

# Buxton School

## Year 6 Annual Newsletter

### 2017-2018



#### Welcome to the new school year!

A warm welcome back to the parents and children in Year 6. The children look very smart in their uniforms and we hope this will continue throughout the year. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and we look forward to getting to know you better as the term progresses. This is a very important year for your children. KS2 SATs are not far away and we will be working very hard to make sure every child in the year attains the best results they possibly can.

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 **3.25pm**. 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 Patel:** Assistant Headteacher, Head of Phase  
**Mr Dennis:** Head of Year and Class Teacher (6TD)  
**Ms Wilson:** Class Teacher (6SW)  
**Miss Clarke:** Class Teacher (6PC)  
**Mr Alderton:** Class Teacher (6CA)  
**Ms Blake:** Year 6 Teacher  
**Mr Hughes:** Cover supervisor  
**Mrs Homer:** Teaching Assistant  
**Mr Kupoluyi:** Teaching Assistant  
**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:

<b>Autumn 1:</b> The Holiday Show Geography/Technology	<b>Autumn 2:</b> Space Explorers Science/History/Art
<b>Spring 1:</b> AD900 History/Art	<b>Spring 2:</b> Being Human Science
<b>Summer 1:</b> Out of Africa Science/Technology	<b>Summer 2</b> Drugs Education Science/ICT

**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 21<sup>st</sup> century curriculum

- ✓ An international, up to date, comprehensive and future oriented curriculum programme
- ✓ Aimed at primary aged children (3-12) growing up in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 literacy and maths teachers.

**Times Tables-** Please help your child to practise times tables regularly up to 12s. Your child also has a username and password for **Times Tables Rock Stars**, please ensure that they are using this resource regularly to consolidate their times tables knowledge.

**Spellings-** Children are no longer given lists of words each week as research has proved this is not an effective way to learn. They will be taught different spelling rules and patterns each week in school. Please ask your child about what rule they are currently focusing on. Children should be practising the weekly spelling rule at home throughout the week.

## 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; jumpers with the school logo may be obtained from the uniform shop based in the THASC building. It is also possible to buy our uniform online, please see the school website for further details.

<b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS YRS 6</b>
White collared shirt & Buxton school tie
Purple V-Neck Jumper with School Crest
Grey trousers or school skirt.
Plain grey or white socks with plain black shoes.

- **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 **Wednesday**.

**Water Bottles:** You may provide a water bottle for your child. This must also be clearly labelled and contain only water.

**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, reflect on behaviour.
- Orange – Half a point against the Good to be Green trip.
- Red – A 10 minute reflection time that will take place at lunchtime and one point against the Good to be Green trip.

Pupils will be rewarded for their positive behaviour with half termly rewards, unless they receive 3 behaviour points in a half term. 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 London Eye Mystery, Cosmic, The Water Tower, Pig Heart Boy, The Jungle Book and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

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

## Reading Journals

We encourage you to read with your child as often as possible and children should be reading independently every day. They will be asked to complete 2 follow up activities in their Home Reading Journals, which should be brought in every **Wednesday** to be checked and there will be prizes for the most consistent readers.

## How to help your child at home:

<http://www.whizz.com> year 1 - 6

[www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk) Reception to Year 6

First News website [www.firstnews.co.uk](http://www.firstnews.co.uk)

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

Times Table Rock Stars <https://trockstars.com/>

## Key Dates for the Half Term:

### Autumn Term 2017

**Friday 1st September 2017 – Wednesday 20th December 2017**

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

Yr R, 1, 3 and 6 Parent Information Evening: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Parents' Evenings- 19.10.17, 22.03.18, 05.07.18

Harvest Festivals: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

KS1 and KS2 Carol Concert, Primary Christmas Parties: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Building related closures

Secondary closes to pupils on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (normal time)

Primary closes to pupils on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm

### Spring Term 2018

**Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018**

Secondary opens to pupil Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Primary opens to pupils 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Easter Egg Competition: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Summer Term 2018

**Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018**

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

SATs Tests: week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

KS2 Sports Day: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### INSET Days:

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 **INSET**

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

**You will be alerted about future key dates through the half-termly newsletters.**

## 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 6. Keep a look out for letters offering places to year 6 for various clubs - timetables to follow.