



## BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

**Message from the Principal:**

As I mentioned last week, we are in the process of formulating our ideas and plans for the coming year, focused on the needs of the children in the school, and the development of practice in our classes. To make you aware of some of our draft areas of focus, these are:

- Continuing to review the curriculum, with a particular focus on Communication and Literacy. We are doing this with colleagues from Stocklake Park, in collaboration with the speech therapy team, to ensure we have practices that build on prior learning and strategies we know work well. This wide-ranging piece of work endeavours to encompass how our children read and write, as well as the myriad of methods used for communication. It is likely this subject specific strategy will take over a year to bring to fruition but is fundamental to so much of what is important for our youngsters.
- Develop our use of the SCERTS framework within classes. SCERTS (Social Communication, Emotional Regulation, and Transactional Supports) underpins much of our work with the majority of our children, focusing on these key areas to their development; In particular, aspects of behaviours that challenge stem from difficulties in emotional regulation. We are keen for this to be well understood to promote supportive strategies. We are keen for this to be shared with parents as well as in school, and hope to work alongside one of SCERTS' founders, Emily Rubin, in achieving this.
- Continue to work hard on recruiting staff to the school, as well as developing retention strategies to ensure good staffing levels within the school. We intend to work with a partner school outside of our local area to develop a practice of professional supervision, that supports all working within classes both with their training and emotional wellbeing.
- Ensuring we link well with Stocklake Park to benefit from pooled expertise.

This by no means is an exhaustive list of priorities for the school going forwards, but I hope helps to keep you informed of some of our priorities. I'll look to expand further on other topics in due course.

Best wishes for the weekend.

**Bradley**

**Message from the Head of School:**

It has been positive this week to see children becoming more used to their new classes and becoming familiar with structures and routines. Topics for this half term are 'space, shape and measure' for the Early Years classes, and 'scratch and sniff!' (senses) for children in Year 1 and above. Whole staff training has taken place this week on Aided Language, delivered by our speech and language therapists. This proved to be useful to children, and of benefit to staff working in all classes across the school.

**Marianne**

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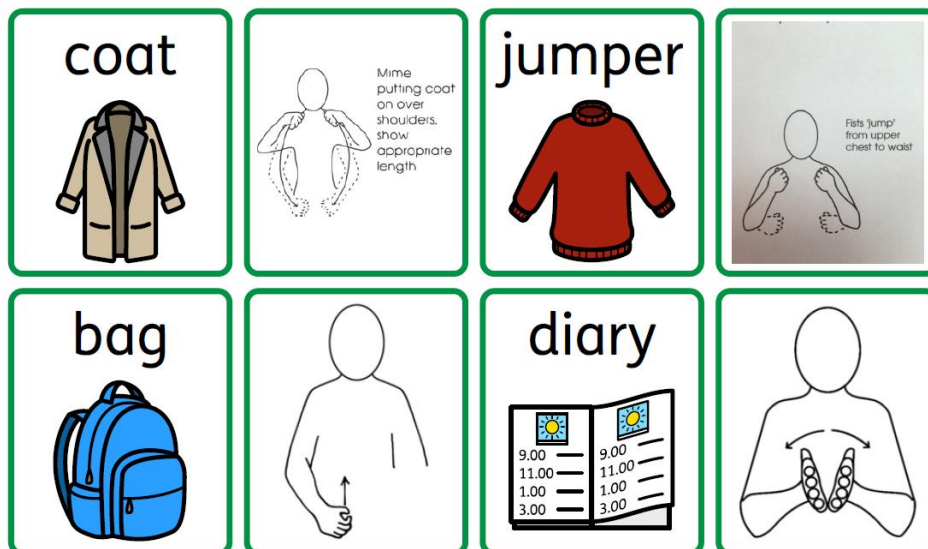
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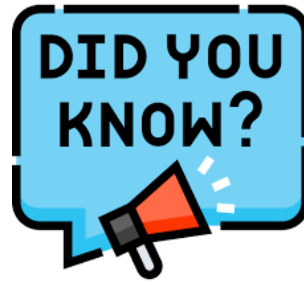


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## Dates for your Diary



Autumn 2023 Theme: Courage	
Date	Event
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September & Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
Half term 21 <sup>st</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October Theme: Friendship and Kindness	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Children in Need
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair (MASKS)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production – The Jolly Snowman
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production – The Jolly Snowman
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

Parent Workshops Autumn	
Date	Content
Autumn 1	MacMillan Transition / settling in
Autumn 2	Christmas Fair 25 <sup>th</sup> November

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### **Local Information: HS2 Railway Works:**

From Saturday 19 August to Sunday 29 October, the railway between Aylesbury and Princes Risborough stations will remain closed to passengers' trains whilst work takes place to move approximately 1.8km of the line onto a new embankment built by HS2.

Visit <https://bit.ly/BucksHS2> for more information.

### **Marsh Lane level crossing closure- November 2023 to Spring 2024:**

As part of the work to realign the railway, the Marsh Lane level crossing will be closed to allow the engineers and engineering trains safe continuous access to the railway. This means that Marsh Lane level crossing will be closed to pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles from Saturday 19 August until Spring 2024.

Have a great weekend.

**Bradley Taylor**  
**Principal**



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