



Weekly Newsletter

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October

8th Nursery Stay and Play

9th Individual Pupil Photographs

Year 2 Maths Workshops am and pm

11th Open Morning

12th Transfer Testing Results

Year 3 OU Rock Workshop

Year 5 Swimming

Nursery Stay and Play

15th Bikeability – Year 6

Parents Evening 4-7pm

Year 5 and 6 High Five Netball Festival

16th Bikeability – Year 6

Parents Evening 4-6pm

17th Bikeability – Year 6

Year 5 Duxford Trip

Year 1 and 2 Harvest Festival

19th Bikeability – Year 6

Year 5 Swimming

Break Up for Half Term

Dear All,

This week the PTA held their AGM. On behalf of all of the staff, children and governors I would like to extend a huge thank you for all of the hard work that parents have put into getting a PTA up and running again! The support of the PTA events and initiatives by all parents in our school has been phenomenal, and a huge amount of money has been raised. With a year of experience under their belts who knows what can be achieved this year!

Wednesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day.

The Young Minds website states that more children and young people than ever before are seeking help with their mental health, but fewer than one in ten find it easy to get the support they need.

Talking to your child about how they are feeling can be hard. By taking 20 minutes with them to do an activity you both enjoy, you will create a relaxed space to start that conversation. The Young Minds website has a fantastic resource for parents that will help you start a conversation. <https://youngminds.org.uk/take20/>

Constructive, caring relationships, built on trust, kindness, safety and security are at the heart of all we do.

Very best wishes,

Mrs France

Whole School Reminders

Individual class photographs are scheduled for next Tuesday, 9 October. We look forward to seeing all of the children looking smart, and ready to show the photographer their biggest smiles!

Parent consultations (School) are being held on 15 and 16 October. Please book your appointments via Parentmail if you have not already done so. Details regarding Nursery parent consultations will be sent out soon.

It is wonderful to see so many children joining us at Before and After School Club. Please do remember to pre-book a space for your child(ren) by returning your forms at least a week in advance. Thank you!



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30th Children return to School

Family Group Photographs

31st PTA Halloween Disco

November

1st Year 2 RLS Science Fair

2nd Year 2 RLS Science Fair

Year 5 Swimming

F2 Welly Walk to the Park

5th Nursery Parents Consultations Begin 5th-16th

8th F2 Maths Workshop

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

Nursery

This week the Swans room have been learning about keeping healthy, especially our teeth. The children may be able to tell you how the stripes get into toothpaste!

Cygnets have been learning about their bodies and what amazing things they can do. They have made lots of marks using chalks and moved in different ways too.

The Chicks have been discovering the joy of musical instruments and the sounds they make. They may discover your saucepans and wooden spoons before long.

We have experienced a variety of temperatures this week. As the children have access to outside learning all year round, please can we ask that appropriate clothing is provided. This also helps with growing children's independence skills as they become more familiar with getting changed in and out of different clothing.

If you are interested in useful tips for toilet training and whether your child is ready, please ask for our toilet training policy.

Reminders

Photos

If your child does not normally attend Nursery on Tuesday mornings but you would like them to be photographed next week, please bring them to Nursery for 9.30am on Tuesday. You will need to stay with your child whilst their photograph is being taken.

Nursery Holiday Club Monday 22 October - Monday 29 October Inclusive

Please can all bookings for holiday club be submitted by Friday 12 October. Payment then needs to be credited to your account via Parentmail or childcare vouchers please.

INSET day

Please remember that 29 October is an INSET day, and Nursery is only open for pre-booked Holiday Club sessions on this day.

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

3rd Christmas
Lights Switch On

KS1 Nativity

5th

F2 Christmas
Performance

Christmas Fayre

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

Foundation 2

This week in maths, we have been learning about matching numerals to amounts. We have also begun work on our topic - 'Marvellous Me' and have made self-portraits of our own faces using paper plates!

In literacy we have been labeling pictures of ourselves and thinking about the things we like to do.

Our manners focus has been learning how to interrupt in a polite way and the children are trying ever so hard to put this into practice! We also joined the rest of KS1 for assembly on Monday as we are now so good at sitting and listening!

The children will now be bringing library books home which will need to be returned in order for them to take out a new book. However, we don't mind if they wish to keep the same book for couple of weeks.

Do look out for us in this week's Buckingham Advertiser as part of a feature on children starting school!

Next week we will be looking at how we have changed and how we grow. It would be fantastic if the children could bring in baby photos and a more recent photo - looking at how we have changed. In maths we will be ordering numbers.

Reminders & Requests

We encourage the children to bring in books (clearly named) from home that are related to our topic - Books about the body and/or looking after ourselves including healthy eating or books about hobbies and interests.

Feedback from phonics parent session - if anybody still has not returned their feedback form, we would be grateful if these could be sent back.

Website - Please see the school website and our F2 section which includes instructions for how to use September packs, examples of how to use the reading records, and handouts from the parents phonics session.

At Home

- Reading

Jumper Day

Whole School Christmas Lunch

19th Break up for Christmas holiday

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

- Match amounts to numerals
- Talk about safe play - When is it ok to run and when is it not safe.
- Talk about the body and how to look after it.
- Phonics - spot i,n,m,d in books and when you are out and about. Try to blend sounds with those.

