



BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

5th January 2024

New dates below for this half term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you all had a relaxing break. It was lovely to see the children return this week full of smiles and enthusiasm. We are waiting for a temporary fence to be installed after the tree came down on the field and broke through the fence to make our site secure again.

Reminders

- After school clubs start on Monday. Swimming starts for Ash class on Friday, swimming hats are available to buy from the school office for £1. The bus leaves at 9am so children will need to be in school by 8:50 in Ash class.
- Celebration Assembly will be on a Friday at 10:45 – 11 now, due to swimming. Parents are welcome to attend.

Homework

New homework for the term will be coming out next week. Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that by signing our home school agreement, you agree to support your child to complete homework and to read 4 times a week. We really do value your support with learning at home. All children from Y2-Y6 should now have tt rockstars logins to practice their tables and we will have new rewards and certificates starting this term in Oak, Ash and Yew classes to reward children who are logging on and improving their scores. Learning your times tables is such a valuable skill and the children love doing these games.

Voluntary contributions for trips

We do rely on parents to pay these voluntary contributions for trips, and will not be able to have trips take place without parents supporting this. Thank you to our BSA who supported our pantomime trip before Christmas and who support each class with a contribution towards a trip each year. This helps us to keep the costs down for parents. All classes have trips planned this term and letters will be coming home nearer the time. The children will be excited to enrich their curriculum with the visits we have planned so watch this space!

Book swap shelf

Please visit our book swap shelf just inside the playground door with books for all ages and adults too. Please help yourself.

New learning behaviours

The staff and children have been discussing what makes a good learner and what skills we want to develop with the children. The school council have gathered ideas from their classes and we have come up with 6 new learning behaviours we want to promote. There will be a focus on one learning behaviour each week in classes and certificates for those showing the most progress with this behaviour. Next week it is:

I am responsible

- I listen and track the speaker.
- I am ready to learn with everything I need.
- I am responsible for my learning, my homework and my equipment.
- I take ownership and take charge of my learning.
- I listen when my teacher is helping me, and I act on their advice.
- I 'tune in' to what the teacher is saying and 'tune' out distractions.



Please encourage your child to be responsible at home too, and responsible for carrying their bags into school when they are older.

Other certificates will start next week.

Well done to Poppy for passing silver in vault, bar, floor and beam and to Willow for passing her gymnastics level 2.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and we look forward to some better weather next week.

Miss Rachael Rudge
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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

Friday 12 th January	Swimming starts for Ash
Tuesday 16 th January	Suffolk Mind workshops for Ash, Willow and Yew
Tuesday 23 rd January	Suffolk Mind workshop for Oak
Tuesday 30 th January	Yew class dodgeball tournament at Rushmere am
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer internet day
Wednesday 7 th February	Yew class swimming gala am
Tuesday 13 th February	Y5 music day at St Josephs, KS1 visit to Colchester Zoo
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term

TERM DATES 2023-2024

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