

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December is now the last day of term for the children

11.12.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

### What's Going On...

Happy Christmas Jumper Day from all the staff at Buckfastleigh Primary School! It has been a very merry day around school today. All the children and staff have been in the best of spirits. It has been great to see all the Christmas themed jumpers and decorations around school.

This week has been RE and the Arts week. You have probably seen some lovely pictures on Class Dojo of the art the children have been doing. Classes have made lanterns, Christmas cards, calendars and some even made Christmas hot air balloons. Each class has also made a collage for part of the story of the Nativity. We will be putting these together at the start of next week and hope to send some pictures home to share with you. It has been lovely seeing the children's creativity.



### Buckfastleigh Night Lights

As part of RE and the Arts week, the children have also been coming up with designs for the Buckfastleigh Night Lights Festival which is taking place next Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. This special event is being organised in partnership with the Town Council and The Media Workshop. Every child in the school is drawing a Christmas themed piece of artwork which will be projected onto the side of the school during the festival.

A flyer with more details will be posted on Class Dojo and our school Facebook page. The festival runs from 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00-8:30pm when members of the local community are invited onto the front playground of the school to enjoy the lights.

*This is a marshalled event and any visitors will need to follow social distancing guidelines and give their details for Track and Trace.*

### School Uniform

This winter, the school has been following the government guidelines and keeping windows and doors open more to allow air to flow more freely through classrooms. If it is particularly cold, children are allowed to wear their coats in class. We would ask that in the first instance, children have a school jumper and if they are still cold they put their coats on over the top. Hoodies should not be a replacement for a school jumper. Thank you for your support with this.

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## Christmas Present Room Donations

Please don't forget to send in donations for the Christmas present room. We need at least 155 presents to make it possible for every children in the school to wrap up something for a parent or carer.

Children will begin visiting the present room next week. There is a donation of £1 per child to wrap a present and this will go towards FOBS school fundraising. Teachers will message on Class Dojo to inform you which day your child is visiting the 'Present Room' next week.

## Book Track Survey

Book Track/Quest is the reading challenge for primary-aged children run by Libraries Unlimited through your local public library. Lots of children enjoy taking part and earning badges and stickers as a reward for reading lots of books and talking about them. Now Libraries Unlimited has received some funding, from Tesco Bags of Help, to create a brand new reading challenge to replace Book Track/Quest. This is where you can help. Before making any changes or creating something new, Libraries Unlimited would like to find out what you think. They are interested in the views of all parents and children that are interested in books and reading.

Please follow [this link](#) to a short survey that is designed for children aged 5+ and a parent/carer to complete together.

## Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed over the last few months, your child may now be entitled to funded school meals. Click on the link below or ask Kirsty in the school office for further information.

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_live)

## Free School Meals Vouchers

Christmas holiday 'Funded School Meal' vouchers are already being sent out to families who are entitled to them. Keep an eye on your emails if you haven't seen them already or call our school office if you are having any problems and Kirsty will be able to direct you to the correct place.

## COVID Tests

...and finally, Buckfastleigh Primary School has had no positive COVID tests this week for either children or staff.

I hope you have a great weekend,

Eddie Brown

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