

This week's merit certificates are
awarded to;

Darwin Class - Gilbert & Harriet

Curie Class - Francesca

Attenborough Class - Jessica & Bobby

Einstein Class - Bonnie, Connie &
Teegan

Well done everyone!



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd January - Bank Holiday - School Closed.

Tuesday 4th January - Children Back to School

Wednesday 5th January -

Thursday 6th January -

Friday 7th January -



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Connie, Riley and Beau who had their Birthdays this week. We hope you have all had a lovely day. Also a Happy Birthday to Evelyn, Loki, Luna and Stephanie who have their Birthday over the Christmas Break. We hope you all have a lovely day.

School Carol Service

The children and staff took part in a lovely Carol Service this afternoon where we took time to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to children who read and to everyone for the lovely singing.



Year 4/5 Kindness Workshop



"Oscar was super happy!
We're so grateful for all the
beautiful cards you made."

You will remember that at the beginning of November the Year 4 and 5 children took part in a Kindness Workshop with Greg Trout who is linked with Inspire+. As part of the workshop they designed and made kindness cards to send to a little boy called Oscar. Here he is with his family to say thank you to all of the children and a message below from the organisers of the workshops: -

Hello,

Hope you're all well? Last month during our Kindness Workshop, the children made birthday cards for a young boy called Oscar, who has Battens disease. I wanted to share this photo and thank you message from Oscar's family – he absolutely loved the cards and his family were so grateful. Please pass our thanks along to the children.

Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Best wishes

Jaime

CEO and Founder

52 Lives

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www.schoolofkindness.org

Inspire+ TAP (Talented Athlete Programme)



Here is Erin receiving her Certificate
from Jack at Inspire+ for her
participation in the TAP programme.
Well done Erin.

Christmas Productions, Parties, Lunch and Carol Service in School this week

The staff and children have had a great week of Christmas Productions, Parties, Whole School Christmas Lunch and Carol Service. It has been a busy week with all of the festivities!



A Letter from Mrs Clarke

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy term, I am writing to thank you for all of your support and understanding in dealing with all the COVID-19 guidelines over the last year. As a result of the school community following the guidance we have been successful in completing a whole term of all our classes being in school for face-to-face teaching.

The whole school community working together in following the restrictions will help us to continue to face this challenge in the new year, but as yet school leaders have not been given any new guidance when returning to school in January. As soon as I have any information, I will email you and inform you of any changes we may need to put into place.

The most recent updates from the Government, which were announced on Tuesday, are in its guidance report [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance](#)

Change of guidance for testing of close contacts: *Changes to guidance for PCR testing.* Close contacts are no longer being asked to get a PCR test, instead they are being asked to take a daily LFD for 7 days. PCRs are only needed for:

1. People with symptoms
2. People with a positive LFD
3. Unvaccinated contacts of cases aged over 18 years and 6 months

This means for children (under the age of 18 years, 6 months) and vaccinated adults that come into contact with a positive case they should not be getting a PCR, but instead perform daily LFDs for 7 days.

Please stay safe over the Christmas period and enjoy your celebrations.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Clarke

Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in red.

3rd January - Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day - School closed

4th January - Children back to School

14th January - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

28th January - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

Saturday 5th February - Rotary Swimmaraton - details to be confirmed.

7th February - Children's Mental Health Week.

8th February - Safer Internet Day.

11th February - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

14th-18th February - Half Term holiday.

22nd February - Parents' Evening and SN Reviews

24th February - Parents' Evening and SN Reviews

2nd March - Inspire+ Legacy Tour Assembly

3rd March - Inspire+ Legacy Tour Assembly Colsterworth

3rd March - World Book Day.

4th March - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

18th March - Red Nose Day.

18th March - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

25th March - Mother's Day Assembly

1st April - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
7th April - Tempest Photography Whole Class Photographs
8th April - Easter Service
8th April - School closes for Easter

25th April - Children back to School
28th April - Inspire+ Orienteering Workshop.
29th April - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
2nd May - Bank Holiday - School closed
9th May - KS2 SATS week.
13th May - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
19th-20th May - Year 6 School Camp and Twinlakes
26th May - Inspire+ Careers Workshop with Sophie Allen Year 6
27th May - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
30th May-3rd June - Half Term holiday
6th June - Y1 Phonics Screening week
6th-7th June - Curie Class Residential - Rand Farm
13th June - Y4 Times Tables Test week and KS1 SATS week
15th June - Inspire+ Mini Olympics at the Meres Leisure Centre
17th June - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

17th June - Father's Day Assembly
21st June - KS2 Sports Day
22nd-24th June - Einstein Class Residential - Bushcraft
24th June - KS1 Sports Day
27th June - Inspire+ Mass Participation Event.
1st July - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
1st July - Reports sent home
5th July - Year 6 Leaver's Day
Thursday 7th July - School closes for Summer.
Friday 8th July - School closed in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.



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May we wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year from us all at
Buckminster Primary School.

