

This week's merits are awarded

to:

FS1 & 2 - Alexander & Finley

Yrs 1 & 2 - Beau & Thomas

Yrs 3 & 4 - Rose & Jack

Yr 5 - Lily

Yr 6 - Marcus

Well done to you all!



Happy New Year *Ifeliz Ano Nuevo* *Bonne Annee* *Frohes Neues Jahr*

'Buckminster Bites'

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th Jan - 2.30 PTFA AGM

Thursday 18th Jan - Change to menu for lunch, Sausage, Chips Beans & Ice-Cream (Vegetarian option available)

Friday 19th Jan - Swimming Years 1 2 & 3

Topics this term

All classes have their topic overviews on the school website for you to look at. If you have any expertise or interests in any of the things we are doing, we would love to hear from you.

Keeping our children safe

Our children unfortunately now face many dangers and as such, we would like to invite you to come and have a hot drink and watch a presentation on '**Keeping children safe online and in the real world**' led by David. During the presentation you will be given the opportunity to ask questions and listen to a range of strategies to help you to keep your children safe.

If you are interested in this, please sign up so we can gauge interest. The sign-up sheet will be in the front entrance.

Your PTFA.....

Wednesday 17th 2.30pm - AGM in the school community room

E-safety

Simon Genders (Safeguarding Development Officer) from Children and Family Services Leicestershire County Council has asked us to pass on the link below. It is a survey for parents to complete. Any feedback they receive will contribute towards ensuring our children are safe and remain safe.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/internetsafetysurvey4parents>

(live until the end of January)

Sky Challenge Dance Club

If your child is attending the dance club on Thursdays don't forget that tickets are available for the competition on Wednesday 7th February as from today. They can be obtained by calling 01664 851111 or online at www.meltontheatre.co.uk



Swimming Term 2

This term Years 1, 2 & 3 will be going swimming. Year 6 children are still to be assessed to see whether they meet the required national curriculum standard. This will happen at the beginning of the summer term.

Below is the National Curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety.

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.

Pupils should be taught to:

- *swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres*
- *use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]*
- *perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations*



Schools now must report on the impact of swimming lessons within the annual Sports Premium report.

Term dates for 2018/19

Autumn Term	
August Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th August 2018
Teacher Training Days	Tuesday 28 th and Wednesday 29 th August 2018
School Opens	Thursday 30 th August 2018
Mid Term Break	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th October 2018
School Closes	Friday 21 st December 2018
Spring Term	
Teacher Training Day	Monday 7 th January 2019
School Opens	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Mid Term Break	Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd February 2019
School Closes	Friday 12 th April 2019
Summer Term	
School Opens	Monday 29 th April 2019
May Day	Monday 6 th May 2019
Mid Term Break	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st May 2019
Schools Close	Friday 12 th July 2019