



Booker Park
School

BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Principal:

It was an excellent day last Saturday at the Christmas Fayre, and my sincere thanks to all for their hard work and contributions. So many parents gave very generous donations, gave up their time to help on the day, or worked tirelessly to prepare so stalls were ready. Whilst we made a lot of money on the day, which of course is important, it is hard to put a price on the wonderful atmosphere that was generated by bringing together all groups of our community together, to enjoy a truly inclusive and collaborative experience. Thank you so much to everyone who came in and made the day such a success. We will announce the final total of money raised within the next week or so, as there are a few sums still to come in.

Bradley

Message from the Head of School:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre last Saturday. It was great to see so many people there and it was a very positive occasion. A massive thank you to those parents and carers who made this happen! You are stars!

I've had a query this week regarding staff and DBS checks. All staff are required to have a DBS. Occasionally, one or two members of staff will start on a risk assessment whilst we are waiting for the DBS to come through. We wouldn't have more than one or two staff at a time on a risk assessment as it can become challenging to manage and there are restrictions regarding what these staff can do - for example, they can't be on their own with a child. We currently have a number of agency staff. Whilst we would prefer to have all staff be employed by us, the agency staff are very useful whilst we do have vacancies. The agency staff are subject to exactly the same checks as school staff, and we receive confirmation from the agencies of the satisfactory checks being completed.

Please do contact me if you do have any queries. I am not always able to get back to people on the same day, but I will get back to you!

Have a good weekend.

Marianne

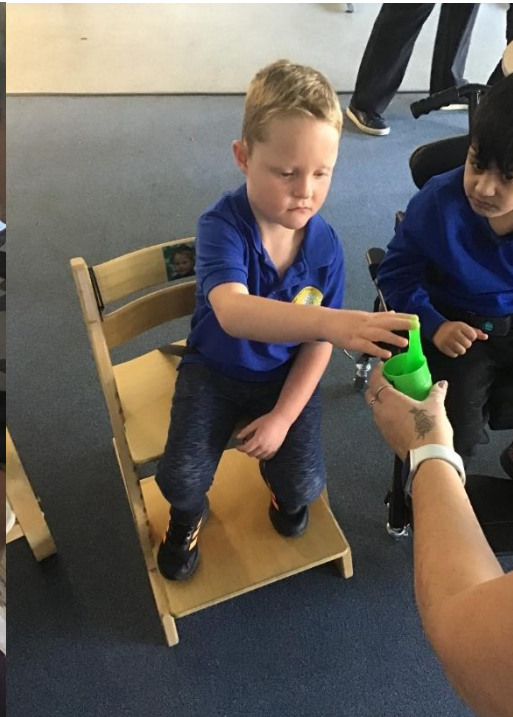
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Class update: Skylark Class

This term Skylark have been enjoying our sensory story "we're going on a walk". We have been using our senses to explore different aspects of the story, such as smelling tubes and touching slime.



Thank you to The Baby Bank

Since 2015, The Baby Bank have been helping families all throughout Berkshire and the surrounding areas.

They have made a large donation to Booker Park School of wellington boots, waterproofs, board games, nappies, and toys for all our children to use in.

You can find out more about this amazing Charity at <https://thebabybank.org/>

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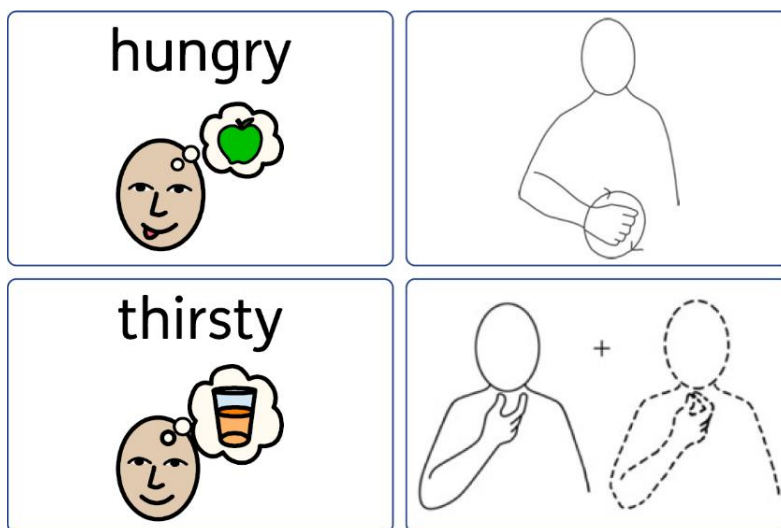
Last week we hosted our first Early Years Coffee Morning for all parents and guardians to meet with our Speech and Language Team (SaLT) and talk about how they are supporting our new pupils.

With details on Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Makaton and how we aim to work with the children, it also gave the opportunity for parents and guardians to ask questions.

We are hoping to hold more of the Early Years Coffee Mornings in the future with the Occupation Therapy Team, more Makaton support for home, and much more.

Thank you to all the families that attended our first Coffee Morning, we will be in touch with more details of others in the future.

Signs of the Week:



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POP@Storehouse

Come visit us for £2 donation

Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 7th December 3-6pm
Friday 8th December 3-6pm
Saturday 9th December 1-6pm

free fidget toy for first 500 visitors

Calm moments
5-6pm only calm instrumental music for those sensitive to noise

Location:
Aylesbury Vineyard
Gatehouse Close
Aylesbury
HP19 8DN

Experience the festive magic at Aylesbury's first Christmas Tree Festival, proudly presented by POP@Storehouse. Discover a wonderland of creatively decorated trees, enjoy our cosy Christmas Café, and explore delightful stalls. Bring your family along for a truly memorable festive afternoon and vote for your favourite tree.

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Free emotional and well-being support for families through POP at Vineyard Storehouse

AYLESBURY YOUTH ACTION

SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FRIDAY 1ST DEC TO 11TH DEC

- The Arbor school meals ordering will be **OPEN on Friday 1st December to order all school meals** for the next half term (Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2024).
- 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 11th December
- Any child without an ordered meal **WILL BE REQUIRED** to have a HOME SUPPLIED packed lunch

All about attendance

We are approaching the winter months, and those bugs are beginning to make themselves known amongst us all.

Whenever a student is off school due to sickness or an appointment, please contact us to let us know every day that your child is not attending school. You can do this by phoning reception on 01296 427221, email office@bookerpark.bucks.sch.uk or use the Arbor App using the in-app messaging system. When your holidays do not coincide with the school term dates, it is necessary for you to complete a Holiday Request form beforehand, to get permission from the principal you can request this through the school office.

If you are not able to supply us with details of any absence, this results in an unauthorised absence, which may be investigated by the Educational Welfare Officer. Please refer to the attendance policy.

<https://www.bookerpark.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Pupil-Absence-and-Absence-Policy-Dec-2021.pdf>

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Theme: Friendship and Kindness	
Date	Event
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Production – Snowman at Sunset
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Production – Snowman at Sunset
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term

Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor
Principal



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