



## Buckden CE Academy Weekly Round Up

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Welcome to our weekly news Round-Up which we hope will help you keep up to date with all that happens in school.

### Green Day

Thank you to all parents who have contributed to our Green fundraising day. We are very happy to say that our trees have arrived and we are busy planting them. We have been working with The Sustainable Food Trust who have carefully sourced the heritage trees for Buckden Academy.

The trees we have planted are fruit trees, all different varieties of apples. We are looking forward to nurturing them over the coming years and eventually having the fruit from them.

Thank you also to the parents who have expressed a wish to have a stake put on one of the trees. We are in the process of putting names on the stakes and they will be attached very shortly.

### Lost Property

The school has a large amount of unclaimed lost property, much of which is unnamed. If your child has lost an item of clothing please see the office staff who will direct you to the lost property chest. All unclaimed clothing at the end of term will be put into the clothes bank.

As we approach the holidays can you please check all your child's clothing and belongings are named using either a biro or an indelible marker pen.

## Diary Dates

### DECEMBER 2019

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** - 3.15 pm - Book Fair (until 13 Dec)

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** - 2.00 pm - Key Stage 1 Play.

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** - 2.00 pm - Key Stage 1 Play.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** - PTA Christmas Disco's.

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Dinner. (children only)

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** - 6.00 pm - Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Marys Church.

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** - 2.00 pm - Koinonia Afternoon.

### JANUARY 2020

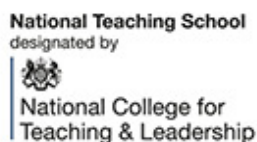
**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** - 3.30 pm - 7.00 pm - Parents Evening

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** - 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm Parents Evening (Details of how to book appointments to follow in January).

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**ASPIRATIONS DAY**

**Saturday 13th June 2020**  
**BUCKDEN SHOWCASE**  
**HINCHINGBROOKE PAC**





## PTA News

The PTA would like to thank all parents for their generous donations to the hampers and for those who helped us sell raffle tickets at the Lights Switch-On Event. We're excited to announce we raised **£1,634.60**, which after the Light Switch-On committee's 15% share leaves the school **£1,388.06**. This money will go towards paying for the school's Christmas pantomime, new atlases, books and the new outdoor reading cabin.

There are many opportunities the school would like to offer students in 2020, so we'll be continuing fundraising this December with a Christmas Disco on Monday 16th December and the Christmas Shop on Thursday 19th December (all gifts are £2.50). This year the gifts are lovely – with presents for mums, dads, aunts, uncles and grandparents, even hot chocolate cones with mugs for siblings. We'll be posting a sneaky peak on our Facebook page for you to 'guide' your children's purchases.

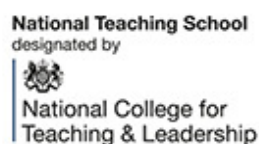
Please like our Facebook Page to keep abreast of events: <https://www.facebook.com/BuckdenPTA2015/>

The PTA is in desperate need of manpower at these events – any spare minutes of help between the below times will be a valuable asset. 15 minutes to help set-up or tidy up or even 30 minutes during an event would be wonderful help as we're always short-handed.

- **Reception & Key Stage 1 Disco** : Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm
- **Key Stage 2 Disco** : Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 5.15 pm - 6.15 pm
- **Christmas Shop** : Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 11.30 am – 2.00 pm (selling 12.00 pm - 1.40 pm)
- **Koinonia Friday**, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00 pm - 3.20 pm (plus clean-up).

The first **Koinonia Friday** last term was a huge success with a fantastic number of family members attending to see their children's work. The next Koinonia will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and is expected to be well attended. The PTA really, really need more hands to help serve refreshments and keep the queue moving. We would like to create a rota so that everyone helping also has ample time to see their own children's work, so if you or a family member are able to help sell teas/coffees/cakes for any amount of time and/or help with clearing up, please get in touch.

Please contact us at [buckdenpta@gmail.com](mailto:buckdenpta@gmail.com) or [buckdenptavicechair@gmail.com](mailto:buckdenptavicechair@gmail.com)





### Dinner Money

As we approach the end of term can you please ensure all outstanding dinner money debts have been paid. If you have any queries relating to dinner money payments please see Mrs Marsh or Mrs Mayes in the school office.

### Book Fair

We will be having a Book Fair over the next few days. From today (Friday) until next Thursday there is an opportunity to buy books from a wide selection. The Book Fair will be in the outdoor learning area every evening from 3.15 pm until 3.45 pm. Please come and have a look at the books. Payment can be made with cash or cheque.

### Parking

Once again we have to remind parents about parking around the school. Whilst the work is taking place in Church Street, can parents please refrain from parking over the resident's driveways thus preventing them from entering or leaving their properties.

We have been informed that there was a 'near-miss' accident involving a reversing car not observing children on the path. Can all drivers please take care and be vigilant in the area around the school especially at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation in this issue.

Thank you

## Talk Homework

Talk homework is linked to the learning taking place in the classroom. It is expected that you spend some time with your child discussing the talk homework. This will help to improve language and communication skills. The discussions will be continued in class during next week.

Laura Kenny	Search your house and spot 3D shapes.
Jason Kenny	
Ellie Simmonds	Practise the songs for the play.
Jonnie Peacock	
Alistair Brownlee	Learn the lines for the play.
Max Whitlock	
Simone Biles	What have you learned about Isambard Kingdom Brunel?
Jessica Ennis-Hill	
Usain Bolt	Talk about a design for a Christmas hat you have made out of recycled materials. Bring in your design and materials ready.
Muhammad Ali	
Helen Glover	What different Christmas books do you know? Which are your favourite characters? Why?
Hannah Macleod	
Paula Radcliffe	Talk about the issues that you feel are important for our new government to consider after the General Election.