

Buxton Primary School

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Newsletter



Issue 9

Happy New Year everybody - and welcome back to school. As ever, we have a busy term planned! We only have one staff change this term, Mrs Jarvis will be teaching our lovely Ladybirds full time as Mrs Miller has started her maternity leave.

Again, we have lots of exciting learning activities planned for the term - please keep safe the list of dates attached to this newsletter. The list is not exhaustive - and some dates are to be confirmed, but I am sure it helps to have these dates as early as possible. I have also placed the dates on the school website. Class teachers will be sending home details of your child's learning for this term - watch our for the class newsletters. We start off this term's events with an Archery day on Thursday, followed by a Karate day next Tuesday. It is great to have these taster days to encourage children to take up active past-times outside of school.

Attached to this newsletter are lunch booking forms - menus for this term are also attached. Please remember to book school meals on the Monday Morning of the week they occur. Our hot lunches are of superb quality - offering children daily choices. Do take advantage of them if you are able. Breakfast club information is available from the school office - as this grows in popularity, it is essential that you book please. Breakfast club booking forms are available from reception or from the website.

It just remains for me to say, enjoy the term. As ever, I am always available if you have any queries or concerns.

MISS LEAHY



Has your child got a coat, hat, gloves in school?

4th January 2016

CLUBS



Attached to this newsletter is information about clubs that are on offer this term. Please tick your child's choices and return to the school office by THURSDAY 7th Jan. Clubs will start on Monday 11th January - assume your child is attending all clubs they select. If we have clubs which are over-subscribed, we will inform you of the alternative arrangements. Also, please note that many clubs are run by staff in their own time - if your child chooses to attend a club, this is a commitment and we kindly request that they attend regularly. Please also note that film club may show PG as well as U Rated films. Thank you.



DINNER MONIES

Please remember that all dinner monies and food order forms, should be sent into school at the beginning of the week - MONDAY - please.

£2.10 daily: £10.50 weekly



The dinners are excellent, and we are delighted that the number of children having hot dinners is increasing. The value of a hot meal in the middle of the day cannot be underestimated during these cold months.



HOMEWORK



We will continue our 'streamlined' homework procedures this year, which proved an easier system for children and parents. **ALL pupils** will be given their homework on a Friday - and it needs to be returned to school on a Wednesday. Homework relates to any literacy or numeracy task (including spelling/sounds work or tables). We hope the success of this system will continue to ensure all children are able to complete their homework and hand it in on time. We greatly appreciate your support with all homework set.

Also, do remember to read with/to your child regularly - whatever their age!!

Year 3 and 4 Residential

Just a reminder to parents of year 3 and 4 pupils that your payment plan for the residential at the Horstead Centre starts this week. Please send in your payment card complete with your payment to your child's class teacher. (The amount of the payment is up to you – we suggest £10 weekly).

If you have any questions on any aspect of the residential, please see Mrs Stops/Mrs Manners
Thank You.



KEEPING YOUR CHILD HAPPY AND SAFE IN SCHOOL

Attendance/punctuality: The school bell rings every morning at 8.40am. It is essential that children arrive on time for school – it can be very distressing, and get the day off to a bad start, if children are late and miss the first few minutes of the school day. Please remember that if there is an odd occasion when your child is late, they need to enter school by the main entrance and report to Mrs Hall.

If your child is sick, please remember to ring in on EACH DAY OF ABSENCE, explaining the reason – thank you.

Safety: Please ensure your child's teacher has up to date details of the adults who you give permission to collect your child from school (including after clubs).

Also, if you wish your child to go home alone, we need your consent for this IN WRITING please.



MUSIC TUITION

Just a reminder that Ed Osborne is in school each Friday for Piano and recorder tuition. XXXXXX will continue to offer Guitar Tuition weekly also, but on Tuesdays. We also have individual or small group music tuition (flute, clarinet, saxophone) available on Mondays taught by Mr Eaton. All lessons start w/c 12th January. Please note, a charge is made for this tuition. See Mrs Hall for more information.

FOREST SCHOOLS/SWIMMING

This term the following will be undertaking forest schools;

Monday: Reception group 1 after half term

Tue/Wed PM: Butterflies (1/2 class each session)

Thur: Reception group 2 after half term

Fri: Grasshoppers (1/2 class morning and afternoon)

Clothing needed for Forest Schools: wellies and warm coat, gloves/scarf are required. Also note children may get muddy so please do not send them to school in 'best' clothes.



SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Please make sure that your child is well prepared for school. They need to bring into school a PE kit: black/dark shorts, white t shirt, plimsolls or trainers, and for KS2 a track suit for outside games. This should be left in school please.

Children also need to have a water bottle in school EVERY DAY. We encourage children to drink regularly, but especially after PE and playtimes.



We ask that toys are not brought into school. They have a habit of getting lost or broken and this causes distress to the child. Footballs are allowed for playtimes – although we do provide a whole range of outdoor play equipment for the children to use at playtimes.

CAN WE ALSO ASK THAT EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING IS NAMED PLEASE. Finding lost items is extremely difficult if there is no name.

