



Not Long Until Christmas!

I always find myself amazed by how quickly the school year seems to fly by. This term has been no different as we find ourselves less than a month away from Christmas. When September came about, I knew that we, as a school, had done all we could to the best of our ability to plan for the new ways of working and making sure that the children, staff, families and community were kept safe as a result of schools opening fully. However, I could not predict what this would look like in reality and I certainly did not know what unexpected challenges we would face along the way.

Despite all of this, the children have been amazing and the support from families has been incredible which is a real testament to our school community. I am proudly able to say that we have had over 98% attendance so far this term which is extremely high; something I would not have predicted in September.

The governors have worked hard to support the school by sacrificing their family time in the evenings, offering advice, ideas and challenge to the many new policies, procedures and practices we have had to put in place as a result of Covid-19 (amongst keeping on top of the 'normal' things).

But, what has really impressed me on a day-to-day basis, is how all of the staff have come together to keep the school going strong and not faltering despite the huge change and challenges they have faced. All of this combined goes to show how amazing the community is and is a constant reminder of how lucky I am to be Head of such an amazing school.

Mr Khan 😊

Staff Changes

We have a few staffing changes going on this term.

Mrs Maskell, our Year 1 Leopards class teacher, will be leaving at the end of this term. She is expecting a baby in the New Year which is very exciting! We are lucky to have Mrs Victoria Mardle joining us from January as the new Leopards class teacher. She will be visiting the children on the afternoon of Monday 7th December to properly introduce herself and to get to know the class.

Sadly, Mrs Pound, our Year 2 Tigers class teaching assistant, is unwell (not Covid-19 related) and will not be able to be in school for quite some time. We are wishing her all the best and are hopeful she will be able to return to work later in the New Year.

Mrs Amanda Haslam, our Forest School Lead, will be leaving us at the end of this term to start a new career. We are sad to see Mrs Haslam go as she has been at the school for a number of years and has had a huge influence on how the Forest School area has developed over this time. Mrs Haslam is fortunate to teach the majority of classes over the course of a school year so many of the children will also be sad to see her go. We are lucky to have Mrs Anna Clayphan already in school who is going to take on the role of Forest School Lead from January. Mrs Clayphan already works closely with Mrs Haslam so will transition into the role smoothly. This will ensure that Forest School / Outdoor learning sessions will continue for all of our classes.

Finally, I will soon be taking a short 2 week period of leave as we are expecting a second baby boy in the Khan household this month!

Christmas Dinner Money

Next **Wednesday 9th December** is Christmas Dinner day. Please can you ensure this has been paid for by Monday 7th December if your child is having one and is not entitled to a free school meal. The cost is £2.30 per child. The children will also be able to come in wearing a Christmas jumper on this day so it will be very festive!





Christmas Cards & Gifts

This year, your child will be able to bring Christmas cards into school for friends in their class only. Unfortunately cards cannot be brought in for children in other classes due to our Covid-19 risk assessment. These **must be in by Friday 11th December** to give us the time to quarantine them before handing out.

This year, as with last year, we would like to kindly request that money you would spend on staff for gifts at Christmas is instead donated to charities.

Breakfast Club from January

Please get in touch with the school office if you plan on using breakfast club for you child / children in January as we are taking advance bookings for this now. This is £2.50 per child per day.

After School Clubs

Unfortunately our normal after school club offer will not start in January. We will wait until this is safer to do and as Covid-19 restrictions ease. We will however be starting some after school catch up clubs for specific classes. Initially this will be with Year 6 in January. More information on this is to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Production Teaser

The children at Buxton Primary School are still not happy about our cancelled production...

... We want our show!!! ...



Celebrating Success

Congratulations are due! This week our ARCHER and Growth Mind-set certificates went to:

	Value	Name
YR	Responsibility	Tilly
	Perseverance	Isabelle Sp
Y1	Consideration	Abigail
	Motivation	Arthur
Y2	Excellence	Arlo
	Perseverance	Jorgie
Y3	Consideration	Evelyn
	Motivation	Oliver A
Y4	Motivation	Evie-Grace
	Respect	Jacob
Y5	Consideration	Phoebe
	Grit	Ella
Y6	Consideration	Aimee G
	Motivation	Emily B

Key Dates

Please see below a table of the remaining key dates for the term.

Event	Date
<i>Children's Christmas artwork cards to go home</i>	<i>Friday 4th December</i>
<i>Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 9th December</i>
<i>Christmas Themed non-uniform day (collection for PTFA & TACT Families)</i>	<i>Thursday 17th December</i>
<i>Final Day of Term</i>	<i>Friday 18th December</i>
Christmas Holidays	
<i>First Day Back to School</i>	<i>Monday 4th January</i>

