

November

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

Year 2 Sewing

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

Year 2 Sewing

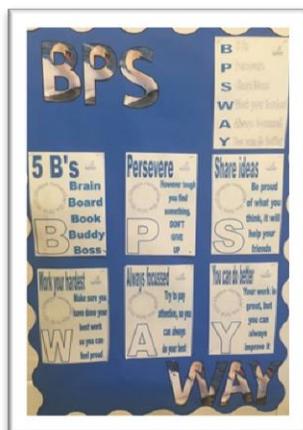
December

Dear All,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I trust you have all enjoyed the break and are well rested for the busiest half term of the school year. This week I would like to focus on the valuable parental feedback that we receive from parental surveys, workshop feedback, verbal communication or formal correspondence. We would like to thank our parents for the positive and supportive comments. Parent feedback is vital to the continued school development and many initiatives have arisen as a result of your input.

BPS Way

The BPS Way is an ethos that we promote throughout the school to encourage and re-enforce the learning behaviours we want to see from all of the children.



There are displays like this in every classroom and children are consistently reminded of the BPS Way.

Manners Curriculum

Manners matter at BPS! Each week we focus on a different objective and that is reinforced at every opportunity with the children. We have identified 14 different manners to work on and the focus changes weekly. The children are informed of the focus during their Key Stage Assembly and some discussion takes place to understand why the manner is important and how we can all achieve it. Next week we will be focusing on using a knife and fork. We will be encouraging children to use their knife and fork in the correct way and to cut their food up sensibly. We will publish the manner for the following week in the newsletter and it would be great if you also work on this at home with your child.

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

Year 2 Sewing

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
Verulanium Museum St
Albans

This week the Royal Latin have held their Year 2 Science Fayres at our school. Our Year 2 children have enjoyed the many activities on offer throughout the two days. We have also been delighted to welcome children and staff from Marsh Gibbon, Lace Hill, Roundwood, Newton Longville, Mursely and Maids Moreton to our school. This is such an incredibly valuable experience for our children and we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Royal Latin School for providing this opportunity.



A huge thank you must go the PTA for providing such a fun evening for our children in the form of the Halloween Disco. The children had great fun and they all looked amazing. The PTA is a small body of parents and they would love to hear from you and gather your ideas or find ways you can be involved. Our time is valuable but I know the PTA will be grateful of five minutes a week or five days a week. If you would like to find out more please contact the school office and they will pass your details to the PTA.

Very best wishes,

Mrs France

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

26th Nursery, F2 and
Key stage 1 Class
Photographs

27th Key Stage 2 Class
Photographs

Nursery

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope that you were able to access the photographs on Target Tracker and have some lovely discussions with your child about them. If you have not accessed Target Tracker please advise a member of staff of your email address to ensure you are sent details enabling you to access the fantastic photos.

The children, regardless of age, have all been experiencing the vast amounts of leaves that have fallen during this cold snap. Can we please ask that you ensure that your child brings clothing appropriate for the weather and their spare clothes are size and weather appropriate. You may wish to update any labels as we appear to be acquiring a large amount of lost property.

Please check the green drawers for party invites, invoices and learning journals and please can they be returned regularly. Can we also request that the amount of chocolate and chocolate spread sandwiches is reduced in line with us being a healthy school.

Thank you,

The Nursery Team

Foundation 2

This week we have been embracing the excitement of Halloween! In maths, the children have been learning about 2d and 3d shape, beginning to use their names and describing their properties. We had a very naughty spider who had caught them all in his web and we had to rescue them, taking them back to the correct sorting pots! In literacy, we have been reading Room on the Broom and investigating rhyming words. We then made posters to describe the witch and the dragon from the story and the children were able to come up with some brilliant adjectives! We also had an exciting visit from the Mayor of Buckingham who was very impressed with our questions! Do take a look at the Mayor's online blog to see what he thought! Next week, we will be covering capacity and length in maths, learning about the story of Guy Fawkes and exploring the celebration of Diwali.

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
Concover Residential

3rd Year 5
Concover Residential

4th Year 5
Concover Residential

5th Year 5
Concover 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 Concover Hall
Parent Assembly

Reminders and Requests:

Maths parent session Thursday 8th November 9am and 5pm.

