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Dates for your diary

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Rev Rush Assembly Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5/6 Residential Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5/6 Residential Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5/6 Residential – Year 1/2 Swimming – KS2 Library Bus

"Buckminster School, where children become Inspirational Learners"

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and we send a special warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined our wonderful school.

### Lunch Boxes/Bags

Please check your child has their lunch box at home time each day. Unfortunately several stay on the trolley all week and any left-over food can attract rats.

<u>Sweets are not permitted</u> in pack ups and please limit your child to one chocolate biscuit or cake each lunchtime. This will support the work the teachers do in school encouraging healthy life styles.

We do have one child in school who has a nut allergy. This child is old enough to know not to share food with others and we do not feel we need to be a completely nut free school but please can you avoid giving your child peanut butter sandwiches just to be on the safe side. Thank you





# Water Bottles

If your child brings a bottle into school each day, please ensure it only has water in it. Squash and other sugary drinks are not allowed; if they spill the classroom surfaces get sticky and staff do not have cleaning products in their rooms. Juice can be put into lunch boxes. Thank you

# The beginning and end of the school day

Children must be in school by 8.50am each morning; please make sure you are on time as regularly missing the first 5 or 10 minutes of the day can have a huge detrimental effect on your child's education, confidence and self-esteem.

Staff are on the playground from 8.40am every day. Please do not leave your child until that time as they will not be supervised. Thank you

Please be at school by 3.20pm if you are picking your child up or 4.20pm if your child stays for a club. Last year many members of staff were late to meetings or personal appointments because they had to look after children who were not picked up on time. Thank you

### Fences

We are looking to replace the picket fence along the carpark side of the playground and along the path leading to the field. If anyone knows of any local fencers or companies who would be interested in quoting, please let Mrs Wright know in the office.



#### Welcome

We welcome Mr Henson as our new sports apprentice. He will be working with all the children in PE lessons, encouraging physical activity at lunch times and running 2 clubs a week.

### Tuck Shop

As part of the enterprise work we do in school the year 5 children have a few sessions on business studies, looking at marketing, profit margins and stock taking for example. This then leads to them running the tuck shop in groups throughout the year. Year 5 are not quite ready to set the shop up yet but will let you know as soon as they are so please be patient. Thank you

# Friday's Cake Raffle

As many of you know, Caroline Vickers ran the PTFA cake raffle each Friday at 8.45am. Unfortunately she is no longer part of the school community so we are looking for another wonderful person to help. The job entails collecting a list of willing bakers/shoppers who can provide a cake to be raffled off every Friday. You will then just need to be at school each Friday first thing to take the money and issue the raffle tickets. It is then drawn by Mrs Clarke in assembly in front of the children. All proceeds go towards the running and upkeep of the school farm.

If you would like to offer your services please let either Mrs Clarke or Mrs Wright know. Thank you



# Uniform

Please make sure all uniform (including tie and PE kit) is labelled so we can reduce the amount of lost or unclaimed clothing.

# The Farm

Most of the animals will be returning from their summer holiday soon, by which time we will have allocated year 6 farm workers. Once this has been established we will send out a rota so each year group will know which week they will be helping.



### Thank you

To Sue Britten for making our sign for the spinney and 3 lovely wooden mushrooms. The winning design was a joint design between Florence (now left) and Annabelle (Yr6).



#### Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Rev. Rush assembly

4<sup>th</sup> Sept - Yr5&6 Bushcraft residential

6<sup>th</sup> Sept - Yr1&2 swimming

6<sup>th</sup> Sept - KS2 Library Bus

10<sup>th</sup> Sept - NO BREAKFAST OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

10<sup>th</sup> Sept - Yr1&2 walk to Buckminster church

20<sup>th</sup> Sept – Swimming for Yr1&2 and assessment of any Yr5 who had not reached the standard last year.

4<sup>th</sup> Oct - Swimming for Yr1, 2 & 3 and any Yr5s who require more practice.

4<sup>th</sup> Oct - KS2 Library Bus

7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest church service 2.30pm (Buckminster church) – Year R-Year 6 parents welcome (Pre-School children remain in Pre-School.

8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Yr3&4 Flag Fen trip

11<sup>th</sup> Oct - Last day of half term

21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Children back to school

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Rev. Rush assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Parents' Evening

24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parents' Evening

 $25^{\text{th}}$  Oct - Swimming Year 1, 2 & 3 and any Year 5.

29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Yr1-6 flu vaccinations

1<sup>st</sup> Nov – KS2 Library Bus

6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Yr5&6 Warning Zone trip

8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Swimming Year 1, 2 & 3 and any Year 5

11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Anti Bullying week

19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rev. Rush assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Swimming Year 1, 2 & 3 and any Year 5

6<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Library Bus

 $6^{th}$  Dec – Swimming Year 1, 2 & 3 and any Year 5

11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pre-School and Reception class Christmas productions 2pm and 6pm in school

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas dinner

16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr1-6 Christmas productions 2pm dress rehearsal and 6pm performance

(Buckminster village hall)

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr1-6 Christmas production 6pm

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas parties in school

20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas carol service in Buckminster church at 2.00pm - Year R to Year 6 parents welcome (Pre-School children remain in Pre-School)

Last day of term