

Buckshaw Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs K Brooks Deputy Headteacher: Mrs N Jackson



Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful year this has been! It has been delightful to welcome parents and carers back into school for performances, parent meetings and next week a poetry jam.

As we prepare to end the academic year with record-breaking temperatures, we have sourced advice from the local authority to make the necessary safety measures.

- All children are encouraged to wear their PE kits on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Non-uniform Thursday
- Suncream MUST be applied before the school day
- Hats and water bottles MUST be brought into school – this is not optional

Outdoors:

- Children will not take part in vigorous physical activity.
- Children playing outdoors should be encouraged to stay in the shade as much as possible.
- Children must be provided with plenty of cool water and encouraged to drink more than usual when conditions are hot; the temperature of water supplied from the cold tap is adequate for this purpose.

Indoors:

- Windows and other ventilation openings should be opened during the cool of early morning or preferably overnight to allow stored heat to escape from the building – it is important to be safe check insurance conditions and the need for security if windows are to be left open overnight.
- Windows and other ventilation openings should not be closed, but their openings reduced when the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors – this should
- Help keep rooms cool whilst allowing adequate ventilation.
- Use outdoor sun awnings if available, or indoor blinds, but do not let solar shading devices block ventilation openings or windows.
- Keep the use of electric lighting to a minimum during heatwaves.
- All electrical equipment, including computers, monitors and printers should be switched off when not in use and should not be left in 'standby mode' – electrical equipment, when left on, or in 'standby' mode generates heat.

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AUTUMN TERM 2021

Our pupils continued to lead the way with any changes to our curriculum, establishing themselves as pathfinders in their growth as young people. Pupil voice questionnaires revealed that our students felt safe and supported within the school and that their voices were heard. We introduced the wellbeing programme My Happy Mind across cohorts, as a tool to support both children and staff with their health and happiness. The resource was enriched with The Kids Safe lessons that were delivered by our Pastoral Team and our robust and reflective PSHE curriculum. Children across the school, began to access the outdoors as an extension to their classroom, with two classes beginning Forest School lessons weekly. Pupils visited museums, fire stations, mosques and theatres to name a few of the trips that supported the children's learning. We introduced after-school clubs 5 nights a week, catering for a variety of interests and needs.

Nursery Class welcomed Mr Gambon, their new class teacher in September, who wasted no time getting started with his re-design of the classroom. The space was overhauled to create a more natural and neutral environment for the children to explore.

SPRING TERM 2022

The children and staff were thrilled to welcome Miss Deane back from her maternity leave in the Spring term, along with Betsy – who was happy to be back in school full time! The time was covered by Mrs Brown, who seamlessly navigated the school through a particularly challenging time, doing so with style and grace!

We were delighted to send our Year 6 pupils off in March, to explore the adventures and activities of Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre in Windermere. The children enjoyed 4 action packed days, discovering the outdoors, creativity and teamwork.

As a school, we were incredibly sad to wave goodbye to Mrs Tunnacliffe, who left to begin a well-deserved retirement with her family. Fortunately for us, she has continued to stay in touch and has visited often. This has included during the Jubilee Celebrations, where she was rightly treated as our Queen for the day.

Before Easter, we welcomed Miss Halton who began working with children throughout school in her role as Teaching Assistant. She has brought creativity and kindness in abundance to our community!

SUMMER TERM 2022

After the half term, I made the difficult decision to share with the school that I would be leaving teaching to spend more time at home with my own children. Although this was an incredibly hard choice to make, I know my relationship with the community will continue, as I will be visiting regularly to see both the children and staff.

Statutory assessments returned this year, with children working hard to complete such tests as The Phonics Screening Check, Multiplication Tables and SATs. Year 6 worked exceptionally hard during their week of tests, proving once again for all that they are superstars!

All the children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the National Jubilee celebration festivities in May. We invited the residents of Buckshaw Retirement Village into school, for afternoon tea. Our school choir performed for them, before walking them through our Art Gallery of portraits created of The Queen. The children, staff and governors enjoyed a street party style picnic of food, whilst we listened to traditional British music and basked in the sunshine! The whole school enjoyed the weeklong celebrations, researching the

history of our monarchy in order to create a biography and entered a local competition at Buckshaw Hospital to design artwork to celebrate the historic date.

Towards the end of the Summer Term, we were thrilled to welcome Miss Hall who will be the new Deputy Headteacher and Year 4 class teacher in September. She has already started working with the children and is excited to begin her journey with us here at Buckshaw and to introduce herself to all parents.

As always, the final few weeks of school have been emotional for our Year 6 pupils, who prepare to leave us and begin their new adventure at high school. They have each made us all extremely proud with the resilience and determination they have shown, through their SATs and when performing their end of year production. It is now their time to relax as they enjoy the celebrations and ready themselves for their awards ceremony.

I am incredibly proud to share TODAY we have been awarded the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Quality Mark. The award is such a worthy achievement for all the staff at Buckshaw Primary, who have remained committed throughout all the challenges of the past 12 months to embed equality for all throughout the school.

The final week, I'm sure will be an emotional end to a wonderful year. It will also be a time of farewell for Mrs Collins and Mrs Coulborn who have both worked here for many years, building relationships and making lifelong connections with families within our community. We wish them both good luck as they leave for new adventures.

Today, we can confirm the appointment of Miss G Robinson who will be the Year 3 class teacher in September. She is excited to meet her children on Tuesday afternoon and introduce herself to parents.

Please find below the staffing structure for Autumn 2022. We look forward to welcoming Miss Robinson in Year 3 and Miss Hall our new Deputy Headteacher and Year 4 class teacher.

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CLASS	CLASS TEACHER	ADDITIONAL TEACHING STAFF	
YEAR 6	MISS LOCKLEY	<u>KS2</u> MRS PAUL MRS CLIMPSON MRS HOYLE MISS HALTON MRS REYNOLDS	<u>WHOLE SCHOOL</u> MRS ALBUSTANY (SENDco) MRS CATTERALL (FAMILY SUPPORT) MRS MENSFORTH (LEARNING MENTOR) MRS UZOKA (MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR) MISS CROWDER (HLTA/FOREST SCHOOL)
YEAR 5	MR BABCOCK		
YEAR 4	MISS HALL (DHT)		
YEAR 3	MISS ROBINSON		
YEAR 2	MR WORSWICK	<u>EARLY YEARS/KS1</u> MRS CLARKE MRS SHARPLES MRS WARRINGTON MRS RIVERS MRS TREADWELL MRS NELSON MR FAIRFIELD MRS WHITTAKER	
YEAR 1	MRS GORNALL		
EYFS	MRS ROBINSON		
NURSERY	MR GAMBON		

As we look forward to the new academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the tremendous amount of continued support you have shown. As a community we have pulled together through challenging times and have shown that no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

I hope you all enjoy a restful Summer, making new memories and spending time with loved ones. Finally, we may be closed to our pupils, but we continue to think of all our families during the holidays and look forward to seeing you all in September

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and a flourish at the end.

Mrs N Jackson
Deputy Headteacher