

## September

## 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

Year 5 Duxford Trip

19th Bikeability –  
Year 6

Year 5 Swimming

30th Children return  
to School

Dear All,



The week started with the launch of Times Tables Rockstars. It is a fun game which all the children are enjoying, whilst also improving their multiplication and division knowledge.

It is available on the website <https://trockstars.com/login> as well as a free app which is compatible with smart phones and tablets using Apple or Android. Your child should have brought home their log in details by now, however if this hasn't appeared or they are having problems accessing it, contact your child's teacher. Likewise, if your child does not have access to the internet, please ask your child's teacher and they will be able to provide a paper alternative. Mr Fosker would like to remind you all to 'keep on rocking'!

This week there have been many opportunities for parents to learn more about how different subjects are taught across the school.

On Tuesday as part of our Key Stage 2 Maths Open Morning we invited parents and carers to take part in a short Maths lesson with their children where they used their reasoning skills to complete calculation activities. Following the lesson, the parents were invited to gather together for refreshments while Mr Fosker delivered a short presentation on how the teaching of maths is changing at BPS and why.

The family members who attended the Open Day gave lots of positive feedback, commenting on how they think it will allow them to help their children more in the future. We are thrilled that every parent who gave feedback said they would recommend the session to other parents. It takes a lot of courage to return to the classroom (even for twenty minutes) and we will be holding the same event for our Key Stage One families very soon.

Wednesday saw our Year 1 parents invited in to take part in a Phonics Workshop, this time without the pressure of taking part in a lesson. Again the feedback was very positive and there will be other workshops over the year to empower you to support your child at home.



# Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE 3 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

21st Open  
Classrooms

23rd Year 5  
Swimming

30th Mufti Day Bring  
in items for Christmas  
Fayre

Finally on Thursday our foundation 2 parents joined the F2 Team for a phonics and Reading workshop. This is the first time we have held a workshop for our Foundation parents and again parents found the session informative.

Only our Year 2 parents have escaped this week, don't worry Year 2! You have a Maths Workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October to look forward to.

Very best wishes,

Mrs France

## Nursery

### October Half Term Holiday for Nursery

Holiday club runs from Monday 22nd October to Monday 29th October. Forms are available from the school's website or can be requested from Nursery. Closing date for bookings is Friday 12 October and full payment will be required prior to this date. Unfortunately any amendments or cancellations after the 15th October will not be refunded.

**PACKED LUNCHES** – To help keep lunches fresh, please can we ask you put a cool pack inside if possible.

**CLOTHING** – To promote your child's independency, we recommend they wear velcro footwear, jogging bottoms, t shirt and cardigan or hoody and, as the weather cools, a warm coat. We would also like them to have a spare pair of wellies to play in both sand and water.

**PHOTOS** - please can all children bring in a photo of a family member they live with (named on the back) for use with the children.

Swans have been learning about how to keep themselves healthy. We have looked at different strategies, i.e cleaning teeth and investigating how exercise makes our heart beat faster.

Cygnets have been looking at Our Families and special people who live with us.

Chicks have been exploring their senses and using them to listen for new sounds and feeling new textures.

To alleviate upset caused by lost toys, can we ask that home-toys stay at

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

17th Santa Fun Run

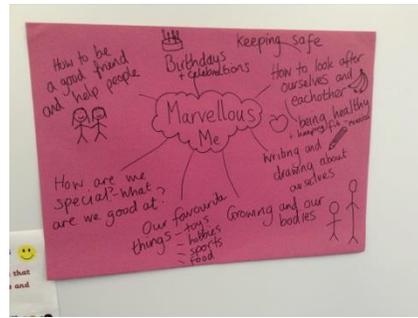
18th Christmas  
Jumper Day

Whole School Christmas  
Lunch

home. There are many resources for the children to play with in nursery.

## Foundation 2

This week we have begun our daily phonics and maths sessions and the children have been so engaged and excited to learn. They are also now experts at coming in and writing their names or taking part in funky fingers activities.



We have discussed our topic this term which is called 'Marvellous Me' and the children have told us what they would like to learn about themselves and each other. They had some super ideas and we can't wait to get started!

Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to attend our Parents Phonics Session. Your feedback is much appreciated. Any parents who were unable to attend should have received handouts from the session and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of the F2 Team.

## Requests & Reminders

Do send in any items we can use for junk modelling as we are getting a bit low. E.g. boxes, yoghurt pots, packaging, plastic bottles.

## At Home

- Play phonics games and spot sounds in reading books (s,a,t,p)
- Spot numbers and practice counting objects and fingers.
- Ask your child what we have learnt this week about acceptable body language.
- Go on a Conker hunt!
- Continue practicing to get changed independently.

## F2 Team

## 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

12th Parents Evening – 4-6pm

15th Break up for Half Term

25th Children Return to School

## Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring our school grounds in Science. We started by thinking about seasonal change. We talked about how the seasons and weather influence our choices for clothes and how we dress differently at different times of the year. We then explored the school environment looking for signs of seasonal change. The children in Year 1 are now experts in identifying the plants that we have at school; both wild and garden plants. See if your children can describe the different parts of the plants to you at home.

## Year 2

Year 2 have started a new topic in Science this week and have become “Apprentice Gardeners”. We are excited about finding out what plants need to grow and how to care for them. We have been learning all about different seeds and can’t wait to grow some seeds in an experiment next week!

In Art we have had a fantastic time recreating works of art in the style of Andy Goldworthy. We would love to see some creations the children made at home!