Please let us know if you are not able to access your child's observations using Target Tracker Link.

At Home:

Check your child's reading record to see sounds/words they need to practise as a result of our phonics assessments at the end of last half term.

Go on a shape hunt around the house identifying 2d and 3d shapes of everyday objects or make a picture/model using shapes.

Reading

Ask your child to describe the characters in the books that you share.

Play rhyming games

F2 Team

Key Stage 1

This week the Mayor of Buckingham, Jon Harvey, came to visit us. He told us about his important job of looking after the town of Buckingham. He was elected Mayor as his fellow Town Councillors thought he would do a good job. He told us that events in town like the fair and turning on the Christmas lights are organised by the Town Council.

We had to tell the Mayor three things that we like about Buckingham. We had lots of ideas which included our school, the library, the church with the stained glass window, the shops and restaurants, the fair, the swimming pool, the flowers in the town, the parks and the Old Gaol.

The Mayor asked us a tricky question - to think about something we would like to see in Buckingham. We thought that a castle, a football pitch, a splash park, an aquarium, a beach with palm trees, a water slide, a cave and a dinosaur would all be great additions to Buckingham town. We look forward to seeing if any of them happen!

The job that we had to do today is exactly what the town council does

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

**11th Year 6 Leavers
Photographs**

12th Bucks Art
Week 12th-15th

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

when they are planning new things for Buckingham.

We asked the Mayor some questions. Did you know that he wears a Mayoral Chain of Office with a swan on the front and it is 130 years old? The Mayoress also has a chain and hers is silver. Jon Harvey has been our Mayor for one and a half years. A good mayor has to be a good listener, think creatively and love the town and the people in the town that you are mayor of. Our Mayor's favourite part of his job is to visit us in school and talk to us and hear our ideas.

We had a super morning with the Mayor of Buckingham and we would like to thank him for coming to visit us.



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

Year 3

Year 3 have settled back into school well and are really excited about their learning this term. They have started by writing myth stories in English and have come up with some amazing ideas for their stories which begin with: 'In the beginning...' (our topic). They will be turning the stories into play scripts which they will then act out with shadow puppets, which supports their learning in Science this term (Light and Shadows). Ask your child about their story, they should be able to re-tell it orally - just as the Stone Age people would have told stories to each other.

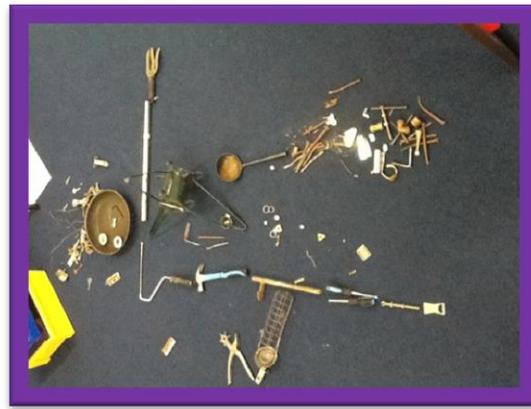
Year 3 Team

Year 4

Welcome back and we hope you had a super and restful half term. This half term we have some really exciting events coming up. First of which is our planned trip to The MAD Museum and The Butterfly Farm in Stratford-upon-Avon. Our science and topic work will all be linked to the real-life learning experienced on the visits. Please can we ask everyone to make sure you've given permission and paid for the trip as if we get insufficient funding, we will be forced to cancel the trip.

We kicked off our English today with an unscheduled visit from an iron creature; the writing resulting from this was excellent and everyone was engaged and excited by our new topic.

Finally, please look out for our invitation to a DT/craft day which we plan to hold later in November to create a bug-inspired fashion item for our Ugly Bug Show! Please start collecting crisp wrappers, sweet wrappers, biscuit wrappers, bottle tops and other scraps that might be useful to customise an insect-outfit.



24th Break
up for Summer
Holidays

Year 5

Welcome back after half term, we hope that you all had some lovely family time over the break. In the first few weeks, back we will be focussing on remembrance and in particular how this links to our topic "Out of Darkness Comes Light". Children will be writing and performing poems, taking part in drama and reflecting on why remembrance is so important. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for our assembly on Friday 9th November (please see letter for more information). If your child is able to join the school at the remembrance parade in Buckingham on 11th November, please complete the form on parent mail.

