



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Head of School:

Parents' evening is next Wednesday 18th October. Please do book an appointment if you have not already done so. There will also be representatives from our speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, and physiotherapists present, as well as Tiani, one of our new safeguarding officers, and Kerry, our new family support worker. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,
Marianne



Class update:

In Firecrest class this week we have been developing our gross motor skills. We made the most of the sunshine and went outside to clean the windows. We used paintbrushes and cloths to reach up as high as we could. We had great fun!



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Masks for MASKS – Friday 20th October 2023

On **Friday 20th October** we will be holding our annual fundraising day **Masks for MASKS** to raise money for the school charity MASKS. We invite all students to wear a mask in return for a suggested donation of sweets or chocolates which will be used in our tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

The mask can be anything you choose and is open to your interpretation. We fully understand some children wouldn't want to wear a mask so really anything goes! Other ideas include a **special hat, crown, tiara or earmuffs; alternatively, you could go for face paint, or a henna tattoo on the hand.** You could even mask a different part of the body by wearing **special gloves or socks.**

MASKS is our school charity and all funds raised will be used to benefit the children of the Vale Federation.

If you work for a company that you think might participate in this event, please do encourage them to do so.

We can provide further literature regarding MASKS and collecting tins if this would be helpful.

Please contact masks@thevalefederation.com for further details.

Please do bear in mind that this is a fun, light-hearted event and therefore we ask that no one wears scary Halloween masks.

MASKS and The Vale Federation are pleased to announce the annual Christmas Fayre is taking place at Booker Park School on Saturday 25th November.

We would like to extend the opportunity to any and all who would be willing to volunteer to help with this expansive charity event.

If you would like to lend a helping hand, you can email masks@thevalefederation.com or let us know through the main reception. Please see the form links below to volunteer.

There will be further communication regarding support and donations soon.

Volunteer signup
<https://forms.office.com/e/XpU8tAkWqg>

External stallholder signup
<https://forms.office.com/e/gdt8ggTLUJ>

Santa volunteer signup
<https://forms.office.com/e/GSYySsWUub6>

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Welcome to our new Family Support Officer at Booker Park, Kerry Nicholson

Firstly, I would like to say a big hello to you all. My name is Kerry, and I am your new Family Support Officer here at Booker Park.

I have previously worked in the community for Bucks Fire Service, Housing Officer for a social housing provider and have also worked for the NHS in doctors' surgeries. Some of you may also recognise me from The Healthy Living Centre.

I live just outside Aylesbury with my two children and two cats. When not working I enjoy a mini adventure from exploring new places and hiking, to doing crazy things like abseiling down the County Council building in Aylesbury.

I am here to support your needs no matter how big or small. That can be anything from helping with forms that need completing, signposting to services that can help you and your family, and to also improve the life outcomes and opportunities for school-aged students and their families by providing a range of family support interventions and activities (including holiday activities) in the near future.

Whilst I am currently enjoying spending time getting to know all our pupils here at Booker Park, I would welcome any suggestions where you think the school could help you more. Is that more groups, learning opportunities for families, or even more information on other services in the area. Please feel free to contact me.

How can you contact me?

Please call the main desk who will be able to direct your call to me at Booker Park between 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday or email me at knicholson@thevalefederation.com . I will also be regularly at the front door for the morning drop offs and end of day collections so please come and say hi.

I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

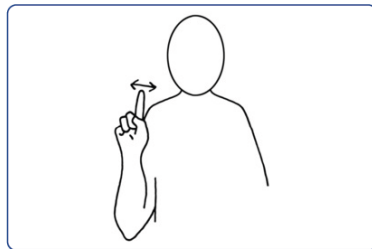
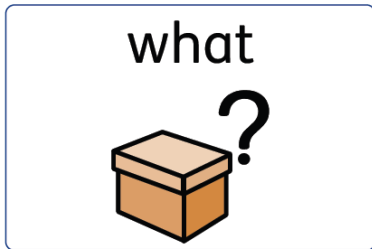
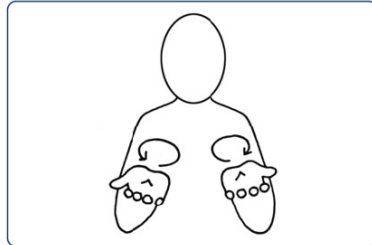


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Signs of the Week:



Think Behaviour:

THE ICEBERG- BEHAVIOUR OF CONCERN IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG- LOOK UNDER THE SURFACE AND ASK WHY

A child's behavior is not always what it seems
Behavior is communication

What we see: Behavior

What we don't see: What's under the surface

- SOCIAL SKILLS
- BASIC NEEDS
- PHYSICAL SAFETY
- NEED TO BELONG
- SECURITY
- HUNGER
- THOUGHTS
- ATTACHMENT
- EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING
- ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES
- ATTENTION
- SLEEP
- NEED FOR CONNECTION
- SELF-ESTEEM
- DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL
- SENSORY NEEDS
- EMOTIONS
- ANGER
- NEED FOR ATTENTION
- FEAR

PARENTS with confidence

'Bad' Behaviour Iceberg

What we see: ANGER, SHOUTING, TEARS

What might be underneath: ANXIETY, STRESS, SHAME, Disempowered, Discomfort

Context: FAMILY DYNAMICS, Stress at home, Best trauma triggered

AVAILABLE SUPPORT

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Makachat Cafe

When: Thursday 19th October 2023
9:45am – 11.00am
Where: Stocklake Park School.

Come and learn Makaton with Denyse.

Meet some old friends, make some new friends, bring your friends, bring your family! Have a biscuit, chocolate, a cup of tea or coffee. Brush up on your Makaton skills or learn some new signs.

For more information please contact Denyse at: dcraig@thevalefederation.com



All parents and carers from both Booker Park and Stocklake Park school are invited to join Denyse at the Makacafe at Stocklake Park on Thursday 19th October. We meet every half term to learn or brush up on Makaton signs/skills. We also have time for a tea, coffee, juice, and more importantly biscuits and cakes! If you would like to attend, please turn up at Stocklake Park school, no need to book in advance.

If there are any signs you would like to learn but are unable to attend the Makachat cafe, please contact me at dcraig@thevalefederation.com. I will put the signs in the weekly bulletin.

Thank you,

Denyse

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Affinity Badminton

24 Hour Badminton Marathon

8am 28th October 2023 – 7am 29th October 2023
Quarrendon & Meadowcroft Community Centre Aylesbury HP19 9HH



Join us for a SEN
Children's Party! 4-5pm

Refreshments Available

Entry by donations – CASH ONLY

Booker Park is a large primary special school of 235 pupils for children with a broad diversity of complex needs including Profound and Multiple, Severe and Moderate Learning Difficulties.



To raise money for booker park school



Get Involved!

Contact:
KRISTEN 07731788435

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The Vale Federation of Schools

TASTER SESSION

The Booker Park Taster Session is underway and will be held alongside this Parents Evening (18th October)

We want to invite all parents to some free Tea, Coffee, and Cake, and to try some of the same amazing meals we offer our students. You'll be able to speak to our Catering Team to learn more about all the dietary and specialist options available to your children. We're putting our Tasters to the Test, so join us this Wednesday to see what it's all about!

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Autumn 2023 Theme: Courage	
Date	Event
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' evening and Taster Session
Friday 20 th October	Masks for MASKS
Friday 20 th October	Last day of term
Half term 21 st -29 th October Theme: Friendship and Kindness	
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Saturday 25 th November	Christmas Fayre (MASKS)
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Production – The Jolly Snowman
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Production – The Jolly Snowman
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term

Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor
Principal



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