

Newsletter Term 2 Number 4 Friday 29th November 2024

Values of the term: Unity, Courage, Peace

**'Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.
– Mother Teresa.**

Dear Parents,

Acorns have been continuing to work on their Nativity songs, joining in with words and actions. All the children have also been developing scissor skills. Big Acorns are learning more phonic sounds and using these to hear and record sounds in words. Little Acorns have been drawing pictures of themselves and making marks to record their name.

Beech - The children have been learning more about The Great Fire of London and thinking about why it spread so quickly. They have been partitioning into tens and ones in Maths and focussing on writing super sentences that include a conjunction in writing lessons. We have enjoyed doing Gymnastics at the Village Hall, for our PE lessons.

Sycamore - this week the children have started their non-chronological reports on dragons into their portfolio books. In Maths Y3 have learnt to divide by 2 and 10, Y4 have been looking at 3, 6, 9 multiplication and division. We finished the week by exploring stop frame animation, the children loved making their own films.

Oak class have been identifying mountain ranges on a world map using atlases in Geography, analysing poems in Guided Reading, solving fraction word problems in Maths, answering scenarios linked with power and control in Circle Time and developing their PE skills in Dance and Hockey. The children produced an excellent class assembly yesterday by planning, writing and performing to parents.



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Staffing

Today, we sadly bid farewell to Mrs Betts, who, as previously communicated, is leaving us for a promotion at another school. Mrs Betts has been an incredible asset to Buckland School, and we are truly grateful for her kindness, hard work, and dedication. We wish her all the best in her new role, though we have no doubt she will continue to shine and be amazing in whatever she does!

Mrs Siedle, who of course worked here at Buckland as School administrator for many years, has generously stepped in to assist us until a new admin team is in place, and Mrs Johnson will continue to work with us until the end of the Christmas term.

Teacher/Parent meetings

Thank you for your understanding to those of you whose Teacher/Parent Meetings were postponed. Unfortunately, we've had several staff members off unwell due to some rather horrid bugs going around. Mr Henry's meetings have been rescheduled for the same times next Tuesday 3rd December and Mrs Gorham's for next Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th - please let the office know if you are unable to attend.

Wellbeing

For Wellbeing Assembly this week, Oak class shared their Woodlands experiences. We enjoyed looking at photos of the different activities that they did and hearing about personal challenges that some of the Oak children faced e.g. fear of heights and how they overcame them. A lovely opportunity to celebrate the importance of being physically strong and having determination and resilience.

This week's mental health message is from Dahlia (Y5)- 'If at first you don't succeed, keep on trying.'

NSPCC Speak Out assemblies

Over the next few weeks, class teachers will be delivering the NSPCC Speak Out Assemblies. This is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. A letter for parents with more information is attached.


Next week – The Elfridge's Elves are visiting us from FOBS next week – a lovely start to the countdown to Christmas!

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A message from Buckland Parish Council:

You are Invited to the Village Christmas Lights Switch-On!

Come join us as we kick off the festive season with the magical lighting of our village Christmas tree!

 **Date:** Sunday 1st December

 **Arrival Time:** 16:00

 **Location:** Memorial Hall

Enjoy seasonal music, festive treats and the warmth of our wonderful community as we light up the village together.

Lights Switch-On at 16:45!

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	72	70	89
Running total	191	129	208

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Joshua and George

Beech – Freddie and Noah

Sycamore – Freddie and Patrick

Oak – Tom and Bertie

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.