

BUCKSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Uniform

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving at school not wearing the correct school uniform.

Parents are asked to cooperate with the school in encouraging the wearing of school uniform for all pupils in P1 – P7 as it gives children a sense of identity with their school.

Wearing school uniform contributes to a positive school ethos and helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing

Please also ensure that your child has a PE kit for school which includes a change of T-shirt, trousers/shorts and gym shoes/trainers. We ask that children change their clothes for PE for hygiene reasons.

If you need any support with purchasing school uniform please contact the school office who can provide you with a form to request free school meals/ milk and assistance with schoolwear or you can find further information online on the website below.

Www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolgrants

School uniform should be:

- School sweatshirt or grey/purple jumper cardigan.
- School polo shirt or plain white/purple polo shirt
- White or grey shirt/blouse and school tie
- Grey/black school trousers/skirt
- Grey/white socks
- Black shoes or plain black trainers (no prominent brand names)
- School blazer (optional)

A school's reputation can also be enhanced in the local community by the wearing of school uniform and school security will be improved as it will be easier to identify intruders.

Payments to school

We hope that you are enjoying the flexibility of our ParentPay online payment system. Unfortunately our admin staff are spending increasing amounts of time chasing up late payments. Please could we ask that you make payments by the deadlines given.

As you can see from the calendar on this Homelink we have a lot of trips coming up for each year group. As consent is often given with payment we would ask for your co-operation with this. We never want a child to miss out on an opportunity but simply do not have the time to continually chase late payments. Failure to pay/give consent on time may mean that your child is not able to take part in a trip.

Friday 18th May 'Together in Sport' Dress Down Day

All pupils are invited to wear sports clothes in exchange for a kind donation as part of this fundraiser for Together in Sport (www.togetherinsportwanda.org)

P2c are also organising a biscuit sale. Each biscuit will be 50p and limited to one per pupil. Correct change would be greatly appreciated.

All money raised will go directly to the children in Faith and Hope school and their community . It will help create a hub for girls to allow them to take their education beyond P6 level and help develop a water well in the area. At present the water is collected manually from a murky lake several miles away.

As a development from our fundraising event, we are looking to develop an ongoing link with the school which will allow Buckstone pupils to enhance their learning. Look out for more details after the summer holidays

Medical Room Treatment

Our first aiders see many children throughout the day with various scrapes and bumps. Please can we ask that you check your child's school bag each day to ensure you are aware of any medical room notes sent home. Our staff will always contact parents by phone if we are concerned or feel that more detailed information or further treatment needs to be given, however for the majority of minor injuries we will give your child a note to bring home explaining what treatment they have been given.

For any minor head injuries treated in the medical room we will always alert you by text that there is a note in your child's bag. With anything more serious we will always phone you. Please remember a minor injury could be something as simple as banging heads with another child.

Parent and Carers survey

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far to our survey, we really appreciate your feedback. We will share a summary of the feedback once the survey has closed and we have collated the information. You will find a link to the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QJ6P29B>

A few parents and carers have asked about the class newsletters. These are issued once a term in September, January and May – look out for them being emailed tomorrow! If you require a hard copy, please do not hesitate to contact us. Also, we were asked for a reminder about the class blogs. These are posted by each class on a Friday and you can find them via our 'classes' link on the website. <https://buckstoneprimary.com/classes/> You can also sign up for a reminder when a new blog is posted.

We hope this information is helpful. However, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

EXPLORE HERIOT-WATT THIS MAY AS DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Heriot-Watt University is opening its doors on 18th and 19th May for an Exploration Weekend with a series of family-friendly hands-on lab visits, cultural events, exhibitions and lectures

What does it feel like to stand on a wind turbine in the middle of the North Sea, operate the controls of an underwater robot or journey to the sea bed using 3D visualisation?

This May, all this and more is on offer to the public as Heriot-Watt University opens its doors for an exciting weekend of sea themed events at the Edinburgh Campus.

The Exploration Weekend, which begins on the evening of 18th May with the Annual Stakeholder Meeting, and 10am-4pm on 19th May will welcome families, fellow Heriot-Watt colleagues, alumni and members of the public for a wide range of free events, demonstrations and lectures offering a unique opportunity to learn about the institution's world class, global research.

As part of Heriot-Watt's 'The Year of the Sea' celebrations, visitors will explore how the sea can provide energy, what changes in sea temperature, acidity and composition does to sea creatures, both at depth and on the shore, and how we can all play a greater part in reducing the number of microplastics in the environment.

Families can get hands on and win prizes during the science 'Exploration Trail' with interactive robotics demonstrations and microscopes mysteries to solve.

Oriam, Scotland's Sports Performance Centre, will be hosting an Open Day on Saturday 19th May from 10am-4pm with a variety of fun filled activities for young families. Youngsters can get involved in a range of sports, from inflatables in one of the Centre's impressive sports halls through to team football activities on the facility's synthetic pitch, used for training by Scotland's national football and rugby teams. There will also be the Year of the Sea themed face-painting in an outdoor marquee, so families can enjoy the spring weather.

