



Homelink Letter 3—14th Sept 2016

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Thank you very much to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher event at the end of August. At the event, we asked parents for their feedback about our school . Here are some of the comments:-

Stars :

Warm, welcoming staff team

Dedicated, kind and hard-working teachers

Playground looks great

Class blogs

Nursery included in whole school events

Organisation

Opportunities for children to mix with peers outwith own class group

Homelink information

Opportunity to celebrate success

Open dialogue between child, teacher and parent/carer

Responsive to enquiries

Friendly approach

Wishes:

Improved communication with regard to learning support

Further support/information for homework activities

Photos included on class blogs

Thank you for your comments. We will discuss as a staff team how we could further improve communication and provide more information to support learning at home.

We would welcome your feedback on our Meet the Teacher event. We would be grateful if you could complete a very short survey to help us plan future events. Click on the link to access:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BuckstonePS>

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety of our pupils, staff and visitors is paramount. We would ask that if you need to speak to a member of school staff at the start/end of the day, you enter the school building via the school office. Only children should enter the classroom or cloakroom areas when the doors open for our soft start in the morning. Thank you very much for your support.

Volunteers

It was lovely to meet so many of you at our Volunteer Meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to volunteer please contact the school office and we can give you a PVG pack.

School Calendars

School Calendars are available for sale from the school office at a cost of £8. Please bring exact money as change is difficult to organise or make cheques payable to Buckstone School Association (not Buckstone Primary).

Waiting Areas

In the past, P1 and P2 parents have been able to use the infant area to wait for older children in inclement weather. Unfortunately this space is unavailable at the moment and we are looking at other solutions.

Open Day

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Buckstone Primary School is having an open day on Wednesday 2nd November from 9.30-10am or 2-2.30pm. This is an opportunity for prospective parents to visit Buckstone, have a tour of the school, learn about life as a Buckstone pupil and hear all about the exciting things happening at Buckstone Primary.

P1 Enrolment for session 2017/18

The enrolment dates for the new P1 pupils who will start school in August 2017 are as follows:

Monday 7th November 2016

Wednesday 9th November 2016

Your child is eligible to start school if they will be five years of age by the 28th February 2018. Even if your child is a pupil of Buckstone Nursery School, they will still need to enrol for a Primary One place at their catchment Primary School.

More details will follow in due course.

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will be held in school on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October. All parent slips have been handed out and should be returned by Tuesday 20th Sept to the class teacher so that a time slot can be allocated.

Support for Learning consultations will be issued to parents whose children receive individualised support. The support for learning times will be allocated with your child's class time.

Nursery News

HOLIDAY MONDAY – 19th September.

Settling in and Nursery Routines

Children are settling well into the nursery now, and most are excited to come in and play with their friends every day. All of our children have now started for this term- welcome to all our new playmates.

Spare Clothes and Gym Shoes

Could we remind you again to send a change of clothes and gym shoes. Also could these please be in a DRAWSTRING bag – the children can manage these more easily, leading to better independence. Please make sure all shoes and clothing are named.

As the weather becomes cooler and damper, could you please ensure you leave a suitable outdoor coat/ jacket- we do use the garden in the rain!

Letters

Could you please return any slips/ forms to nursery as soon as possible.

Bedtime Stories

Within the cloakroom area of nursery we have a selection of library books available to take home any day. Once your child is ready to change their book bring it back and choose another one. We hope that you and your child can enjoy sharing these stories at bedtime (or at any other time of the day). Behind the storybook stand there are plastic wallets for you to use to take the book home, please help yourself. There is no need to record the book that you have taken this year.

Help

Could you kindly bring in some of your recycling – yoghurt pots and small boxes in particular. We would also be grateful for any old buttons or scraps of ribbon or fabric for the art area. Thank you in advance.

What we will be learning and investigating over the next few weeks

Thank you for the fruit and vegetables you have brought in over the last two weeks. We have enjoyed tasting them and finding out how they grow and where they come from.

Our harvest theme continues with grains – wheat, barley, oats, etc. After that we will be investigating 'All about me' – with a little bit of French.

Numeracy and Literacy

We have enjoyed some new alphabet, number and shape songs on the smart board, and have been sorting fruit shapes into colours and types. Our role play area is a shop and café, so we have looked at menus and money.

We continue to do follow up activities from our daily stories and have sequencing or retell activities based on our story of the week.

Coming up

Our sound of the week next week (wk beg: 20.9.16) will be t (for Tattie Bogle)

Our sound of the week (wk beg: 26.9.16) will be m (for me)

Week beginning the 20th September we will be investigating grain harvests.

Week beginning the 26th September we will be moving on to 'All about me'. If you have a copy of a baby photo for your child, it would be nice if they could bring them in- we would like to make a guess the baby display.

Parent Version
Buckstone Primary Year Overview
2015-16

A full year calendar can be found on the website

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE
PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

September

19th—School Holiday

21/22nd—P1 Evening News Photo Published

26-30th—P7 Lagganlia Trip

October

5-6th—Parents Evening

12-14th—Broomlee

17-21st—October Holiday (School Closed)

24th - In Service Day (School Closed to Pupils)

25th—Flu Immunisations

27th—M & M Theatre Show in school

November

2nd—Primary School Open Day for Prospective
Parents 9.30-10am or 2-2.30pm

7 & 9th—Primary 1 Enrolments

9th—Bags2School