



# Weekly Newsletter

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## October

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

30th Children return  
to School

Family Group  
Photographs

**31<sup>st</sup> PTA Halloween  
Disco**

November

1st Year 2 RLS  
Science Fair

2nd Year 2 RLS  
Science Fair

Year 5 Swimming

**F2 Welly Walk to the**

Dear All,

Today Year 3 have been enjoying Rock Workshops led by experts from The Open University as part of their Stone Age topic. It has been great to see the experts working with the children, look out for the photographs and full recount next week.

We now have a Facebook page @BPSBuckingham. It will be added to over the coming weeks but it is worth following for updates on forthcoming events! Hopefully this will be a useful addition to the communication channels between home and school.

Again this week parents have been welcomed into the school to hear about Maths in Year 2. Keep an eye on the Newsletter next week as I know Mrs Brookes has been working on a way to share information with you regarding sharing the maths units your child is working on following your valued feedback.

It does not seem possible that we are heading into the very last week on the first half of the Autumn Term. As I am writing this I can hear the blustery winds and see the leaves swirling around the school site. Thoughts of autumn always make me think of Harvest Assembly. This was one of the first performances by the children I attended last year and I remember feeling so incredibly proud of the children and their beautiful reading and singing. I look forward to this years with great anticipation.

Year 5 are looking forward to their trip to Duxford next week and I am sure it will go a long way to help them consolidate their learning so far this term.

And lastly the staff are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at parents evening next week. If you have not yet made your appointment please do so as soon as possible. The progress and wellbeing of all children is a joint partnership between school and home and working together really is the very best way to support your child.

Very best wishes,

Mrs France



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## Park

5th Nursery  
Parents Consultations  
Begin 5th-16<sup>th</sup>

## 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
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

## Notices

Breakfast and After School club bookings for the first week back need to be submitted by Thursday 18 October on the corrected completed forms please.

Forms are required every month even if your booking remains unchanged for your child to receive child care within either of the clubs.

Thank you for you cooperation.

### Earrings in PE

For health & safety reasons we encourage children to remove earrings during PE sessions, however if this is not possible can you provide tape which your child can use to cover up their earrings.

### Lego Cards

Please can we ask that children do not bring their cards in to school. Lost cards and misunderstandings at break and lunch are causing upset

### Pupil Data Information

At parents evening next week you will be handed an envelope which will have your child's data collection sheet, photographic consent form, consent for off site visits form and an updated privacy notice in. Please could we ask that parents check, make any corrections needed and sign the data collection sheet and complete and sign the other two forms and return them to the school office as soon as possible please. We can then ensure that our records are up to date.

For safeguarding reasons we are required to hold two emergency contacts for a child. If you currently have only provided us with one emergency contact for your child please would you advise us of one other adult whom we could contact should we be unable to contact yourself.

Many thanks



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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 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



Buckingham Primary School PTA



## Tuck Shop

Further to feedback from parents, we are changing the times and content of the Tuck Shop.

We have had comments regarding the frequency and have therefore agreed with the school that we will only be running the Tuck Shop on the last Friday of the month, and the last Friday of the half term. This means after the October half term we will be running the Tuck Shop on Friday 30th November and Friday 14th December.

We have also had comments regarding the content of the Tuck Shop, and again we are happy to try and compromise. We will be gradually changing the stock to healthier options (smaller bars, popcorn instead of crisps, no fizzy canned drinks). The free fruit, provided by the school, will still be available.

I hope you will be able to bear with us whilst we change the stock over gradually as and when we need to go shopping. We are trying to raise money for the school and would not want to waste items already in stock.

The PTA is run by volunteers who are wanting to benefit the children and the school, and we are always open to suggestions on how we can improve. If you have strong feelings on what we should be providing, please do talk to us or volunteer! We are always on the lookout for passionate volunteers who can help us in our mission to increase the budget of the school and the fun the children can gain from our presence.

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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

March

5th Year 2 SATS Parents Meeting am and pm

7th World Book day

11th British Science Week Begins

27th Nursery Stay

## Nursery

Swans have been learning about pets and their houses. They have had some of their favourite stories and heard some new ones too, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Mog and the Vee Ee T.

Cygnets have been learning about healthy eating.

Chicks have been continuing to explore with a variety of senses and we hope you enjoy looking at these on Target Tracker.

We hope that the children will be able share what was happening in the observations that are available for you on Target Tracker. If you are having problems logging onto the system, please advise a member of staff.

## Foundation 2

This week in maths, the children have really worked hard on teen numbers, ordering and describing where a number goes on the number line. We have also practised saying the number that is 'one more' than a given number. In literacy, we have discussed the things we like and had a go at writing them down. We have also enjoyed sharing the baby pictures that have been sent in, looking at similarities and differences. To link with the theme of growing we have planted bulbs, which we hope will look amazing in the Spring! Our manners focus this week has been 'how to eat nicely.' Next week, we will be moving on to addition in maths, autumn poems in literacy and talking about Harvest.

### Reminders and Requests:

Parents are welcome to come and observe phonics sessions, please speak to any of the F2 team to arrange a date.

If anybody has any children's brooms and/or gardening equipment they would like to donate, we would be pleased to have them!

### At Home:

- Order the number cards in the September pack and describe where the numbers go e.g. before/after/in between/more/less.
- Talk about Autumn
- Go for an Autumn Walk and talk about what you

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

24th Children Back  
to School

Year 3 Holdenby House  
Trip

26th Condover Hall  
Parent Assembly

27th Nursery  
Volunteer Day

May

1st Town Council  
may Day Event

6th Bank Holiday

9th Nursery

see/hear/feel/smell.