For those interested in delving deeper into the work of the University, a 'Spotlight On Science' series will allow visitors to hear short presentations from leading scientists, followed by Q&A sessions in small groups.

Professor Sir Geoff Palmer OBE will hold a special lecture on the University's relationship with the Gibson-Craig family and Scotland's role in the abolition of slavery, with Heriot-Watt's Museum and Archive opening its doors to display a new 'Edinburgh and Emancipation' exhibition.

Visitors can also learn more about postgraduate business education at the world leading Edinburgh Business School (EBS), and the exciting plans for Panmure House, the last home of the Father of Economics, Adam Smith, which EBS will be opening later this year in the Canongate.

Commenting on the Exploration Weekend, Professor Richard A. Williams, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Heriot-Watt University, said, "We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to Heriot-Watt University's Edinburgh Campus to enjoy what is set to be an exciting and informative two days, as well as an opportunity to showcase our academics' innovative research.

"Throughout 2018, we are celebrating the Year of the Sea across our five campuses. Our biologists, ecologists, engineers, chemists, roboticists and mathematicians are collaborating on a series of research projects as we explore the many facets of our seas and the life, energy and opportunities they present. As we open the doors to our Edinburgh campus, we look forward to sharing some of our findings as well as inspiring the next generation of budding scientists to pursue a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)."

For further information about the Exploration Weekend please visit www.hw.ac.uk/exploration-weekend

Buckstone Primary Football Club

Buckstone Primary School Football Club is looking for an enthusiastic team/individuals (preferably at least 2 people) to coach the new P3 football team next August. A couple of people have asked me about it so I thought I should open it up to everyone and it then gives time for people to get PVG checked before the start.

Historically the P3's (all sexes and abilities welcome) have trained at the Waterboard Field on Saturday mornings with drills, skills and mini matches. Progressing on to P4 and 4 aside games and then the Soccer Sevens programme. School football runs from August to November and March to June every school year and gives players a platform to learn and enjoy the game without pressure.

If you feel that you have the skills set and time to develop and lead players please express interest by return.

Many thanks

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STAFFING NEWS

We are in the process of looking at staffing for next session and are very sad to be saying farewell to Nancy McClintock who is leaving to spend time with her family and Derek Hyde who is retiring. Both will be hugely missed and will have an opportunity to say farewell before the end of term.

Headlice

Headlice continue to be a community problem. Please check your child's hair regularly.

Buckstone Primary Calendar 2018

A full year calendar can be found on the website

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

May

3rd—P3B Swimming Lessons

3rd—Bikeability for P7

3rd—P7M Group Art Transition Trip to Boroughmuir

4th—P4 Assembly 9am

4th—Bikeability for P7

7th—Holiday (School Closed)

8th— In Service Day (School Closed to pupils)

9th—P7 Science Show at Boroughmuir

9th—Contact Rugby Event

10th—P3S Swimming Lessons

10th—P7A Group Art Transition Trip to Boroughmuir

14th—P6N Foraging Workshops

15th—P6W Maths Transition Trip to Boroughmuir

16th—Sports Day (whole school and nursery)

17th—P3S Swimming Lessons

17th—P6 Generation Science Workshop

17th—P7 Rugby/Tennis Transition Trip (Details tbc)

18th—P3 Generation Science Workshop

21st— Holiday (School Closed)

23rd/24th— P7 Evening News Special Edition Published (date for photo tbc)

23rd— Hub trip for some p6 children.

24th—P3S Swimming Lessons

25th—School Summer Fair 5-7.30pm

28th—P6T Foraging Workshop

28th—Interscholastics Sports

29th—P3 Trip to Imagine Festival

29th—P6 Trip to Imagine Festival

29th—P7 Trip to Imagine Festival (details to follow)

30th—AM and PM Nursery Trips to Imagine Festival

30th—Summer Concert for Choir, cello and brass pupils

30th—P1 and P2 Trip to Imagine Festival

30th—P6T Maths Transition Trip to Boroughmuir

31st—P3S Swimming Lessons

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June

1st— P2 Ambulance Visit

4th—P6W Storytelling Workshop

5th—P4 Viking Workshop (details tbc)

5th—Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm

6th—Nursery Outing

6th— P5 Trip to Surgeon's Hall and Holyrood Palace

7th—P3S Swimming Lessons

11th—Broomlee Meeting for P4 Parents 8.30am

11th—P6N Storytelling Workshop

12th—New P1 Transition Meeting and school tour 9am

13th—New P1 Teddy Bears Picnic 9.30am

14th—New P1 Trial Lunch 11.30am

14th—P7 Shows (9.15am and 1.30pm)

14th—P3S Swimming Lessons

18th— New P1 and P5 Playground Experience 9.30

18th—P6W and P6T Geology Walk

19th—New P1 Meet the teacher 9.30am

19th-21st— P7 Transitions

20th—Lagganlia and P7 Transition Meeting for P6 Parents 8.30am

21st—P3S Swimming Lessons

25th—P7 Outing

25th—P6N Geology Walk

25th—Non- Buckstone Nursery New P1s visiting

26th— Nursery Graduations

29th—School Closes at 12 noon

August

15th—School Resumes