

## Dates For the Term

### Year 6 parent consultation days :

Miss Clarke—Monday 27th February 2017

Miss Parry—Tuesday 28th February 2017

Miss Wilson—Wednesday 1st March 2017

Mr Dennis—Friday 3rd March 2017

### World Book Day:

Friday 3rd March

### Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd March

### The last day of term:

Friday 31st March 2017

(Children return **Wednesday 19th April 2017**)

Ensuring that your children have a thorough knowledge of basic times table facts will have a huge impact on their ability to perform well in May's SATs assessments.

Please use the grid below or one similar to test your children's accuracy against the clock. They should aim to fill in the gaps within 3 minutes.

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# Buxton School



Year 6



## parent Newsletter

Welcome back for the second half of the Spring term. We hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for the challenges of the next half term!

Over the next few weeks, the children will be studying a new topic once again: **Being Human**. In this Science-focused topic, we will be learning how the human body works and what we must do to look after it. We will explore the function of the human heart; how we breathe and what the lungs do; how to maintain a healthy diet and we will also be investigating a global health problem.

As always, we continue to the work towards the SATs in May; your continued encouragement and support is vital to your child's success in meeting the challenges to come and we ask, if your child has been invited to booster clubs, that you help us make sure that they attend.

## Curriculum

Over the next half term, we will be covering the following:

**Literacy**— We will be reading a range of poems and deepening our comprehension of them during shared reading each day. We will also be composing our own using a range of poetic devices.

*Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman will be the main book that we are reading and using as the inspiration for our writing.

Each week, we will continue to learn and practise a new spelling rule while furthering our knowledge and understanding of grammar and punctuation.

**Numeracy**— We will be practising our measuring skills using protractors and rulers and learning how to use our knowledge of shape and angle to calculate missing angles. We will also look at ratio and proportion, reviewing our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and using this to help us make sense of this new concept. All the while we will be revising our arithmetic strategies and revising in preparation for SATs week in May.

We will be following the **International Primary Curriculum (IPC)** to ensure coverage of other subjects. The IPC has been developed to help children connect their learning to where they live now as well as looking at the learning from the perspective of other people in other countries. We will be learning about the following:

**Science**— The human body.

**Technology**— How to prepare a healthy meal.

**Geography**— Improving the health of the world's children.

## Homework

**Maths and literacy homework is given out every Friday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday to your child's literacy and maths teachers.**

**Children should also aim to read for at least 20 minutes per night.** Please read with them when you can and make sure that they are using their reading records to deepen their understanding and practice their comprehension skills.

**Children are also encouraged to use MathsWhizz at home.** This software enables children to practice their maths skills in a fun and engaging way and cleverly matches the activities to their ability so that they can progress at their own rate. Prizes are awarded each week for those children who have been working the hardest in their own time.

## Our Targets

### Reading

To identify how language, structure and presentation affect meaning.

### Writing

To use commas correctly to demarcate clauses and items in lists.

To use a variety of sentence structures to make my writing effective.

To use a thesaurus and dictionary effectively to edit our work.

### Maths

To know my times tables up to 12 x 12

To answer multi-step word problems.

To understand the properties of common shapes.

## 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.**

## Reminders

### WATER BOTTLES

Please remind your child to bring in a water bottle, which should be taken home at the end of each day.

### OUR P.E. DAY IS THURSDAY!

All children will need to **bring their PE kit** including **a change of footwear.**