

# Buxton Infant School



a smiling start

## Values

### what does our school stand for?

At Buxton Infant School our key values are:

- To give every child the best chances, now and in the future.
- To promote happiness in school and enjoyment in all aspects of school life
- To provide a firm foundation so that our children are ready for each new step and know how to keep themselves safe and healthy
- To value parents as part of the team
- To promote an ethos in which everyone does their best and everyone knows they can make a difference
- To provide an exciting and stimulating environment where children find safety, security and kindness.
- To encourage an awareness of the needs of others.



## Parents as partners

- the experiences that children have at home are very important to what children achieve at school
- we always need to work together for the good of the child
- teachers are always willing to discuss your child's progress
- we welcome helpers in the classroom - you will need a DBS check (we can do this for you)
- sometimes we ask you to continue school learning at home.
- home school agreements
- attendance
- working with other agencies
- Tapestry



# Staff

These are the adults in the reception team:-

Emma Salmon

Toni McNamara

Sue Storer

Wendy Barton

and other supporting adults

# The Foundation Stage

In Reception, the children follow a clear curriculum designed to lead onto Key Stage 1.

Teachers plan a range of learning experiences to enable children to make progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

At the end of Reception children are judged to be either emerging towards the ELGs, at expected level or exceeding.

The Foundation Stage is divided into 7 areas.

3 prime areas - Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

4 Specific Areas - Literacy

- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design





## Foundation Stage Profile

- Foundation Stage Profile is the tool teachers use to assess each child's progress through the Foundation Stage.
- You will have opportunities to meet regularly with the teachers to talk about progress - usually around October and March.
- You will receive targets every six weeks specific to your child.

## Phonics

- Phonics is one very important skill that your child will use to learn to read and write.
- It is the introduction of children to the sounds that single letters or groups of letters make.
- We use the THRASS programme and introduce one way of representing a sound at a time. We send them home in a book for you to share with your child.
- Quite quickly your child will also learn that two letters sometimes make one sound e.g. sh, ch, ee
- We move very quickly to blend sounds to read words and to segment words into sounds to spell them.



## Reading

- Read 10 minutes a day
- Read the book more than once so that your child becomes fluent.
- Use pictures to help and take some time to discuss the book with your child
- Sight vocabulary - word cards
- Encourage children to use phonics to build up words
- Comment in your child's Link book which will earn them stamps on their reward card.



## The school day at Buxton Infant School

- Children can be brought into school from 8.55 - 9.05
- The day starts at 9.05 o'clock
- At 10.30 until 10.45 it is playtime. At playtime, all children are given a piece of fruit to eat.
- Milk is also provided now which we share in the afternoon
- Lunchtime is 12 noon until 1.15pm
- Children have their own dinner lady
- At 3.15pm it is home time
- It is a long day for young children. They cope much better if they've had plenty of sleep - so nice early nights please!



## Dinners

- All children at Infant schools can have a school lunch free of charge.
- Children can still bring a packed lunch from home if that is what you would prefer
- Schools meals are of a high quality and are cooked on site
- Children eat lunch in the hall in two sittings. Reception children eat first with some year one children.
- Plates and bowls are used not flight trays
- Some choice is available and there is always a vegetarian option.
- Special diets can be catered for if you let us know in advance of your child coming to school.
- You have the opportunity to eat lunch with your child on one of the visits
- **There is a form in your pack to complete.**
- Lunch time activities are available every day.



# Getting Practical

- Please make sure your child knows where you will stand in the playground when you come to pick them up after school
- Please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat with a hood that is warm enough for outside play in all weathers [gloves and boots are necessary in wet and cold weather]
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle with them every day - we will provide them with their first one.





- Please make sure we have up to date contact details at all times
- Please make sure everything your child brings to school is labelled - even shoes
- Please make sure your child has a school bag
- Please make sure they have a correct PE kit- shorts, pumps tee-shirt
- Uniform is available to look at tonight and tomorrow. We do ask that all children wear at least a red top although items with a school logo are not compulsory. Please no hoodies or denim jackets. There is an order form in your pack. Please place orders by the end of the week to ensure delivery by the time school closes.
- Please make sure their clothes are easy to deal with
- Please bring your child's birth certificate tomorrow.



## Our School Rules

# The Golden Rules

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- We are gentle
  - We are kind and helpful
  - We listen
  - We are honest
  - We work hard
  - We look after property
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## Rewards and Sanctions

- Our rewards policy reinforces our core rules
- Our sanctions policy provides a consequence for infringement of the core rules





# Visits

- Tomorrow is the short visit from 9:30-10:30am.
- There is a long visit on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9:30-11:45am. We encourage parents if possible to stay for lunch with their child following this visit.
- Optional visits are on June 24<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30- 3:00pm
- A member of the team will visit your child in their nursery setting to talk to them and their key worker.
- We can also do a home visit.
- We will also be operating a getting ready for school short course for anyone who would find it useful.

# Visits

**Some frequently asked questions.**

- Where do we go?
- Do I stay with my child?
- What do I do if it's a day my child goes to nursery?
- How many visits can they have?
- When will I know what class my child will be in?





Please remember that we want your child's start in school to be a happy one.



If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to come to us so that we can sort them out together.



# THE END

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