In maths we have begun to look at addition and are having lots of fun learning about bar models, part whole models and using the inverse!

We have our Rainforest parent craft morning next Tuesday at 9:00 and are really looking to sharing lots of fun activities with you and your child.

If your child has a hot lunch please can you discuss the options at home to encourage them to try variety of food. Some children are choosing the jacket potato option every day.

## Year 3

Last Friday Year 3 had a fantastic day up at Stowe on our Rock Detectives trip. The children learnt so much about how rocks are used for a range of building purposes and how different types of rocks weather. Activities included cobble surveys in the courtyard of the New Inn Visitor Centre and identifying fossils in building materials. STEM ambassador Tom from the Open University came along as our expert for the day and was available to answer all those tricky questions. Many thanks also to our

## 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 Conover Residential

3rd Year 5 Conover Residential

4th Year 5 Conover Residential

5th Year 5 Conover Residential

Bunny Hop and Cupcake Bake Off Sale

Break up for Easter

23rd INSET Day

24th Children Back to School

Year 3 Holdenby House Trip

wonderful team of Y3 parent helpers who came along and helped out on the visit.



## Year 3 Team

## Year 4

Thank you to everyone who has already brought in a cereal box for our pin-hole camera activity. If you haven't managed to finish one yet, please note we will be making the cameras next week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their maths lesson with parents, so thank you for everyone who came (Year 4 had an excellent turn out); we hope you found it useful and interesting. Still on Maths, the children will have come home with their Times Tables Rock Stars login details. Please encourage them to practise regularly (both the website version and APP are free to use) as there will be awards for children in every year group who meet the set milestones.

Finally, in PHSE, we are focusing on being kind and helping others. In this spirit, we have set the children a mini-challenge: to do something kind for someone at home as well as at school. Things we are asking them to consider include: making a drink for a sibling or parent; tidying up without being asked; helping to empty a dishwasher or wash up. Enjoy!

## Year 4 Team

## Year 5

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us on Tuesday for the maths open morning. It was another lovely opportunity for children to share their learning with you and hopefully has given you a greater understanding of the math curriculum. The presentation will be on the



# Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE 3 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018

26th Condover 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

12th Bucks Art  
Week 12th-15th

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

[website for those parents who were unable to join us.](#)

This week children have been really inspired by the short animation “The Piano” by Aidan Gibbons that we are studying in English. The discussions that we have had around the film have been truly amazing and children have shown such empathy and maturity when debating aspects. We will continue with this theme next week as children write stories based on events in the film. If you haven’t watched the film it is available on you-tube should you wish to enjoy it with your child.

Next week during topic we will be exploring women’s jobs during WW1 and the important role they played across the country.

## Year 6

The year 6 children and staff would like to thank the parents who came in for the maths open morning on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for our children to work with their parents and hopefully, helped parents to understand a little more about the new maths curriculum.

Last week we had our open morning. Children from Year 6 acted as tour guides and two Year 6 pupils made a speech to the parents about why BPS is such a great school. We received very positive feedback from all our visitors who felt our guides were confidence, polite and knowledgeable. We are very proud of them and are sure they will do a brilliant job at future events.

During House Assembly we listened to speeches from our potential House Captains and Sports Captains. We then held an election and decided on our winners. Mrs France will be presenting them with their badges this week in assembly.

Just a quick reminder about our visit to the Black Country Museum on Thursday 4th October. The children need to be at school by 7:45am for a prompt departure at 8am.

## Job Opportunities at BPS

### [Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy](#)

Bucks Pay Scale 1A (£7.83 per hour)



# Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE 3 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018

- 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 Production
- 19th Age UK Tea Party
- 22nd Year 6 Leavers Party

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.

## 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](mailto:jbutcher5@bps.bucks.sch.uk) or visit the school website <http://www.buckinghamprimary.com/job-opportunities-at-bps.html>

## News from the Wider Community

### Buckingham 10K – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

24th Break  
up for Summer  
Holidays

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](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries)





**Moretonville Junior F.C.**  
1969

## We are Recruiting! minis & U7s

**Moretonville Minis (U5's-U6's)**  
We are a club where your football mad boys and girls have the opportunity to play football on a Saturday morning. This club is tailored for boys and girls from the ages of 4-6 (Reception and year 1). As players of this age are not eligible to play for Grassroots football teams, this club gives the prospect to experience a fun introduction to the game of football.

**Moretonville U7's**  
As with the Minis the focus on the sessions is all about fun. As the children move towards Christmas they will play friendlies with other local clubs to aid the progression into moving into the U8's and playing league matches. If you are interested or would like to find out any.

**When: Saturday mornings 9-10am**  
**Where: Swan Pool Astro**

For further information please email:  
**Anita Wise**  
mjfc\_secretary@hotmail.co.uk




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
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	Saturday	4-6 year olds	Moretonville Juniors @ Swan Pool Winslow Juniors @ Richard Roper Gawcott
<b>6:00-7:00</b>	Monday	U7s - U10s	Football Development centre @ Swan Pool
<b>7:00-8:00</b>	Monday	U11s-U12s	Football Development centre @ Swan Pool
<b>6:00-7:00</b>	Wednesday	U9s-U11s	Girls Football Development centre @ BPS
<b>7:00-8:00</b>	Wednesday	U12s-U13s	Girls Football Development centre @ BPS

Our season runs from September 2018 - May 2019.

For any additional information please contact

Matt Ogle

[info@s4asports.co.uk](mailto:info@s4asports.co.uk)

07989467850