

Tuesday 7th. January

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.

Dates for Your Diary:

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8.1.25	Year 2 Dinosaur Day
13.1.25	Year 1 visit Oldham Gallery
16.1.25	6pm Friends of Buckstones meeting at the Park Inn - everyone is welcome
17.1.25	Debbie Abrahams MP to visit Year 6
22.1.25	SATs meeting at 6pm for Year 6 parents
29.1.25	Full Governors' Meeting
13.2.25	Reception 'super-hero' Day
13.2.25	Friends of Buckstones Valentines' Disco
14.2.25	Parents' Afternoon - Geography/History/Art/D and T

Half Term

24.2.25	Return to school
25.2.25	Young Voices Concert for the choir
3.3.25	Year 1 to visit the Fireground Museum
4.3.25	3.45-6.30 Parents' Evening
6.3.25	World Book Day - dress up as a character from your favourite book or come dressed in pjs ready for a bedtime story
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7.3.25	Year 6 trip to Castleshaw
21.3.25	Year 4 Roman Castleshaw Day
27.3.25	Year 3 Bolton Museum visit
28.3.25	Year 6 Trip to London
4.4.25	Break up for Easter - non-uniform day

SNOW - what school does:

The school's priority is always the pupils' safety. All decisions are taken around that concern. There may be extreme circumstances when it is necessary to close the school. I would only take that decision if the children's and staffs' safety are put at risk because:

- There are not enough staff in school because of unexpected snow/weather conditions
- The weather makes it too dangerous for staff and children to travel to school

- The grounds are too dangerous
- The heating/hot water is not working
- School dinners are not available

I will try to make a decision about school closure as soon as possible and will inform parents through parentmail , messages on the school website www.buckstones.oldham.sch.uk ,with notices around school, and through Oldham Council's website www.oldham.gov.uk (School Closures). Please can you ensure we have up to date contact details to ensure you receive any news as soon as possible.

Extracurricular activities may be cancelled when the weather is poor too. We will contact parents via parentmail.

During the winter period if it is safe to do so the children will spend some time outside playing in the snow. This means the children need wellingtons or sturdy boots plus a change of footwear and spare socks for inside. Also ensure your child is well wrapped up with thick coat, hat, gloves and scarves. It can get very cold on our playgrounds.

Meal Selection from Home

We hope you are enjoying the meal selection function in ParentPay with your children. We have noticed that less children are pre-selecting from home, if possible we would like all children to do so, this allows us to be more efficient in the classroom (especially with infant children) and reduce food waste for our kitchen. A simple guide is attached.

Thank you for your co-operation and support

Kind regards,
Miss Healey