



BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Principal:

Last week I shared some of the main themes we have provisionally agreed for the school development plan, and I'll share more of them here this week:

- Termly Provision and Progress - we introduced this last year, and we want to ensure the process is embedded well across the school, with relevant objectives set in collaboration between teaching and therapy staff. We absolutely recognise that parents are integral to this process operating well, and at parents' evenings we'll focus on these documents to get your views on how progress has been, and what you feel is the next step.
- Pupil voice - we are keen to embrace this important theme by revising the input we ask from children to their annual reviews, to make this as meaningful as possible. Additionally, we want to reinvigorate our school council, getting their views on how the school is run.
- Parental involvement - Lauren our Family Support Officer left the school at the end of last term, and I am pleased to say we recruited to this position this week. We'll introduce her in a couple of weeks, and there will be a programme of events for parents to access. We also have some plans to broaden the experience of parents' evenings, with other agencies and our therapy teams being available on these evenings. More to come on this topic in due course.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Bradley

Message from the Head of School:

Over the next few days, you will receive a letter and class timetable from your child's class teacher with information about your child's week at school. Hopefully this will help you to prepare your child for what is happening in their day and to talk with them about their time at school.

Remember that all teachers put information related to children's learning in school, including photos and videos, on Evidence for Learning each week. We know there was a blip in accessing this in the first week of term, which should now be resolved. Do let the school office know if you are having any difficulties in accessing the app. Our expectation is that teachers put up between one and three items for each child each week. We also love to see photos and videos of what your child has been up to at the weekend or any wow events at home, so do add these too.

Please do note in this bulletin the information about ordering your child's school meal on Arbor.

We are aware that there are often families who are looking for carers to support with their children either after school, at weekends or during holidays. This could be through using direct payments, or a private care arrangement. We put information regarding this in our staff bulletin every week, so that we can try to link up staff looking for additional work with families looking for carers. If you are looking for carers, please do let me know by emailing me on mmurphy@thevalefederation.com

Have a good weekend.

Marianne

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Class update:

The children in Goldfinch class have settled well and are already getting stuck in with being creative! In Creativity we have been exploring our senses whilst creating artwork. The children have been using different herbs to paint with. They used their sense of smell to decide which herbs they wanted to use. They have also been using their sense of touch, getting nice and messy whilst painting with their body parts. Then using their sight to admire their masterpiece. Amazing work Goldfinch class. We are all so proud of how well you have settled in and how hard you are working.



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School Meals ORDERING FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER to MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023:

- The Arbor school meals ordering will be **OPEN on Friday 29th September 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



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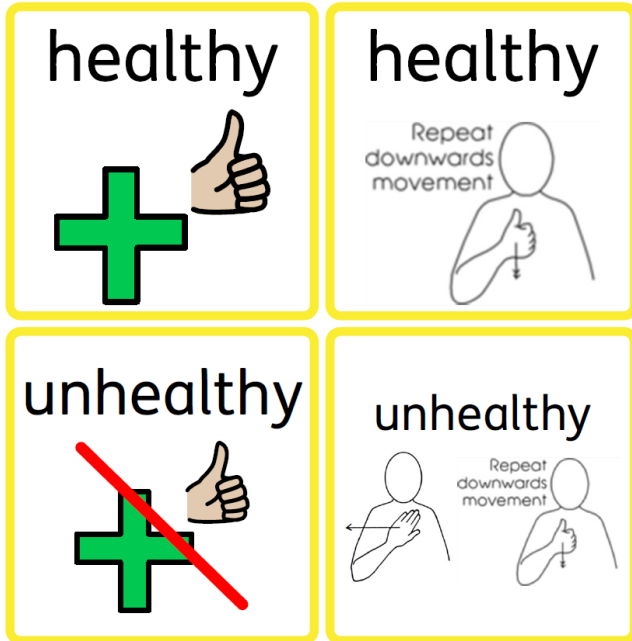
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Signs of the Week:



Think Behaviour:



- Understanding challenging behaviour
- Information and guidance
- For family carers
- For professionals
- Get involved

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

What is challenging behaviour and how can the Challenging Behaviour Foundation help?

What is challenging behaviour?



[Homepage for the Challenging Behaviour Foundation](#)

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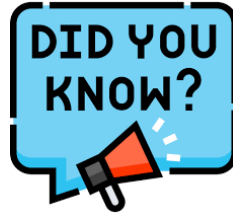
Local Information: HS2 Railway Works:

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.



We offer exclusive hire of our soft play centre.

Soft Play - 3-hour hire time
Mon- Fri £100 plus VAT - School holidays only
Sat - Sun £112.50 plus VAT
Additional hours on request

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For further information please contact

facilitiesbookings@thevalefederation.com

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

Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor
Principal



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