



BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

20th October 2023

New dates for November in red below

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminders

- Check wellies in the boxes fit or send new named wellies in.

New Reading Challenge

After half term, we will be starting a reading challenge to encourage children to read at home. This is part of our reading for pleasure initiative and has also been suggested by parents. It is so important that you read with your child at home, however old they are, and read to them too. A love of reading is a major factor in doing well at school and we want to reward children who are doing this. The children will have an assembly on the first week back to explain this to them but we are looking for them to do 4 reads at home per week and for this to be recorded in their reading diary by parents or by themselves. We will be supporting families who find this difficult to fit in, so that all children can take part. TA's will be checking reading diaries every Friday and recording those children who have 4 reads in their book since the previous Friday. The children will be working towards a Bronze certificate once they have achieved this for 10 weeks. Get reading!

Curriculum Enrichment

Crucial Crew The older children visited Crucial Crew organised by The Rotary Club this week, where they learnt about drugs, alcohol, water safety, train track safety, electricity safety, farm safety, basic CPR and what to do in a fire. The children really enjoyed it and learnt some important messages about how to keep themselves safe as they get older.

Dance performance Ash class performed their Roman Gladiator dance to the whole school this week. Well done Ash class, you have worked hard on learning your dance moves and performing with such confidence.



Music Oak Class performed their menu song to their parents yesterday. We loved their chef hats and outfits!



The Big Draw October was the month for the National Big Draw project, encouraging children to participate in art projects. Bucklesham chose to do a whole school project to create a picture of our school to go in the library. The children using printing skills, drawing and painting to create it and every child participated. Thank you, Ms Kuzminsky, for organising.

Cricket Club for Year 4-5

See the link below if you are interested in your child attending a cricket club on Wednesdays or Fridays in Ipswich. There are bursaries that you can apply for to cover the cost of attending the club.

[Cub Hub Programme : Suffolk Cricket Limited](#)

Parent Survey

As we have been in school for half a term now and keen to secure views from staff, children and parents regarding the children's education and time at school we would like to ask you to complete a brief parent view survey, which can be accessed by copying and pasting the below link into your web browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5TRRBZH>

If these can be completed by the end of half term - Sunday 29th October we will then close the link and collate the feedback, which we can use to continue to make improvements to everyone's school experience.

Children in Need cake competition

School Council are organising a cake competition for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. They are looking to have different categories like best biscuit, best cupcake/muffin, best whole cake, best decoration and best allergy free cake. There will be certificates and sweets for the winners of each category. School Council will then sell the cakes and biscuits at breaktime. Please send your child in with £1 if they would like a cake at breaktime. Any cakes left will be sold to parents at the end of the day, and all money will go to support this great charity.

We have enjoyed sharing the children's homework they have brought in this week. Thank you for your support parents with this. Thank you also to Jace's Mum for repairing the big leaf in The Pod in the library. Wishing you all a restful half term, and we look forward to another packed half term of fun and learning soon.

Miss Rachael Rudge
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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

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| Friday 3 rd November | New date for KS1 Foxburrow Farm trip, BSA Disco 5:45-7:15pm |
| Monday 6 th November | Open Morning for 2024 Reception |
| Tuesday 7 th November | Y5 Bikeability |
| Wednesday 8 th November | Y5 Bikeability |
| Thursday 9 th November | 1-3:30 Girls Football tournament |
| Monday 13 th November | Odd sock day for start of Anti-bullying week |
| Thursday 16 th November | Wellbeing workshops 'Jot the robot' |
| Friday 17 th November | Pudsey cake competition for Children in Need and cake sale at break £1 and after school. 2:45 Parent Reading Workshop |
| Monday 20 th November | 1-2pm Yew class safeguarding workshop |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Parents Consultations 4:30-6:30pm |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | 3:30 – 5:30 Parents Consultation, 6:30-7:30 Open Evening for Reception 2024 |
| Thursday 30 th November | 2pm Christmas decoration making with parents in houses |

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Wednesday 6 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 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