

Buxton School

Year 4 Annual Newsletter

2017-2018



Welcome to the new school year!

A warm welcome back to the parents and children in Year 4. The children look very smart in their uniforms. We hope the positive start to the school year continues and we would also like to thank parents for their support in being punctual. Gates will open at 8:45 so that pupils can access soft start activities; parents/carers can collect their children at **3.20pm**. To promote pupil independence and to enable our children to manage themselves in their learning environment we ask that parents leave their children to walk in to school; adults will be situated around the school premises to ensure their safety.

The team are:

Ms Monahan: Assistant Headteacher, Head of Phase

Miss Douthwaite: Head of Year and Class Teacher (4GD)

Miss Ferguson: Class Teacher (4CF)

Miss Clarke: Class Teacher (4PC)

Mr Joubert: Class Teacher (4WJ)

Miss Cindy Powell: Cover Teacher

Ms Fowler: PPA cover and specialist P.E. teacher.

Mr.Umeh: PPA Cover and specialist P.E. teacher.

Mr.Manuell: PPA Cover and specialist ICT teacher.

Mr Sheehan: PPA Cover and specialist Music teacher.

Curriculum

Our themes for this year will be:

Autumn 1: Living Together Geography/History/Art	Autumn 2: Shake it! Science/Technology
Spring 1 and 2: Temples, Tombs and Treasure History Inventions History/Science/ Technology	
Summer 1 and 2: Saving the World Science/Geography/Art	

International Primary curriculum: **Blue** indicates the main focus for the unit. Details for wider foundation subjects for each theme will be included in the half termly newsletter.

IPC

The primary phase follows The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) for the foundation subjects. It is an internationally-minded, thematic, cross-curricular and rigorous teaching structure used in over 85 countries.

A 21st century curriculum

- ✓ An international, up to date, comprehensive and future oriented curriculum programme
- ✓ Aimed at primary aged children (3-12) growing up in the 21st Century
- ✓ It nurtures a love of learning and encourages the necessary key skills and personal qualities



IPC units are thematically based. Each theme will last for a number of weeks. Within the time frame of each unit the children will focus on that theme through one particular subject before moving onto another subject.

CLPE

As a 'Power of Reading' school we ensure teachers and children are engaged in the literacy curriculum by using high quality books. It combines an introduction to outstanding 'core books' for teachers and children with an approach to teaching the English curriculum that is creative, engaging and develops a love of literacy.

Homework

Maths and literacy homework is given out every **Friday** and is to be returned the following **Wednesday** to the children's teacher.

Times Tables-Children will be expected to practice their times tables at home each week. This is to ensure they meet the expectation that children will leave year 4 knowing their times tables 1-12. Your child also has a username and password for **Times Tables Rockstars**, please ensure that they are using this resource regularly to consolidate their times tables knowledge.

Spellings-Children will learn spelling patterns in class and these will be the focus of their handwriting homework.

Reminders

Uniform: Uniform is kept as simple as possible and some items such as T-shirts and shorts may be bought at reasonable prices at local supermarkets; sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school logo may be obtained from the uniform shop based in the THASC building every Tuesday from 2:55pm. It is also possible to buy our uniform online, please see the school website for further details.

NURSERY	GIRLS	BOYS	BOYS & GIRLS YRS 5&6
White polo shirts	White shirts/blouses White polo shirts	White shirts White polo shirts	White collared shirt & Buxton school tie
Charcoal grey trousers, jogging bottoms, skirt or pinafore	Charcoal grey trousers, skirt or pinafore	Charcoal grey trousers	As previous selection
A choice of: Sweatshirt with school crest Fleece with school crest Cardigan with school crest	A choice of: Sweatshirt with school crest Fleece with school crest Cardigan with school crest	A choice of: Sweatshirt with school crest Fleece with school crest Cardigan with school crest	Purple V-Neck Jumper with School Crest
Summer purple and white checked dress Grey charcoal shorts (Summer)	Summer purple and white checked dress	Grey charcoal shorts (Summer)	As previous selection
Plain white socks, plain grey or white tights	Plain white socks, plain grey or white tights	Plain white socks, plain grey or white	Plain white socks, plain grey or white

- **Skirts, Shirts & Trousers** – All shirts whether polo or white school shirt must be tucked in at all times for boys and girls.
- **Jewellery**, one small stud (3mm max) can be worn in each ear. A plain watch can be worn but no other jewellery should be visible.
- **Footwear**- All children should wear proper **sensible black school shoes**. In wet weather wellington boots may be worn to and from school, but children should bring school shoes to change into on such days.
- **Hair accessories**-head scarves, ribbons, hair bands need to be plain charcoal grey or purple.

