

September

25th Maths Mastery
Open Morning

26th Year 1 Phonics
Workshop

28th Year 5
Swimming

October

4th Year 6 Black
Country Museum Trip

5th Year 5
Swimming

8th Nursery Stay
and Play

9th Individual Pupil
Photographs

Year 2 Maths
Workshops am and pm

11th Open Morning

12th Transfer
Testing Results

Year 5 Swimming

Nursery Stay and Play

15th Bikeability –
Year 6

Parents Evening 4-7pm

16th Bikeability –
Year 6

Parents Evening 4-6pm

17th Bikeability –
Year 6

Dear All,

It has been great this week to see everybody settled back in to the school routine.

The first Enrichment Clubs of the new term took place and it has been fantastic to see so many of our children taking advantage of the broad range of activities that we are able to offer.



Outdoor Science was a particular highlight. They began a snail survey for the Open University Evolution Mega Lab -a project collecting information about snails for scientists who are investigating climate change. It is a project which everybody can get involved in at home as a family and all the information can be found online at www.evolutionmegalab.org

Please consider enrolling your child in a club in the future if they haven't already joined one.

On Wednesday many of our Year 5 children were able to share a craft session with their family members. I was amazed at the quality of the pieces and the thought provoking pictures that were produced.

Today we held our first Open Morning of the year and along with some fantastic Year 6 Ambassadors I welcomed prospective parents to see for themselves just how fantastic our school is. The tour guides were friendly and professional, they were quite rightly proud to show off the very best our school has to offer. All of the visitors commented on the friendly warm atmosphere around the whole school.

Year 3 have enjoyed a windy day at Stowe Gardens being Rock Detectives today. I am sure they will tell you all about it next week. We are lucky to have such a beautiful resource right on our doorstep and we have been looking at ways we can utilise this to offer learning



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Year 5 Duxford Trip

19th Bikeability –
Year 6

Year 5 Swimming

30th Children return
to School

Family Group
Photographs

November

1st Year 2 RLS
Science Fair

2nd Year 2 RLS
Science Fair

Year 5 Swimming

5th Nursery
Parents Consultations
Begin 5th-16th

9th Year 5
Remembrance
Assembly for Parents

Year 5 Swimming

11th Remembrance
Sunday

13th Open Morning

Year 4 Trip to MAD
Museum and Butterfly
Farm

16th Thornton Trail
X Country Race

Children in Need

Year 5 Swimming

opportunities to other Year groups this year.

Very best wishes,

Mrs France

Notices

Key stage 2 Maths Open Morning

We would like to remind you that on Tuesday 25th September we are holding a Maths Open Morning. This will be a half hour maths activity with your child, followed by refreshments and a short talk on how the teaching of maths has changed at BPS and across the country. Please arrive at 9am and wait outside your child's external classroom door until the

Highlands Road Gate

Parents may have noticed that we have fitted a self closer to the Highlands Road pedestrian gate. The closure has a fairly heavy spring to ensure that it closes, however it does close at a regular speed allowing pedestrians to pass through.

We would ask that parents watch their children as they approach the gate to ensure that the children pass through safely before the gate closes.

This closure has been fitted for the safety of our children to ensure that the gate is always closed.

21st Open
Classrooms

23rd Year 5
Swimming

30th Mufti Day Bring
in items for Christmas
Fayre

Year 5 Swimming

Age UK Tea Party – KS1
to perform Nativity

December

Christmas Fayre date
TBC

3rd Christmas
Lights Switch On

KS1 Nativity

5th F2 Christmas
Performance

7th Year 5
Swimming

10th Nursery Swans
Nativity

13th Nursery Chicks
and Cygnets Christmas
Singing with Parents

17th Nursery Swans
Christmas Party

18th Nursery Chicks
and Cygnets Christmas
Party

14th Year 5
Swimming – Final
Session

Nursery

This week the Swans have been continuing to look at 'All About Me' and how they are individuals, whilst the Cygnets and Chicks have been exploring themselves. The Swans will be moving on to look at Healthy Eating and the Cygnets and Chicks will be looking at My Family. Can all parents please provide a photograph of your child's immediate family, siblings including any pets, for us to keep. We will be sharing each child's photograph with the other children within the room and might possibly make a nursery family tree!

