



BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Principal:

You may be aware that the NHS have been trying to recruit a school nurse for us for some time. I am pleased to say that I took part in the interview process on Monday of this week, and we have offered the position to one of the candidates. Subject to necessary pre-employment checks, we will have a new school nurse with us - hopefully shortly after the October half term, subject to confirmation.

On a related theme, our new Family Support Officer, Kerry, is due to start with us on Monday. We look forward to welcoming her to the school, and of course to you as parents.

We know how important these roles are in the wider context of school life and look forward to their input in the coming weeks and months.

There have been a lot of staff and children illnesses at the start of term. Despite recruiting heavily last year, we continue to have a number of teaching assistant vacancies, mainly due to an increase in the overall complexity of our children since last year, coupled with a small number of resignations not related to any one factor. To reassure parents, we are recruiting again and have already appointed some new teaching assistants and will continue to do so. We have no intention of closing classes or putting a rota into place but ask once again for your patience whilst we recruit for vacant positions.

Best wishes,
Bradley

Message from the Head of School:

On this coming Monday, the 2nd of October, there is a MacMillan coffee morning at school for parents and carers. Cakes will be available to buy for a contribution to MacMillan. As well as a fundraising event, it is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers and have a chat over a coffee. It would be good to see you all.

Parents' evening will be on Wednesday 18th October (not Thursday 18th October as it said in last week's bulletin). There will be more information coming shortly regarding booking an appointment for this.

I am only aware of two families who have asked for an advert to be put in the staff bulletin regarding carers. Do let me know if you are looking for carers and we can try and put you in touch with staff who may be looking for additional work.

We are unable to guarantee that all children will swim every week. Swimming is a higher risk activity and as such there are strict guidelines around it. If the swimming teacher is absent, swimming is unfortunately unable to take place. If class staff are absent, it may be that swimming is unable to take place as the necessary ratios cannot be adhered to. I know that this can be very disappointing for children, and I am regretful of this, but sometimes it is unavoidable. Thank you for your understanding. Thank you in particular to those parents who volunteer regularly which supports swimming taking place. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have previously offered to and didn't hear back, do let me know.

Have a good weekend.
Marianne

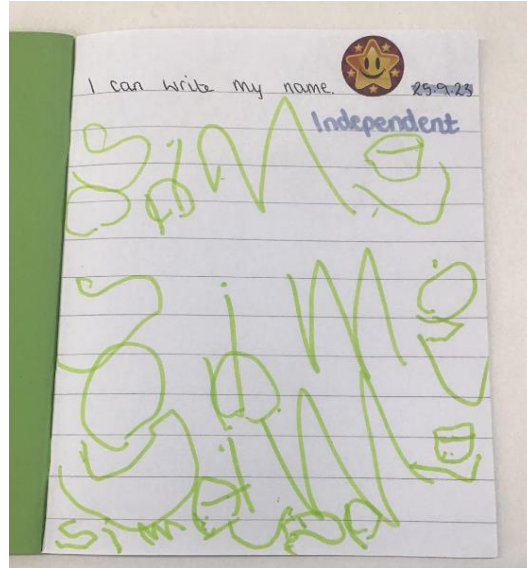
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Class update:

In Magpie class this week we have been working on writing our names independently. They all did a fantastic job! Simeon had a WOW moment and wrote his name multiple times without any adult support!



Santa's gone on Holiday- mind filling in?

Old Saint Nick has had a bit of a scheduling issue and has booked his long-awaited trip to Hawaii the same week as our Christmas Fayre, so we need someone to "play the part".

We are looking for volunteers to play Santa for The Vale Federation and Masks Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November.

If you are interested, please email masks@thevalefederation.com (Beard and suit will be provided)



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SCHOOL MEALS ORDERING FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER to MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023:

- The Arbor school meals ordering is now **OPEN to order all school meals** for the next half term (Monday 30th October to Tuesday 19th December 2023).
- Please access your school meals via the Arbor App or the online Arbor Portal to order your meal choice for your child school meals
- The menu is available from our website - [click here](#) to view
- You can choose any meal for any day
- Payment of £3.00 per meal is to be paid via the Arbor App or Portal
- **The meal ordering for next half term closes on Monday 9th October**
- Any child without an ordered meal **WILL BE REQUIRED** to have a HOME SUPPLIED packed lunch



Signs of the Week:

dressed 		undressed 	
clothes 		shoes 	



Think Behaviour:

[Resources for parents and carers](#) | [Oxford Health CAMHS](#) [Oxford Health CAMHS](#)

 Helping my child	 Helping my family	 Helping myself	 Family ambassadors
Self-help resources			
 Fighting back depression and low mood	 Understanding and coping with anxiety	 Understanding and coping with poor sleep	 All things ADHD

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Autumn 2023 Theme: Courage	
Date	Event
Monday 2 nd October	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents evening
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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