

This week's merit certificates are
awarded to;

FS2 – Erin
Yr 1 & 2 – Toby and Molly
Yrs 3 & 4 – Noah, Solomon and Jack Sm
Yr 5 – Charlotte
Yr 6 – Charlie T and Jake
Music Merit – Jack Sm
Sports Merit – Leo



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Dates for your diary

Monday 9th December -
Tuesday 10th December -
Wednesday 11th December - 2.00pm and 6.00pm in School
- Pre-School and Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 12th December - Whole School Christmas Dinner
Friday 13th December - 3.30pm to 5.30pm PTFA Christmas Bonanza in School

"Buckminster School, where children become Inspirational Learners"

Year 1 to 6 Christmas Production

Friday 13th - Please have costumes in a labelled bag in school by 8.50am

Monday 16th - Please drop children off at Buckminster village hall between 8.50am and 9.00am (in school uniform) and collect from the hall between 3.00pm and 3.20pm. The children will go home in their costumes (uniforms will be in their labelled bags).

Monday 16th - 2pm Dress rehearsal/first performance for parents with babies and toddlers and for anyone who cannot make the evening performances. 6pm performance - please arrive at the hall no earlier than 5.40pm in costume. The doors will be locked until 5.40pm

Tuesday 17th - 6pm performance - please arrive at the hall no earlier than 5.40pm in costume. The doors will be locked until 5.40pm.

Christmas Parties - Thursday 19th December

The parties will be in the afternoon so children can bring party clothes (in a labelled bag) to change into at lunchtime.



School Disco



The children had a fantastic time at the School Discos organised by the EYFS/Key Stage 1 Teachers.

Mr Henson and Mr Floyd ("the Entertainment Committee!") kept the children dancing and entertained.

We raised a fantastic £166.00 for EYFS resources.

Menu Change - Wednesday 11th November



Due to the Christmas Dinner on the 12th November (which would usually be pizza on that day) we have swapped the pizzas to the Wednesday that week.

Carols by Candlelight - Mayor for the Melton Borough



It was a magical evening in St Mary's Church in Melton on Thursday at the Mayor's Carol Service. The children sang so beautifully and confidently in front of a large congregation and did themselves proud. Thank you to Mrs Bidwell for giving up her time every Tuesday lunch time to work with the choir. Their next public performance will be at the school's carol service on 20th December.

Spanish



This is Evelyn and Charlie being presented with certificates from the Spanish Teacher Mrs Christopher, recognising and celebrating their effort and learning this term as the star Spanish students.

Well done to both of you.

Tuck Shop

The Year 5 children having been working hard this term preparing their business plans so the tuck shop can start again after Christmas. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

We have a small selection of healthy snacks which will be out of date by the time we are back after the holiday so there will be a free treasure hunt for each class next week. Each child can try to find one free snack. The Year 5 children will let each class know when it is their turn.

School Lunches



Parental Login



schoolmoney

Mobile

Email

Password

Child's First Name

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If you are having trouble signing in, or have forgotten your password, please contact your child's school.

There is now the facility for parents of KS2 children (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) to pay for School Lunches online on School Money. It works in the same way as booking for After School Clubs.

You can log in to your Account in the usual way (using the link below) and choose which days your child will be having a hot dinner in advance. You can then pay with your debit card.

At the moment we have activated week beginning the 9th December and the 16th December.

If you have any problems logging into your Account then please have no hesitation in getting in touch.

<https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=20190314>

Help the PTFA raise funds just by shopping with Amazon

(in 5 easy steps – it costs nothing)

With Christmas rapidly approaching & all those extra parcels being delivered – the PTFA can benefit from your shopping!

All you have to do is convert your existing amazon.co.uk account to a smile.amazon.co.uk account – it's very easy and takes about 2 minutes – follow the steps below.

1. Type in Google 'Smile Amazon Login'

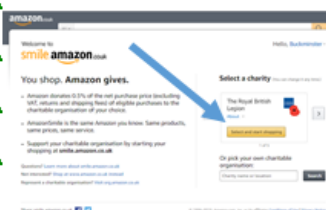
Select the option which takes you to <http://smile.amazon.co.uk>

2. You should see an option to log in (use your normal amazon log in details) email & password

(Follow the on screen prompts)

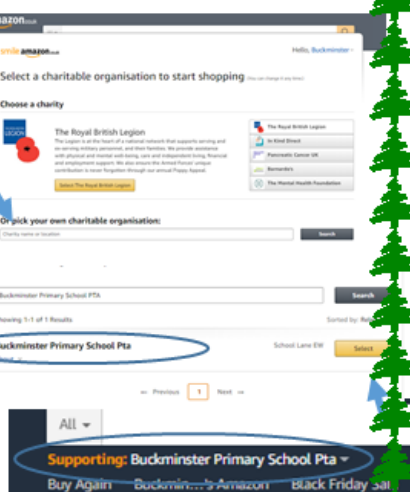
3. You will be given an option to select a charity (either of these screens)

Type 'Buckminster Primary School PTA'



4. You should be given this charity option to select

5. Now you will see this at the top of your account screen (underneath the search bar). This means that all smile amazon purchases will donate to the School's PTA charity – at no extra cost to you.



