dance club until 4:30pm

Friday: Mo's KS2 Football club until 4:30pm



Parental Involvement and Experiences

We will have opportunities for you to come into school as we go through the year for performances, consultation meetings etc. so watch out for these coming up. All teachers are available for a chat and this can be booked in via the School Office.

The first opportunity for parents to come into school is for a Meet the Teacher session in each class after school. This will be a chance to find out about homework and expectations for your child's new year group. There will be a chance for you to find out what topics they will be studying and ask questions about the term ahead.

Monday 11th September 3:30pm Oak Class meet Miss Nash.

Tuesday 12th September 3:30pm Ash Class meet Mrs Holmes.

Wednesday 13th September 3:30pm Yew Class meet Ms Kuzminsky.

Tuesday 19th September 3:30pm Willow Class meet Miss Taylor.

I hope you have had a lovely summer break.

Kind regards

Miss Rudge