This week we have experienced a variety of weather from lovely sunny warm days to persistent rain. Can we please ask that your child wears clothing that they can manage and is weather appropriate. The best clothing is t-shirt, cardigan, joggers and velcro footwear that you don't mind them getting paint on. The children across all rooms will be increasingly independent when removing their clothing for soft play; removing and replacing socks and shoes, to toileting themselves independently as they approach 3 years old.

Foundation 2

We have had another great week - getting used to our environment and exploring further. The children are getting so much quicker getting changed for PE and are becoming confident in their learning through play.

Next week, we will begin to introduce more structure to our days, completing daily phonics and maths sessions as well as a morning activity during registration time. With this in mind, we would encourage a swift drop off so that the children can quickly get on with their activity. We are available for any quick conversations during drop off but we will need to close the outer gate at 8.55 to begin our day.





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17th Santa Fun Run

18th Christmas
Jumper Day

Whole School Christmas
Lunch

January

3rd Children Return
to School

9th Year 3 Trip to
Verulamium Museum St
Albans

15th Nursery Stay
and Play

17th Nursery Stay
and Play

22nd KS1 Reading
Workshops

23rd Robin Hood
Panto KS2 9 – 10am
and F2 and KS1 10:30-
11:30am

24th Young Voices
Genting Arena

February

1st NSPCC Number
Day

5th Internet Safety
Day

9th Nursery Open
Morning

11th Parents
Evening – 4-7pm

Reminders:

Phonics and reading information sessions - Thursday 27th September
Please name all children's clothes and drinks bottles - we still have a large number that are unnamed.

At home:

Continue to practise getting changed
Read books and write comments in the reading record
Talk about the Autumn season and changes in the environment
F2 Team

Year 1

Year 1 have been looking closely at colours again this week. We went on a walk around the school identifying shades of green. We collected five examples of green and made a green pallet.

We have been really impressed with the children's work in number; we have been using a range of apparatus to support our learning.

Year 1 Phonics workshop will take place on Wednesday 26th September at 9.15 am, repeated at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 2

We continue to be incredibly proud of how hard all the children are working in Year 2!

In our writing we have been learning to use different types of words and are trying to broaden the vocabulary we use. Reading at home helps hugely as the children are hearing and seeing new words that they will be able to put in their writing. We would like to remind parents that we would encourage 5 home reads a week. This does not just have to be school reading books, it could newspapers, magazine and more!

In maths we have been having great fun comparing numbers using the crocodile jaws to help us remember the greater and less than signs.

Through our art and topic lessons we are exploring the rainforest. We quite like the idea of the warm rainforests but we are not too sure we want to get rained on all the time!!

12th Parents
Evening – 4-6pm

15th Break up for
Half Term

25th Children Return
to School

March

5th Year 2 SATS
Parents Meeting am and
pm

7th World Book
day

11th British Science
Week Begins

27th Nursery Stay
and Play

29th Nursery Stay
and Play

April

2nd Year 5
Condover Residential

3rd Year 5
Condover Residential

4th Year 5
Condover Residential

5th Year 5
Condover Residential

Bunny Hop and
Cupcake Bake Off Sale

Break up for Easter

Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day on Friday producing story boxes for Roald Dahl's book: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The children thought hard about the setting and then produced a mini-play using the scene. So watch out for them when you come into school.

We have also made a display in the main corridor featuring some of the children's amazing cave paintings and their writing.

Remember we have our Stowe trip on Friday this week. We hope that the weather will be fine but please send a coat with child even if the forecast is good. We look forward to seeing you when you drop the children off.

Year 3 Team

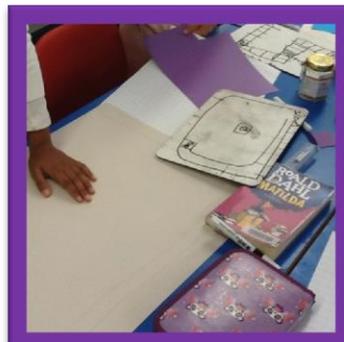
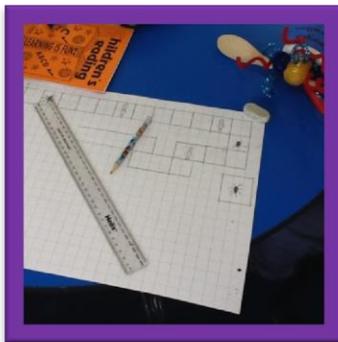
Year 4

We had an amazing day to celebrate Roald Dahl Day, creating our own board games based on our favourite Roald Dahl book. The children's outfits all looked fantastic and a huge well done to Arthur whose stunning peach won the KS2 best-dressed prize!