- Discuss good table manners.
- Reading
- Practise writing names and other words

F2 Team

## Year 1

Year 1 are currently focusing on the importance of discoveries in the rainforest, including medicine, food and produce. In science we are exploring roots of wild plants and their importance.

We are looking forward to seeing all parents at the parents evening appointments and finishing the week with our 'Fabulous Finish', The Amazon Rainforest Day.

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a great time investigating how plants grow. We have set an investigation up to see which way a seed needs to be to grow. We will update you in the coming weeks to what has changed!

We have also been thinking about our environment and how important it is to look after it. We made posters to help save the rainforest and have made promises to how we can help. We have promised to do things like walk more, use less paper and remember to turn off lights!

It was lovely to see lots of parents at our open morning. We have added the information to the website and we will be sending more information out shortly.

## Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard on producing our designs for the stone age jewellery that we will be making next Wednesday (our stone age craft day). We would be delighted if any parents can join us.

## 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+)

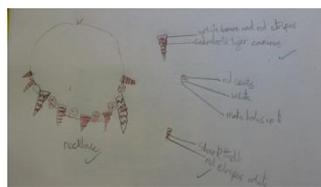
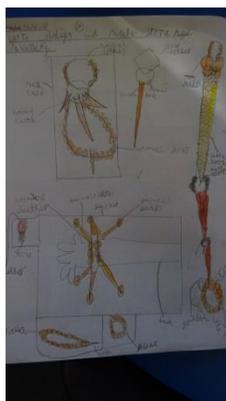
14th KS2 Sports Day

20th F2 New Parents Welcome Meeting

Nursery Cygnets and Chicks Teddy Bears Picnic

21st F2 and KS1 Sports Day

Fiver Challenge Pop up Sale



## Year 3 Team

### Year 4

We can't believe we have nearly completed the first half term of Year 4: what a super time we've had! Next week, we're looking forward to seeing you all at parents' evening. On Thursday, we will be sharing our topic-based homework, so are really looking forward to receiving some exciting projects. Thank you for your support with reading, spellings and Times Tables Rockstars. Year 4 is aiming to be the Rockiest Stars of the whole school! We already have a few children who are on the leader-board. Please can I ask everyone to check that you have replied to our letter about the trip in November to MAD Museum. Obviously, without your consent, we can't take your child.

### Year 5

It has been wonderful to see the progress that the children have made so far this term in swimming. It has been amazing to see their confidence grow over only a few weeks. All the children have learnt new skills during these lessons be that the basics of swimming or life-saving skills. We look forward to having a year group of wonderful swimmers come December. This week we have been exploring weapons used during WW1 in preparation for our visit to Duxford. Here children will be able to see the weapons in real-life and also look at advances in technology in the last century and how this has changed warfare.

We look forward to meeting you all at parents evening on Monday and Tuesday next week and sharing your child's achievements so far this year. If you haven't yet made an appointment please do so on Parent Mail or



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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

24th Break up for Summer Holidays

**Speak to the school office.**

## Reminder

**We will be going on our trip to Duxford on Wednesday. Children can arrive and come into the school hall from 8:40 on Wednesday to allow us to leave school promptly at 9am. Please ensure that they bring a waterproof and packed lunch and snacks with them for the day. We will hopefully return to school by 5pm but this will be dependent on traffic!**

## Year 6

This week has seen the children sitting their first formal assessments of Year 6. We look forward to sharing the results at parents' evening next week.

On Tuesday our resident artist, Mrs Tebboth, gave the children a demonstration on acrylic printing. The children found this fascinating and can't wait to do their own printing next week. The children have been learning about the work of William Morris, a Victorian artist, and designing their own repeating pattern design following his style.

Next week, we will be doing our half termly Science Week, where we will be learning about light, sight and the eye. We will be looking at reflection and refraction as well as shadow.

A polite reminder: children should not be arriving at school before 8:40am. We know lots of Year 6 children walk to school alone, however before this time, there is not an adult to supervise them. May we also remind you that children should wear proper school shoes, not trainers.

We look forward to seeing you at parents evening, but if you have any immediate concerns contact 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](http://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.buckscc.gov.uk/school](http://www.buckscc.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.

Thank you,

Year 6 Team

## 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.

## 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 for the top 3 men and ladies plus age group categories. Enter via <https://www.riderhq.com/events/80456/buckingham-10k>

See you there!!



**BUCKS BUCKET BAND**

Ages 8+ no experience needed  
Sticks and buckets provided

You don't need expensive gear to make great music. Bucks Bucket Band is the ensemble for anyone who wants to try their hand at making some noise and having fun!

Fridays 4:30pm  
@ The Buckingham School

Get in touch!  
jkn@bucksmusic.org

**BMTW**  
BUCKS MUSIC TRUST

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)



Buckinghamshire Libraries

## Bucks Fire & Rescue

at  
**Buckingham Library**  
Saturday 3rd November  
10.00am – 12noon  
Come along to the Library to meet your local  
firefighters

**Stories for the children**  
**Fire safety advice**



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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:  
**Anita Wise**  
mjfc\_secretary@hotmail.co.uk



Sunday 14th October 2018

3pm - 5pm

**Theme:**

**'Calming the Storm'**



Join the fun. Bring your friends and family.

Crafts // Games // Activities // Celebration // Food

For more information contact email [families@bpchurch.uk](mailto:families@bpchurch.uk)

Find us on  
**Facebook**



## 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.*



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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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