

Buxted Church of England Primary School

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Inspire and Aspire

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to the term! Both Inset days were very successful in terms of reshaping the curriculum and for the school to start a Gratitude project, all focussed on well being within the school. This is going to be launched soon. We have a number of exciting events coming up and the staff have been working hard to address the key priorities of the school development plan. The children loved the pantomime, Beauty and the Beast.

Miss Young has launched an initiative with the children, called 'Travel to Tokyo'. This is where the whole school and families as well can log the activity they are taking part in each week, in a bid to help children become more active whilst also getting free equipment for the school. A letter came home about this on Monday this week. We have also taken part in a netball tournament and have rugby, handball and swimming coming up! Many thanks to Miss Young for organising all of this and enabling our children to have all of these opportunities. The children seem very keen to take part.

We have a curriculum maths evening coming up on the 27th of January. This is for parents of children progressing through KS2. Please do come along to this as Miss Puttock will explain the methods we teach for mastery maths, our vision for maths as well as a practical session on how to do the various methods. This will be very valuable and will enable parents and carers to understand how your child is taught in school.

Breck Foundation are coming in on February 4th to work with the children in the morning on Internet safety, where the children will learn about keeping safe on line. This is free of charge. This is being followed up by a further day on the 11th February, which is actually Internet safety day. There will be a focus of this during the school day and in assembly as well, which has been organised by Miss Shaw and useful information will be sent home on this.

We are also using money from our PTA Christmas fair to purchase books for KS1 that are in line with the phonics being taught in class. This will be of huge benefit to the children. Our literacy leads have met with various providers to ensure best value for money. Once they are here, we will let you know. It is imperative that any books taken from school are returned, as the cost of books is phenomenal and an investment for the school. Thanks for your help with this. Staff will soon be organising a phonics meeting for KS1 parents and carers, so they can explain the methods they are teaching in class. This can then be reinforced when reading with your child at home.

We would like to welcome Mrs May to our school, who has been placed with our year one children on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning, as well as some wrap around sessions in Sunshine club. Mrs May is a real asset to our school and it is great to have her working as a teaching assistant with Miss Young. This has enabled Mr. Severn to assist more in classes in KS2, using his skills in maths in particular, which is excellent.



Diary Dates:

Monday 27th January:

Maths workshops KS2 for parents at 3.30 and 5.30pm.

Friday 7th February:

Just One Tree— Fundraising to plant trees in areas of deforestation. Letter to follow.

KS1 Sharing Assembly:

Thursday 6th Feb 9am

KS2 Sharing Assembly:

Thursday 13th Feb 9am

Monday 10th Feb: Preston Manor—Year 3

Internet Safety morning sessions

Tuesday 11th Feb:

Internet Safety Day

Friday 14th February:

Last day of term

Term 4 starts:

Monday 24th February

Monday 9th March:

Science week— Professor Bubbleworks coming in to work with classes.

Parents Evening:

Wednesday 4th March

3.40– 7.30pm

Thursday 5th March

3.40-5.30pm

We have a very exciting fundraising opportunity which is on the 7th of February. The children can come in to school wearing non-school uniform in exchange for a pound. This pound will pay for a tree to be planted in areas of the world that have suffered deforestation. During the day, there will be an assembly on this as well as the topic being discussed in classes. This is a real opportunity for children to learn about the environment and how cutting down trees affects this. Ashdown Forest are also coming in to replant our Willow area on the school field. This is all free of charge! They will be working with all classes throughout the day, where children will do a willow activity and learn about replanting it. This will be enjoyable and also improve the Willow area.

In order for lessons to start promptly, please ensure that your children are in by 8.55am when the doors close. This is so that lessons can start promptly at 9am. The gates open at 8.40am and all classes carry out a morning task which is aimed to help children practise handwriting, spelling, reading or even a maths task. It would be great if children could attend as many of these as possible as will help them to make more progress.

Our year 6 children have taken part in 'Take Over Day' today, where they took over the jobs in the school. The children came in dressed for the occasion as teachers, teaching assistants, working in the office, bursar as well as Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers. Our new leadership team have reviewed how our new staff are doing and have come up with training needed for the future. They also started off the afternoon with an assembly!

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Simpson