Year 1



In Year 1 we have thoroughly enjoyed having our parent craft morning creating parrots, caterpillars and butterflies. It was lovely to see so many parents joining in and getting messy with paints.

Year 2



We had a great day this week at our parent craft event! It was lovely to see lots of parents joining us and having lots of fun. We will be running more events like this in the future. Watch this space!

This week we have become poets. We have been performing and writing poems. We have been making up funny animals poems and trying to include rhyming and alliteration.

In maths we have been comparing number sentences and really challenging ourselves with problems. We are trying learn our times tables. Remember to keep trying Times Tables Rockstars! Who will be our star player this half term?

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

23rd INSET Day

Year 3

Year 3 are producing some fantastic writing for our Stone Age topic. Read this diary entry by Alice H:

Dear Diary,

Today started like the same old days. I had to drag myself out of my really uncomfy bed to help my Dad hunt for food. Unfortunately we have just finished making our new home so we didn't have any weapons and had to make new ones out of flint.

We finally finished our weapons and went to hunt for at least a baby deer. At last we saw it, a baby deer! But then I remembered that if I missed this shot I knew it would run away. Yes! I got it! My Dad was so impressed! We walked home and munched greedily on the deer meat. I wonder what will happen tomorrow?

We are looking at including adverbials at the front of sentences, e.g. at last, unfortunately, finally. It is lovely that the children are now applying their writing skills across the curriculum. We are sure the children will be looking forward to sharing their writing with you at Parents Evenings.

Please note that we have a Rock Workshop on Friday 12th October provided Dr Tom Argles and his colleagues from the Geology Department at the Open University. If the children have any rocks or fossils that they would like identified, they may bring them in on this day.

Year 4

What a busy week with our super-successful launch of Times Tables Rock Stars! Please support your child by encouraging them to spend a few minutes every day practising and earning coins. We hope everyone will have earned their Frankenstein bolts by Hallowe'en. In Year 4, we will be rewarding our top three coin gathers every week with house points.

In English, this week, the children have had the opportunity to show off their amazing narrative-writing skills, when they wowed us with their very own adventure stories.

Finally, keep reading! As Walt Disney said, "There is more treasure to be found in a book than in all the loot on Treasure Island."

24th Children Back
to School

Year 3 Holdenby
House Trip

26th Condober 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

Year 5

This week in Science we have been investigating “to bounce or not?” looking at different balls and testing if material and size makes a difference to how bouncy they are. The children have loved coming up with their own methods for testing and carrying out the experiment. The children have continued to do some wonderful emotive writing based on the film the Piano.

Next week, Year 5 will be doing some artwork on the theme of Poppies. This is part of a project that schools across Buckingham are taking part in and 20 pieces will be chosen to be part of the exhibition in town. More details about the exhibition to follow.

Year 6

On Thursday we had a brilliant day at the Black Country Museum as part of our topic ‘Up the Chimneys and Down the Mines’. We had an opportunity to go down a mine and find out what it was like for children who had to work in the Victorian era. We then went to a Victorian school and had a lesson. After that, we explored the rest of the museum grounds before heading home. The children had a brilliant day and learnt lots about Victorian life.

Next week, the children will be sitting practice SATs to help further inform their teachers of areas where they need to improve, as well as giving the children experience of standardised assessment. This information will be shared with you at parents evening the following week. Make sure you book your appointment for either Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th October.

We look forward to seeing you at parents evening, but if you have any immediate concerns contact your child’s class teacher.

Reminders

A polite reminder for children and parents that break time snacks should be healthy; such as fruit and cereal bars. Some children have been bringing in chocolates and crisps- these are not appropriate.

If you would like your child to participate in this year Bikeability course please can you return the reply slip by Monday 8th October, 3.30pm.



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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
Production

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.

School Office Administrator Vacancy

Bucks Pay Scale 1 (£15,236 - £17,946 pro rata). 37 hours per week, term time only.

We are looking to appoint an organised and experienced Administrator to work in our friendly School Office. This role will be busy and varied, including Finance and HR transaction processing, Reception cover and support with First Aid

19th Age UK Tea Party
22nd Year 6 Leavers Party
24th Break up for Summer Holidays

Open Mornings



BUCKINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
Challenge and Inspire to Flourish

Come and find out what makes us a popular choice for parents in Buckingham and the surrounding villages.

Open Morning
Join us on
Thursday 11th October
Tuesday 13th November
9am-11:30am
No need for an appointment

Meet staff and pupils and explore our amazing school. Learn about the unique facilities we have including our Performing Arts Room and Multi Use Games Area.

- Year 6 ambassadors will guide you around the school.
- Mrs France will give formal talks at 9:30 and 10:30am
- Tea and Coffee will be available
- Admin staff will be available to talk you through the admission process to school and our Nursery

**BUCKINGHAM
PRIMARY NURSERY**

Our next Open Morning will be on 11 October. Please help us to spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for prospective parents to find out more about what our very special School and Nursery have to offer.

News from the Wider Community

Buckingham 10K – Sunday 14th October at 9.30am

A fabulous out and back run which starts and finishes 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>



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

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library@buckscc.gov.uk

www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries





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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:
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