



BUCKSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM

NEWSLETTER W/E 6TH JANUARY 2023

A Happy New Year to all our families and welcome back to school. It was great to see so many of the children return to school smiling on Tuesday. They have all settled back in really well. A special welcome to the new families that joined Buckshaw this week - we hope you have enjoyed your first week with us.

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Brooks back to school this week. Mrs Brooks is beginning a phased return back to work, starting with a couple of mornings this week and building up to full time by the February half term break. Mrs Brooks and I will be working together over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

Many children have asked me about Betsy, our Buckshaw school dog this week. Knowing that Miss Deane is moving onto a new post in a couple of months, people have asked what will happen to Betsy. The good news is that Betsy will continue to spend time here, as the Buckshaw school dog!

As you may have noticed, the marquee housing the swimming pool is now in place at the top of the Key Stage 2 playground. Children in Year 5 and 6 will be having swimming lessons starting on Monday. The marquee is blocking access around the back of school via that playground, so all children in Year 3-6 will enter and leave through the main Key Stage 2 doors, rather than their classroom ones.

SWIMMING YR 5 & 6

Have a great weekend.

Mrs S Price

Acting Headteacher

Parents now have details about what their children will require for swimming next week. Please could we ask parents to ensure their child has the correct kit each day.

GROUP A STREP / SCARLET FEVER

You may recall we sent out (09/12/22) guidance about the high levels of Group A Strep and Scarlet Fever and what parents should look out for. We have received further information (below). **Please note; when your child is well enough to return, they can do so, as long as it has been 24hrs since antibiotics commenced.**

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Prof Susan Hopkins, Chief medical Adviser at UKHSA, said:

"It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

"Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

"Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and those they come into contact with and it's still not too late."

LUNCHES: W/C 09/01/23

WEEK 1

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 94.9% 🙄

TARGET 96%



Lancashire
Teaching
Hospitals
Charity



Lancashire Teaching
Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

**NEW
DATE!**



JINGLE BELL JOG

Sunday 22nd January 2023
Arrive from 11am • Jog starts 12 noon

£3
per entry

£10
for a
family
of 4

Join us for a fancy dress,
1-mile toddle, walk, jog, or
run around the UCLAN running
track at: UCLAN Sports Arena
Tom Benson Way, Preston PR2 1SG



To find out more visit: lthcharity.org.uk

Call: **01772 528500** or follow:

f t in @LancHospCharity

Supporting world class treatment,
research and outstanding care

Reg. Charity No. 1051194



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR



Gables

www.gablesukltd.co.uk

Kindly Sponsored by

Parents and Carers, tell us about your experience of using childcare in Lancashire



Scan the QR code or visit:
lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