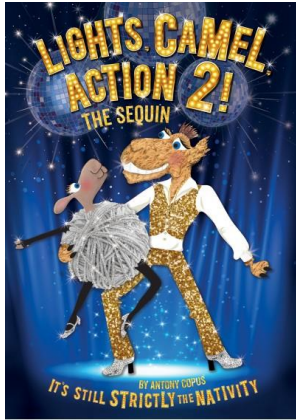
IMPORTANT - you MUST now always use

<http://smile.amazon.co.uk> when shopping instead of just <http://amazon.co.uk>

smile.amazon.co.uk

Friends and Family can support us too – it doesn't cost anything, you just have to sign up 😊

THANK YOU! (any questions/problems contact buckminstertpta@gmail.com)



Costumes for

Year 1 to 6 production

Year 1 Stars - Girls white t-shirt and white tights or leggings. Boys white t-shirt and black tights or leggings. **School will provide black and white starry tunics**

Year 2 Angels - large white t-shirt (so it comes down the legs), black tights or leggings and white wings if you have them but not essential, sunglasses. **School will provide halos**

Year 3 Roman soldiers - white t-shirt and black leggings. **School will make the rest**

Year 4 Camels - brown t-shirt and brown leggings/tights. Humps and headdress is optional depending on how creative you feel!

Year 5 Stars - white t-shirt and white tights or leggings. Tinsel belts. **School will provide black and white starry tunics**

Year 5 Sheep - black leggings and long sleeved black top. White sleeveless tunic (pillowcase) with fluff on if possible. **School will provide the ears**

Year 5 Shepherds - traditional shepherds outfit. **School has lots of bits if you need anything**

Year 6 Mary and Joseph - long dress/tunic, head scarf, tie for round the middle.

Year 6 Judges - Smallest sheep: black leggings and black long sleeved top. White sleeveless tunic with fluff on (pillowcase). **School will provide the ears.** Funky Camel: brown long sleeved top and trousers with ears if possible. Bling, sunglasses and cool hair. Caesar: flamboyant robes, sandals and gold bling

Year 6 Hosts - suits

Year 6 Voiceover - smart clothes

Year 6 Floor manager - black trousers and shirt/t-shirt

If you have any questions or concerns please have a chat with your child's teacher.

Tickets are available now from the office. If you are unable to pop in to collect them then please email or phone the office and we will put some aside for you.

Performances are in Buckminster Village Hall

16th December at 2pm - this is for anyone who has young children, pre-school children and any on else who cannot come to the evening performances. Please do not come to both as we do not have room.

16th and 17th December at 6pm - each family will have **2 tickets per performance** (please ask at the office). We strongly encourage all younger children/toddlers and babies to come in the afternoon. This is so our children, who have worked very hard on their lines, can be heard.

Raffle - there will be a raffle at each evening performance and all proceeds will go towards the cost of props, staging and costumes.

Pre-School and Reception Nativity

This will be performed in the School hall on 11th December at 2pm and again at 6pm. Tickets are not needed - just turn up with family and friends. Costume information will be sent home today in your child's bookbag.

The Farm



Unfortunately Mrs Hudson is unable to manage the school farm now but we thank her for her interest and work she has done so far.

We need a farm manager to organise rotas, food, work with the children on a regular basis and liaise with school staff. If you think you could take on this role or share it with another, please come and see Mrs Clarke.

Our farm is at risk of closing down which would be a great shame.



We need your Christmas Jumpers!!

The School Council would like to run a Christmas Jumper Sale at the Christmas Bonanza on Friday 13th December.

We would like to request donations of your old (and clean)

Christmas jumpers for us to resell.

YOU MIGHT EVEN FIND ANOTHER ONE TO BUY AND WEAR,

FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!!



Whole School Christmas Lunch Thursday 12th December

We are having a traditional school Christmas Lunch on the 12th December. Please could you let the office know as soon as possible if your child would like to join us. It is a Whole School event and the Teachers and Staff all join in the occasion.

Years R, 1 and 2 will receive their Christmas Lunch free of charge under the universal free school meal scheme (even though no payment is required please let us know if your child would like the Christmas Lunch please).

