

Tuesday 16th. June 2020

Dear Parents,

Bonjour !

### **Summer Term Newsletter**

I hope you are all safe and taking care of yourself and each other during this very difficult and uncertain time. As a school we have remained open and if there is anything you need from us please contact the office.

Alongside the work we are posting for learning at home the school continues to be open for our vulnerable children and children whose parents are key workers and children in Year 6. The learning at home work will continue until we break up for the summer holidays. The work that has already been set will remain on the website over the summer holidays in case any of you would like to access it.

Please continue to send in messages via Tapestry, it is a great way to keep in touch and for us to see the work the children are completing at home.

#### **WEBSITE**

I am pleased to announce that we have 2 new pages on the website. If you look under the News section it is called Buckstones Chicks. It has videos and pictures of the chicks we have seen hatch in school.

Also under School Life there is a page called Reception Induction which is for all the children and families who will hopefully be joining us in Reception in September.

#### **WIDER OPENING AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

As you know guidance is changing daily but this is the position we are in at the moment. This may change if Government guidance changes. Due to the pressure on space because of the 2m rule the plan for all primary school years in England to go back to school before the end of term has been dropped by the Government.

#### **Will school be opening for Reception and Year 1?**

Unfortunately, as the requests for places for children from key workers have increased then we will not be able to open further for children in Year 1 and Reception before September.

#### **What happens if the requests for places exceed capacity?**

Our priority remains our vulnerable children and key worker children. If the number of key worker children continues to increase then a new Bubble may have to be created with a mix of year groups.

### **Will school be open during the summer holidays?**

I am writing to confirm that we do not plan to open the school throughout the summer holidays for any pupils. However the Government may be providing some sort of provision elsewhere.

### **YEAR 6 LEAVERS' VIDEOS:**

I hope many of the Year 6 children have started to think about what you would like to include in their videos, I am looking forward to receiving them all. Just a reminder of what I would like them to do (whether at home or coming into school) is send in videos to: [head@buckstones.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:head@buckstones.oldham.sch.uk). The videos should be no more than 3 minutes long and I would like the video to be memories of their time at Buckstones right back to when they started in Reception and if they would like to include a message to their classmates then that would be lovely too. Please could the videos all be sent in to me by Tuesday 30th. June - all videos need to be filmed at home.

### **REPORTS:**

All children will receive their report during the last week of term. The report will reflect your child's achievements as of 20th March 2020.

### **CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR:**

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Mrs. Pearson</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Miss Platt (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs. Tetlow (Thursday and Friday)</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Mrs. Joyce</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Mrs. Charnley</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Mrs. McQuoney</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Miss Rooney</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Mrs. Adamson</b>

### **QUESTIONNAIRE:**

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey online as this is the first newsletter since the questionnaire was closed I would like to share the results with you. If any parent has concerns would like to discuss their responses further then please contact me.

\*Due to the number of responses 1.8% is equivalent to 1 response. The numbers have been rounded up or down.

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>	
<b>My child is happy at this school.</b>	73%	25%	2%	0%	0%	
<b>My child feels safe at this school.</b>	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.</b>	73%	27%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.</b>	2%	9%	4%	0%	10%	75% of parents responded: My child has not been bullied
<b>The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.</b>	63%	35%	0%	2%	0%	
<b>If your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) how strongly do you agree with this statement: "My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed."</b>	50%	33%	0%	0%	17%	
<b>When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.</b>	50%	30%	9%	0%	11%	
<b>The school has high expectations for my child.</b>	52%	38%	5%	0%	5%	
<b>My child does well at this school.</b>	70%	25%	0%	0%	5%	
<b>The school lets me know how my child is doing.</b>	64%	30%	4%	0%	2%	
<b>There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.</b>	62%	34%	2%	2%	0%	

<b>My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.</b>	66%	30%	2%	0%	2%	
<b>The school supports my child's wider personal development.</b>	51%	43%	2%	0%	4%	

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>I would recommend this school to another parent.</b>	95%	5%

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

Please can I remind all parents and pupils that the following is Buckstones school uniform and the children must come to school in the correct uniform. We can now offer an alternative embroidered school uniform supplier, My Clothing, previously Tesco UES.

School Trends is still active to purchase uniform from.

The website to order uniform is: [ <https://myclothing.com/> ] [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

Simply go to the website address, then select 'Find My School' and follow the order instructions.

NB: Book bags are only available from school and are priced at £5 each.

Can I remind you that the children in the Infants should only have Buckstones Book Bags, the bags that have been coming in, are too big and bulky and we are unable to store them.

Similarly in the Juniors the children only need a small bag/rucksack for their Games kits, homework and reading books. We are very short of space in our classrooms and the large bags create a hazard.

Uniform:                    Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts

                                  Yellow / white polo shirt / shirt

                                  School sweatshirt /cardigan, grey jumper /cardigan

                                  Black school shoes - NO TRAINER SHOES

For P.E.                    Yr. R to Yr. 6 children - blue/black shorts and white/yellow plain T-shirt and black pumps

For Games:                Tracksuit and trainers. (No football strips)

For Health and Safety reasons the only jewellery allowed in school is a wristwatch. Earrings, necklaces, bracelets and rings are not permitted. No jewellery is to be worn for swimming and P.E. No earrings are allowed in school. Please ensure that if your child has their ears pierced they do so at the beginning of the 6 week holidays.

All shoulder length hair must be tied up.

**School will be closing on Friday 17th. July until Tuesday 1st. September when hopefully we can all return to school. We may need to contact you over the summer holidays via parentmail about arrangements for September so please let the office know if your email address has changed.**

**Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe.**

**S.E.Healey**