



## BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

New dates below in red

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Reminders

- The Poppy appeal will be running next week and Head Pupils will be selling items at the beginning and end of the day all week. The snap bands and wristbands have a suggested donation of £1 and the clip on poppies and button tabs have a suggested donation of 50p. Paper poppies are also available for a small donation for adults or children.
- Bikeability will only be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November now, as only 4 children have opted to do this course.

### Parents volunteering

Thank you to another two parents who have volunteered to help in school on a regular basis. This makes such a difference to our school, especially as we have no caretaker. If any parents are available to help out on an ad hoc basis as and when they have time to spare, we have a list of jobs that need doing, such as sweeping and clearing leaves before they block the drains and mending things. If you can spare some time, we would love to hear from you.

### Attendance

As a school, we are always looking at how to improve our attendance, as it is very disruptive when a child is absent and creates gaps in their learning. We meet every half term with our Educational Welfare Officer, who is working with us to improve attendance and ensure all children's attendance remains above 90%. 19% of our pupils have attendance below 90%, which is the equivalent of missing half a day every week, and this impacts on their academic progress.

We do appreciate that at this time of year, there are a lot of germs circulating but children need to be in school with medication, as soon as their temperature has returned to normal and they feel well enough.

We have also had an increase in requests for absence, including holidays and for special days out. **All children are legally entitled to a full time education**, and as parents it is your responsibility to ensure they are in school everyday. We will now be sending work home for your child to do if you have chosen to take them out of school, to try to reduce the impact it has on your child's education. As a school, we are trying to hold back from issuing fines to parents for taking extended holiday during term time, but this may become an option in some circumstances on discussion with the Educational Welfare Officer.



## Dates for your diary

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

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for 2024 Reception
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	1-3:30 Girls Football tournament
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd sock day for start of Anti-bullying week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Wellbeing workshops 'Jot the robot'
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Pudsey cake competition for Children in Need and cake sale at break £1 and after school. 2:45 Parent Reading Workshop
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	1-2pm Yew class safeguarding workshop
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents Consultations 4:30-6:30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	3:30 – 5:30 Parents Consultation, 6:30-7:30 Open Evening for Reception 2024
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm Christmas decoration making with parents in houses
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	2:30pm BSA Christmas event
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	10-12 Christmas Cracker PE event @ Inspire
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Last swimming for Yew and final piano lesson for term
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	3:30pm KS1 Nativity performance
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	am Whole school visit to Regent for panto, packed lunch
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm Carols on the playground
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm Christingle in church, parents to pick up from church (no homework club)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

## 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