We are completing our Maths unit on addition and subtraction this week, looking at using these skills in real-world problems to embed our learning. Next week we will be moving on to statistics, looking at timetables, tables and graphs and retrieving information from them. If you are planning on using public transport getting your child to read the timetable will really help them with this learning.

In Science this half term, we will be looking at reversible and irreversible changes. If your child loves to cook, this is a perfect opportunity to link their science learning in school with cooking at home. Perhaps they could look at melting and cooling chocolate or baking a cake.

Year 6

Welcome back to this very busy half term which will run us up to Christmas. Hopefully you had an enjoyable half-term break; the children have been regaling us with tales of how they spent their time away from school.

We are continuing with our Victorian-themed topic: Up the Chimneys and Down the Mines which will culminate in a Victorian inspired presentation of carols and recitals on 12th December at 6pm. Please pop the date in your diary now! We will also be inviting parents to join us for an afternoon of Christmas crafts on Friday 30th November from 2pm until the end of the school day.



Weekly Newsletter

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The children have been learning about factors, multiples and prime numbers in maths. They have been using this understanding to help them solve a variety of problems. Their knowledge of the multiplication tables has really supported this learning and it has been apparent that those children who have mastered the tables, have made more rapid progress this week. Please support your children in learning the tables and encourage them to practise on Times Tables Rock Stars - it really does make a huge difference. In English, we have learned how to write a formal, persuasive letter and have used this skill to write to local businesses asking if they are willing to donate raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre.

On Wednesday, many of our children attended the Halloween disco hosted by our wonderful PTA. A huge thank you to all who supported the event and a very special thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation. The children spent some time in class discussing the origins and traditions of Halloween and debated it's relevance today. We have also discussed the Gunpowder Plot in assembly and reminded the children of keeping safe when attending any Firework events.

Please ensure your child always comes to school suitably dressed in the correct school uniform. As the weather gets colder, we will be insisting children wear a coat at break and lunch times - please encourage children to bring a coat to school every day.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or questions about your child's time at school.

After School Club Booking

To ensure that after school club continues to run smoothly and to assist with administration of our fantastic provision please can you note the following points:

- Ensure that booking forms and payments are received a week in advance to enable us to staff the session correctly and arrange the correct amount of food.
- Ensure any invoices are settled prior to further bookings being made.
- Cancellations without 1 complete weeks notice will not be refunded.

Donations

F2 are looking for

- Decorating paint brushes and mini rollers
- Sponges
- Good quality games for 4-5 year olds

We are looking to recruit a part-time Caretaker

Hours of work: 6pm – 10pm Monday to Friday term time only (with some flexibility on hours worked).

Bucks Pay Scale 1.10 (£9.30 per hour)

Full details can be viewed here

<http://www.buckinghamprimary.com/job-opportunities-at-bps.html>

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor.

Please pass this information to friends and family. It really is a rewarding job working with a fantastic team.

Full details can be viewed here

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Outdoor science club are getting excited about the imminent arrival of our delivery of 30 trees from the Woodland Trust.

To assist the children in preparing for the planting process we would be grateful of any donations of old gardening hand trowels (hand forks or small trowels) or old watering cans.

News from the Wider Community



ST EDMUNDS CHURCH, MAIDS MORETON

4 – 5.30PM ON SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
& SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS!)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR CRAFT, SINGING, BIBLE STORY AND REFRESHMENTS.
CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT PLEASE
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE RING CATHY 821976

Aylesbury Music Centre
OPEN DAY

Fantastic opportunities to perform throughout the year.

MUSIC for munchkins
for all kids aged 4-6

COME AND JOIN THE BUZZ!
SATURDAY NOV 3RD

BUSKING 9 – 10:30	SENIOR SYMPHONY Open to all instrumentalists grade 4/5+	CAFÉ
BRING A FRIEND 10:45 – 11:15	BIG SING Open to all players and their parents!	HOMEMADE CAKE
TWO FREE CONCERTS 10:15 & 12:45	JUNIOR JAM Open to all instrumentalists up to Grade 4/5	TUCK SHOP

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