

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. January**

**Dear Parents,**

**Happy New Year.**

**Dates for Your Diary:**

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> . February	Year 1 trip to the Oldham Gallery
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> . January	Friends of Buckstones meeting at the Park Inn at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> . January	Information meeting for Year 2 and Year 6 parents about the SATs tests at 6.00.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> . January	Year 4 trip to Eureka
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> . January	Choir to attend the Young Voices concert
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> . February	Year 6 School Councillors to attend the Council Chambers as part of their community project
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> . February	Full Governors at 5.30.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> . February	Open afternoon for parents to work with your child on their History or Geography topic
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> . February	Year 1 trip to Fireground museum
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> . February	Friends of Buckstones Infant Disco 6-7.15
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> . February	Friends of Buckstones Junior Disco 6-7.15
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> . February	Non-uniform day for a voluntary contribution of £1. The money raised will be used to buy a new football kit. Break up for half term.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> . February	Return to school

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> . February 3.45-6.30	Parents Evening - appointments can be made via Parentmail nearer the time.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> . February 3.45-6.30	Parents Evening - appointments can be made via Parentmail nearer the time.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> . March	Year 3 trip to Bolton Museum
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> . March	Year 6 will be visiting London for the day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> . March	Reception will be visiting the Sea Life Centre
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> . March	Careers afternoon
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> . March	Break up for Easter
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> . April	Return to school

### **SNOW - what school does:**

The school's priority is always the pupils' safety. All decisions are taken around that concern. There may be extreme circumstances when it is necessary to close the school. I would only take that decision if the children's and staffs' safety are put at risk because:

- There are not enough staff in school because of unexpected snow/weather conditions
- The weather makes it too dangerous for staff and children to travel to school
- The grounds are too dangerous
- The heating/hot water is not working
- School dinners are not available

I will try to make a decision about school closure as soon as possible and will inform parents through parentmail, messages on the school website [www.buckstones.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.buckstones.oldham.sch.uk), with notices around school, and through Oldham Council's website [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk) (School Closures). Please can you ensure we have up to date contact details to ensure you receive any news as soon as possible.

Extracurricular activities may be cancelled when the weather is poor too. We will contact parents via parentmail.

During the winter period if it is safe to do so the children will spend some time outside playing in the snow. This means the children need wellingtons or sturdy boots plus a change of footwear and spare socks for inside. Also ensure your child is well wrapped up with thick coat, hat, gloves and scarves. It can get very cold on our playgrounds.

Kind regards,

Miss Healey