Please remember we have our open Maths lesson next Tuesday, so if you can, come along to see what we're up to (we promise to be gentle with you all!)

For our history topic, we will be making pinhole cameras, so please save your used cereal boxes next week so we can use these as the camera case.

Finally, look out for the Parent Mail letter about our exciting trip to Stratford's MAD Museum after half term.



Year 4 Team

23rd INSET Day

24th Children Back
to School

Year 3 Holdenby House
Trip

26th Conover Hall
Parent Assembly

27th Nursery
Volunteer Day

May

1st Town Council
may Day Event

6th Bank Holiday

9th Nursery
Sponsored Activity
Event

13th Year 6 SATs
Week

20th Year 6 French
Trip 20th – 24th

24th Break up for
Half Term

June

3rd INSET Day

4th Children Return
to School

Fiver Challenge Begins

7th French trip
Parent Assembly

Year 5

We are delighted that Mrs Jenkins has agreed to be Year 5 Team leader.

It was lovely to see so many parents joining us on Wednesday for the parent craft session. The art work that both the parents and children produced looks amazing and was a poignant reflection of WW1. We look forward to welcoming you into the classroom at other opportunities throughout the year. Next week in English, we will be using the short animation “The Piano” by Aidan Gibbons as a stimulus for our writing. We will be looking at both film narrative and how lighting and music help to tell the story. We hope that this will inspire the children to show off their writing skills.

Children should have brought home with them this week their home reading booklet, which will take the place of their reading diary and has reading tasks to complete each term. They will also have their home learning project book with optional tasks to complete over the term. If you have any questions about homework expectations, please see your class teacher.

Year 6

This week year 6 have been working hard and getting into a more normal routine after a busy start to the year which has included Victorian Day, the transfer tests and Roald Dahl Day. We have continued our work on place value in maths, looking at Street Child, in English and learning about the Victorians in our topic lessons.

On Wednesday, we walked to the Buckingham School, where the children had the opportunity to see a theatre company perform a production all about E-safety. It included serious topics such as keeping your information private, only befriending people you know on social media, being aware of dangers such as peer pressure and grooming, not doing things your uncomfortable with online, being sensible with the photos, videos and live streaming you, and how if you are ever made uncomfortable or feel unsafe then it is important to tell an adult. The children were also encouraged to not let technology dictate their lives and instead of playing Fifa, to go out and play football instead. As well as being highly informative, the production was very funny and entertaining. Please take



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12th Bucks Art
Week 12th-15th

13th Year 5 Parents
Info Meeting Re Year 6
Secondary Transfer
Testing (11+)

14th KS2 Sports
Day

20th F2 New Parents
Welcome Meeting

Nursery Cygnets and
Chicks Teddy Bears
Picnic

21st F2 and KS1
Sports Day

Fiver Challenge Pop up
Sale

26th Year 3 Parents
Welcome Meeting (to
include current Year 2
parents)

28th Fiver Challenge
Sale

Nursery Sports Day and
Teddy Bears Picnic

July

4th Year 3
Instrument Performance

12th Year 2
Assembly

15th Year 5 Trumpet
Performance

17th Year 6
Production

18th Year 6

some time to talk to your child about their use of the internet and messaging platforms such as Snapchat and Whatsapp.

We would like to remind you that next Tuesday (25th September) we are holding a maths open morning. This will be a half hour maths activity with your child (don't worry, we won't be testing you!) followed by refreshments and a short talk on how the teaching of maths has changed at BPS and across the country. Please arrive at 9am and wait outside your child's classroom until the register has been completed. The session will end at approximately 10:15. If you would like to join us, please contact the school office so we have an idea of numbers.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Secondary school admission procedure Y6 transferring to Secondary School 2019

To apply for a place for Year 6 children transferring to secondary school in September 2019 an online application form needs to be completed. The website to do this is www.bucksc.gov.uk If you need help please call into school and Mrs Butcher can help you complete the form on line. The application deadline is 31st October 2018.