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - the Charge is £2.25 per child (unless your child is entitled to free school meals). Please could payments be made in advance to the school office in a clearly named envelope. Cheques are payable to 'Leicestershire County Council'. Thank you.



Donations Please



Thank you for the donations already handed into the Office for the Christmas Bonanza and Show Raffles. These are much appreciated.

If any body has anymore to donate these would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Chocolate Tombola, Tombola Stall & Raffle.



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 20th December 2019



Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term - Friday 20th December - get your jumpers ready!

This is just for fun, children are to come to School in their uniform but they can swap their school jumper/cardigan for a Christmas one.

Dates (any new dates added will be underlined)

- 11th Dec - Pre-School and Reception class Christmas productions 2pm and 6pm in School
- 12th Dec - School Christmas dinner
- 13th Dec - 3.30pm-5.30pm PTFA Christmas Bonanza!
- 16th Dec - Yr1-6 Christmas productions 2pm dress rehearsal and 6pm performance (Buckminster village hall)
- 17th Dec - Yr1-6 Christmas production 6pm (Buckminster Village Hall)
- 19th Dec - Christmas parties in school
- 20th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day - Just for fun! Wear your School Uniform but swap your jumper/cardigan for a Christmas one.
- 20th 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**

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- 6th Jan - Teacher Training Day
- 6th Jan - Tickets available for Sky Dance Challenge - Details to follow soon
- 7th Jan - Children back to school
- 10th Jan - Year 5&6 to Woolsthorpe Manor for forces workshops.
- 13th Jan - Teacher Led After School Clubs commence
- 15th Jan - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala
- 16th Jan - Sarah Outen Assembly
- 16th Jan - 9.00am Reading Morning
- 17th Jan - Year 1, 2, 3 and some Year 5 Swimming.
- 29th January YR Family Assembly at 9.10am - parents/grandparents welcome
- 31st Jan - Year 1, 2, 3 and some Year 5 Swimming.
- 5th Feb - Year R and Year 6 - Heights and Weights - School Nurse
- 6th Feb - Dance Competition at Melton - Sky Challenge
- 7th Feb - Year 3/4 Family Assembly at 2.45pm. Parents/family members welcome
- 14th Feb - Year 1, 2 3 and some Year 5 Swimming.
- 14th Feb - Break up for Half Term
- 24th Feb - Children back to school.
- 26th Feb - Legacy Tour Assembly at Buckminster
- 27th Feb - Legacy Tour Assembly at Colsterworth
- 27th Feb - Year 3/4 at Launde Primary School all day - Science
- 28th Feb - Year 1/2 Family Assembly at 2.45pm. Parents/family members welcome
- 3rd March - Year 3/4 Rugby Festival
- 4th March - Year 5/6 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents and family members welcome
- 6th March - Swimming
- 11th March - Vale Choir Day
- 13th March - Judo Taster Sessions
- 20th March - Swimming
- 23rd March - 9am Mothering Sunday Service
- 3rd April - 2.00pm Easter Service at Buckminster Church
- 3rd April - Closes for Easter - No Swimming.
- 20th April - Children back to school

20th April - Class Photographs
 22nd April - FS1/2 Forest School
 27th April - First Aid Training for Year 5/6 Inspire+ Parents and Children (am)
 1st May - Swimming
 1st May - YR Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents and family members welcome
 6th May - FS1/2 Forest School
 8th May - FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY (NOT 4th)
 11th -15th May - SATS week for KS2
 15th May - Lunch at the Tollemache for Year 6
 15th May - Swimming
 20th May - Year 3/4 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
 22nd May - Close for Half Term
 1st June - Children back to School
 3rd June - FS1/2 Forest School
 5th June - Swimming
 9th June - School Sports Day 1.15pm
 12th June - Year 5 (only) Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
 17th June - Mini Olympics for Year 3/4
 17th June - FS1/2 Forest School
 19th June - Swimming
 23rd June - Sam Ruddock Assembly
 24th June - Year 1/2 Family Assembly at 9.10am. Parents/family members welcome
 1st July - FS1/2 Teddy Bear's Picnic at Forest School
 3rd July - Swimming
 8th July - Year 6 Leavers Evening at 6.30pm. Parents and family members invited
 10th July - End of Year Awards Assembly at 9.10am. Parents will be notified if your child is to receive an award
 10th July - School Closes for Summer

The King's School Toy Bank

Date:	Time:
Wednesday 27th	12:45-15:45
Wednesday 4th	12:45-15:45
Wednesday 11th	12:45-15:45
Saturday 14th	10:00-14:00

70 High Street, Grantham

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 01476563180
 Facebook: The King's School Grantham Toy Bank

The Toy Bank is open to ALL families without judgement.
 All that is required is proof of child benefit to demonstrate
 there is a child in the house.

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