



10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## **Vision and Values**

Back in September, I asked the staff, parents and children what they wanted Buckfastleigh School to be like.

- What Vision did they have for the children and the community?
- What were the most important Values for the school?

Everyone's thoughts and ideas have been put together for our new Vision and Values.

### **Our Vision for every Child at Buckfastleigh**

*'Safe, respected and ready to step out into the world.'*

### **Our Mission Statement**

*'Setting no limits on what we can achieve with a positive attitude to life.'*

### **Our 5 Core Values**

#### **Belong**

*Good relationships are key for all children, staff and families so that they feel they are safe, trusted and connected to their community. They are able to engage socially and with learning, both collaboratively and independently.*

#### **Curiosity**

*To be motivated learners, we must have a drive to be inquisitive about the world. To develop a sense of wonder and the desire to know more about something.*

#### **Sustainability**

*In a world with a changing environment, we must educate ourselves to meet our own needs without compromising on the needs of future generations to meet theirs.*

#### **Creativity**

*Children and adults use their imaginations to be inventive. They go outside of what they already know to explore ideas and use different ways to perceive the world and solve problems.*

#### **Empowerment**

*Children and adults must have the confidence and resilience to face challenges with a positive attitude, knowing they have control over themselves and what they can achieve.*

These are now up on our School website and will be the foundation of the curriculum which we are developing this year.

## New Playground Bench

The family of the late Mrs Bragg have lovingly crafted a new bench for our school playground. Peter Bragg came into school to show it to the children in assembly at the start of term. It is a wonderful addition to the playground and something we hope that the children of Buckfastleigh enjoy sitting on for many years to come. It has been placed near one of Mrs Bragg's favourite spots on the playground.



## Bikes and Scooters

It is great to see children riding their bike or scooter to school. If your child is doing this, please ask them not to ride it on the playground at the start or end of the day. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

## Clubs

Football club and Multi-sports is on again this term. It is being run by our Saints South-West coach. It would be great to see more children signed up to these clubs as the cost is only £1 per week for an hours sporting fun after school.



## Class Dojo – Introduction for Parents

We would like to introduce ClassDojo across the school as a way of sharing the wonderful learning going on in classes. It is a brilliant App that all parents can access securely. We will be holding a meeting for parents on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm. Please come to the front office after school.

## Important - Additional Non-Pupil Day

Our new Trust have added an additional non-pupil day to this academic year. It means school will be closed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. We apologise for the short notice but reassure that this is to ensure that all our staff are ready for the new academy changes.

## Question and Word of the Week

Please have a chat about them at home. They will be discussed next Friday during Family Groups.

Question: *What is your favourite story and why?*

Word: *Unicorn*

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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