

### **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.

#### **Curriculum Enrichment**

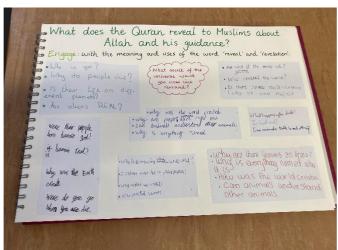
**Foxburrow Farm** Oak and Ash class enjoyed their trip today and the sun was shining at last! They looked at growth of plants and animals and had a great day. Thank you to parents who helped on the trip.

**Choir** A choir is starting on a Friday lunchtime at 12:30 in Ash class, which is open to all children who wish to perform Christmas songs at our Christmas events coming up.

# **Celebration Assembly**

Ash class shared their poster about the different courses of a river.

Yew class shared their RE learning about Islam and what the Qu'ran reveals to Muslims.





## **Headteacher's Awards**

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

Willow Class Remi, for beautiful independent writing in phonics this week

and for trying to make your letters smaller too.

Oak Class Harvey, for concentrating really well on his work this week

Ash Class Francis, for demonstrating a great attitude to learning and

working hard all week.

Yew Class Mila, for working hard in swimming and moving up to the next

group.

Bronze Award Sienna

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I have added Christmas dates below, so parents can be organised if they need to request time off work in advance.

Miss Rachael Rudge

Head Teacher

# **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