

## Buxted Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

We are extremely proud of all our children in school. Our Year 6 children were an absolute credit to the school during Take Over day. The children had to apply for positions throughout the school and also carry out an interview with Mrs Simpson, answering some challenging questions about the roles and how they would conduct themselves on the day. The children took over the office, finance, worked as teachers, teaching assistants, Headteachers, as well as the caretaker! They all did a great job and even had to plan and mark their lessons, as well as ensuring children had different tasks to complete. The Headteachers monitored their new staff that were in place and made suggestions about how to improve further. The children all enjoyed the assembly that took place by the Headteachers. Well done year 6! We also carried out our KS2 sharing assembly this morning, where the children demonstrated the work they have been doing in all of the classes. It is always very impressive how confidently the children speak about their work. Well done everyone! Please look out for a message about Snow days, as weather is deteriorating. We will let you know via parent mail and it will also go up on the website.



## TAKE OVER DAY



**Dates for your  
Diary:**

**KS1 Sharing  
assembly:**

**7th Feb 9am**

**7th Feb Blitz Night  
Year 5**

**Parent**

**Consultations:**

Wed 13th Feb

Thurs 14th Feb

**Term 3 ends**

Fri 15th Feb 2019

**Term 4 starts**

25th Feb 2019

**INSET DAY**

Tuesday 23rd July  
2019

**Dates for Easter Ser-  
vice and hat parade to  
follow.**

**Thursday 31st  
January 2019**



**Reading at home:** Please ensure that you read at home with your child daily as this really helps your child to make progress, not only in reading but the rest of the Curriculum as well. There are many ways to read with your children, such as: Discussing what you think will happen prior to reading, picking up on the clues from the pictures is very important, getting the children to recognise repeating words, such as the, and the name of the character. Tell them new vocabulary words that they may have not met before to increase their confidence. Pre-read the text to the child as this helps. Reading a book more than once helps confidence and fluency, as well as giving the child a chance to develop expression and understanding of the text. With our youngest children, re-visit rhymes they have learnt and show them the words, so children can make a link with the word and the spoken word. Shared reading is also a lovely way to share a book. Even our year 6 children will enjoy being read to and you can then model reading a text above their own level of fluency. This was a develop a love of reading. We need to ensure these skills are used regularly to maintain confidence, even through the weekend and holiday periods. Thank you to those parents that offered to help read in school. Mrs Mc Dermott will be contacting the parents that have offered to come in and read with our children.

**Cold weather:** Please ensure children come in to school with a coat and warm clothes. Please ensure that skirts are knee length or just above the knee.

**Sporting news:** We have recently had member of staff trained for tag-rugby, which are then going to develop in school. Next term we are looking forward to attending year 3 and 4, as well as year 5 and 6 tag rugby training sessions and tournaments. Information to follow. We were so pleased with our netball teams that recently attended a tournament at the leisure centre. Year 3 and 4 took part this week and year 5 and 6 last week. We were very proud of them. We are very excited to be attending the swimming gala today and look forward to taking part. Thank you to the children that are attending.

We were very excited to welcome Vicky Carleton, who is a member of the Lewes FC Girls Football team and Jack Heaselden, who is the manager of Girls Lewes Football club. They carried out a series of lessons throughout KS2 on Tuesday, demonstrating how P.E can be taught in classes. The children really enjoyed it.

**Parking:** Please do not park in front of the no parking sign or in the disabled bay. Can we also remind everyone not to park next to the hedge opposite the main car-park as this stops the traffic flowing. The main car park is also used by EYFS parents and carers only. Parking is available at Buxted Park Hotel, White Hart pub as well as Oast Farm. Thank you

#### **Arriving promptly for school**

A polite reminder to ensure that your children arrive at school promptly from 8.40- 8.50, so they are in school by 8.55 and lessons can start at 9am. We have a number of valuable morning tasks set up before registration at 9am to support our children. It is really useful if children are there to benefit from these. Please call the office if your child is absent from school by 9.30 am, so that we know where every child is. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Attendance**

The Government expects schools to achieve an attendance rate of 96%. Being in school less than this has a huge effect on their progress throughout the year. Please ensure your child is at school as much as possible and phone the office by 9am each day if your child is unable to come in or email through parentmail.

Due to the current forecast of heavy snow due tonight, please check Parentmail, the school website and Uckfield FM; together with East Sussex County Council for all school Closures.