Please remember that all clothing should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

PE: Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school; black shorts and a plain black t-shirt/black Buxton logo t-shirt available from the uniform shop on a Tuesday from 2:55-4:00pm. In addition to a t-shirt and a pair of shorts, a pair of trainers or pumps is needed, but these must not be the same as the shoes worn to school. In the wintertime children may wear black jogging or tracksuit bottoms. P.E. lessons are on a **Thursday**.

Swimming : Swimming lessons for year 4 will take place every Tuesday morning at Cathall Leisure Centre. This will **begin on Tuesday 12th September 2017 and will continue for 2 terms.**

Your child will require:

- A full bathing suit or trunks
- A towel
- A swimming hat
- Goggles if you wish

Water Bottles: We advise you to supply your children with a water bottle. This must also be clearly labelled and contain only water. This should be taken home daily to be washed.

Behaviour: As you are aware the school operates a 'Good to be Green' Behaviour policy, we have adopted a 5 step system which we believe will assist pupils in making correct choices these are:

- **Gold**- Pupils will be rewarded for demonstrating exceptional behaviour in and out of school
- **Green** – It's good to be green – we expect our pupils to stay on green with positive behaviour (we will ensure regular rewards are evident to those that achieve this).
- **Yellow** – Verbal warning
- **Orange** – Time with class teacher for not following clear warning
- **Red** – A 10 minute reflection time that will take place at lunchtime.

Pupils will be rewarded for their positive behaviour with half termly rewards. Parents/carers will be informed of the details nearer the time.

Educational Visits

These are crucial to support the school's curriculum, in order for us to provide our pupils with these opportunities we rely on parents to financially support the cost of visits. Costs are kept to a minimum and public transport is used where possible. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in this.

Parents who would like to accompany pupils on school visits are advised to speak to their child's class teacher.

Birthdays

If it is your child's birthday and you would like to send in sweets or a party bag please be aware that some children will have allergies so we ask you not to send in items containing nuts. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept birthday cakes.

Targets:

For Reading, Writing and Maths the National Curriculum Year Group Specific objectives are used by teachers to inform their planning and assessments. Each class teacher will set targets; this process will involve the pupils and will be shared with parents. Parents' Evenings will also be an opportunity where these targets will be discussed.

Full details of all the curriculum changes and the objectives being taught in our year group can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Bikes

For health and safety reasons bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school premises. Please use the bike shed at the Courtenay Road entrance of the school to **lock** them **securely**.

Being Prepared

Please ensure your child comes to school with the equipment that they need to get them through the school day e.g. pack lunches and PE kits. The school office will **not** be able to accept any of these items during the day as this disrupts learning.

Shared Reading

The enjoyment of reading is crucial to your child's success in reading across the curriculum. Therefore your child will read a range of books throughout the year. The titles are as follows

- The Firework-Maker's Daughter By: Phillip Pullman
- The Butterfly Lion By: Michael Morpurgo
- Krindlekrax By: Philip Ridley
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory By: Roald Dahl
- The Railway Children By: Edith Nesbit

We would recommend that you purchase this book and read and enjoy it with your child.

Reading Journals

Your child is also expected to read daily and this must be recorded in a reading journal. Reading journals are collected in on **Wednesday** and should have at least 2 entries for the week. **Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded regularly.**

How to help your child at home:

www.bugclub.co.uk Reception to Year 6

First News website www.firstnews.co.uk

Education City <https://ec1.educationcity.com/>

Safe search engine <http://www.kidrex.org/>

Key Dates for this half term:

Autumn Term 2017

Friday 1st September 2017 – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Half-Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 – 27th October 2017

Yr 2,4, 5 Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 20th September 2017

Parents' Evenings- 19.10.17, 22.03.18, 05.07.18

Parent Curriculum Presentation (PCP) Assemblies- week commencing: 02.10.17, 20.01.18, 21.05.18

Harvest Festivals: Wednesday 18th October 2017

KS1 and KS2 Carol Concert, Primary Christmas Parties: Tuesday 19th December 2017

Building related closures

Secondary closes to pupils on Friday 15th December 2017 (normal time)

Primary closes to pupils on Wednesday 20th December at 12.30pm

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

Secondary opens to pupil Monday 8th January 2018

Primary opens to pupils 4th January 2018

Half-Term: Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

Easter Egg Competition: Monday 26th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018

Half-Term: Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

KS2 Sports Day: Wednesday 27th June 2018

INSET Days:

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 **INSET**

Monday 16th April 2018 **INSET (Year 6 & Year 11 in School)**

Clubs

Staff take children to different sporting competitions throughout the year, where they compete against other schools from across the borough. There are also after schools clubs running every day of the week ranging from popular sports such as basketball and football to ballet and taekwondo.

A variety of sports, music, drama and language activities are available to year 4. Keep a look out for letters offering places to year 4 for various clubs-Timetables to follow.