- To make the application process quicker and easier, each child has been given a unique identification number (UID).
- When you register on line you will receive an email telling you how to proceed.
- When you log onto the website you will be asked to enter the UID which will then allow you to select your secondary school preferences.
- More information about applying online can be found at www.bucksc.gov.uk/school_admission.

It is important that applications are submitted by 31st October to ensure a place for your child for September 2019. If you have any questions or require help at any stage of the application process please contact Mrs Butcher in the school office.

Production

19th Age UK Tea
Party

22nd Year 6 Leavers
Party

24th Break
up for Summer
Holidays

Job Opportunities at BPS

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Bucks Pay Scale 1A (£7.83 per hour)

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our Lunchtime Team to work 12.00-1.30pm, Monday to Friday, 38 weeks per year.

The successful candidates will supervise children on either the KS1 or KS2 playground and/or assist in the smooth running of the lunchtime period in either the Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 hall: this will involve preparing the area for lunch and tidying up afterwards as well as supervising the children eating lunch.

Evening Cleaner with Lock Up Responsibilities

Hours of work 5 - 9pm Monday to Friday term time only. Rate of pay £7.90 per hour.

Evening Cleaner

Hours of work 6pm - 8pm Monday to Friday term time only. Rate of pay £7.83 per hour. Fantastic opportunity for a 6th form student.

Casual After School Club Assistant

We are looking to appoint a motivated and enthusiastic After School Club Assistant to join our happy team, to assist with the provision of out of school care and activities for children aged 4 to 11 years in a safe and stimulating environment.

If you are interested in any of these posts please contact Jane Butcher in the school office on 01280 812864 or jbutcher5@bps.bucks.sch.uk or visit the school website <http://www.buckinghamprimary.com/job-opportunities-at-bps.html>

News from the Wider Community



The Buckingham School currently have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant.

Please follow the link for further information

<https://www.buckinghamschool.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=62>

Buckingham 10K – Sunday 14th October at 9.30am

A fabulous out and back run which starts and finished in Buckingham's historic town centre and heads up Stowe Avenue for a 4k loop of the beautiful Stowe Gardens. One of the most scenic races around! It's hard enough test for the hardened athlete, but is manageable for beginners and we welcome anyone who can complete the course within 90 mins. The HQ is in the town hall with cakes/drinks available and loos/changing facilities. All profits from the run are shared between the National Trust and our chosen charity this year which is the Bus Shelter MK, which supports homelessness in Milton Keynes. Medals for all finishers and trophies for the top 3 men and ladies plus age group categories. Enter via <https://www.riderhq.com/events/80456/buckingham-10k>

See you there!!

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

10AM - 12PM

MAIDS MORETON CE SCHOOL
AVENUE ROAD, MK18 1QA

Adult & Children's
clothes Books

CDs/DVDs Toys

Bric a brac

Refreshments



Entry
50p
Kids Free

We would also be grateful for donations
in good condition. Please email
maidsmoretonschoolpta@gmail.com

Buckinghamshire Libraries



Half Term Craft Session

Buckingham Library
Tuesday 23rd October
2.30-3.30pm

FREE

Come and have fun at our half-term craft event
Suitable for ages 3-9

No need to book

01296 382415 | We welcome Text Relay calls prefix 18001
library@buckscc.gov.uk

www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries



S4A

S4A Development Centre

The S4A football development centre starts back this week, if you have a child interested in developing their football skills in a non pressure environment drop us an email and come try the session below that suits.

*"To help the next sporting generation reach **their** next level"*
S4A's football development centre is starting back **this** week and we have lots of opportunities for you to kick off your football season.

To see what we have to offer visit <https://s4adevelopment.co.uk/football-development-home/>

Time	Days	Age Group	Session type
9:00-10:00	Saturday	4-6 year olds	Moretonville Juniors @ Swan Pool Winslow Juniors @ Richard Roper Gawcott
6:00-7:00	Monday	U7s - U10s	Football Development centre @ Swan Pool
7:00-8:00	Monday	U11s-U12s	Football Development centre @ Swan Pool
6:00-7:00	Wednesday	U9s-U11s	Girls Football Development centre @ BPS
7:00-8:00	Wednesday	U12s-U13s	Girls Football Development centre @ BPS

Our season runs from September 2018 - May 2019.

For any additional information please contact

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