



BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Principal:

Welcome back to school to all those returning to us after the summer break, and an especially warm welcome to those who are new to us. In both cases, I hope your child's start with us in September has gone smoothly. The first few days are usually the most challenging of the year with a change to routine and new faces and relationships to get used to.

I know that parents are keen to see an improvement and development of holiday provision to support them, particularly over the course of the summer. It is in our planning schedule to work on this over the coming weeks with the aim of offering more in the future. Some parents did access Chiltern Music Therapy and the swim sessions we had on offer, and I was pleased to see and hear how well they went. The main bit of feedback from them appears to be it would be good to see more of them.

The summer has been incredibly busy for the site and non-teaching teams, with extensive internal improvements through our buildings. Those of you who drive in to school will have noted we now have some traffic calming speed bumps around the site which support the safety of our children at pick up and drop off; we now have over 400 lights that were upgraded to be more energy efficient; there are a number of additional doors which are now security fobbed providing extra safety for our youngsters; and various parts of the building have had a facelift with some refreshed painting and decorating.

We are in the process of setting the goals for the year for our development plan - I'll write further on these topics in due course.

Once again, a warm welcome back to the school.

Bradley

Message from the Head of School:

Welcome back to the new school year at Booker Park. I am sure that the summer will not have been relaxing for many of you and the holidays may have felt long, but I hope there will have been positives for you and your families too.

Staff had three positive training days at the beginning of the school year and received training on a range of topics including safeguarding, paediatric manual handling, gastrostomy feeds, Attention Autism, Team Teach, the Curiosity programme, and induction training for new staff. It was a busy three days with all staff engaging well and being keen to start the year.

We have some new teaching assistants who have started with us this week. Unfortunately, we have also received some resignations from teaching assistants over the summer holidays, but not many, and we will continue to recruit. We will send out amended versions of the staff photo sheet for each class over the next week.

It has been great to see the children back at school this week and to see lots of fantastic learning happening across the school. Although there are moments that aren't calm as children get used to a new classroom or new children in their class, overall, there has been lots of positivity and it has been a successful start to the year.

I look forward to working with the school community throughout the coming year to all support our pupils together.

Marianne

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Message from the OT and physio team

We are pleased to continue to work with PACE who provide our Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy services. There has been some redistribution of therapy input across both schools, although the overall number of hours provided remains the same this year as last year. One change that has taken place is that to contact your child's OT, their e-mail addresses have changed from '...@thevalefederation.com' to their PACE e-mail addresses. Apologies this was not communicated earlier as we understand there may have been some messages sent over the holidays to the older now defunct e-mail addresses. We'll be in touch confirming those contact details in due course.



RAAC - Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete in School Buildings

Following the recent press coverage of school building and RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete), Buckinghamshire Council has released an updated statement, which reads:

"The Local Authority have previously carried out desk top surveys of maintained schools using historic drawing information and where necessary carried out onsite inspections and found no buildings within the maintained schools' portfolio as having RAAC present".

As always, we take this matter very seriously and the Leadership Team are working with Buckinghamshire Council to ensure all of our facilities are safe for everyone, at all times.



Date	Content
Tuesday 19 th September	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 28 th September	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 17 th October	School Photographs
Friday 20 th October	Last day before Half Term

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Signs of the Week:

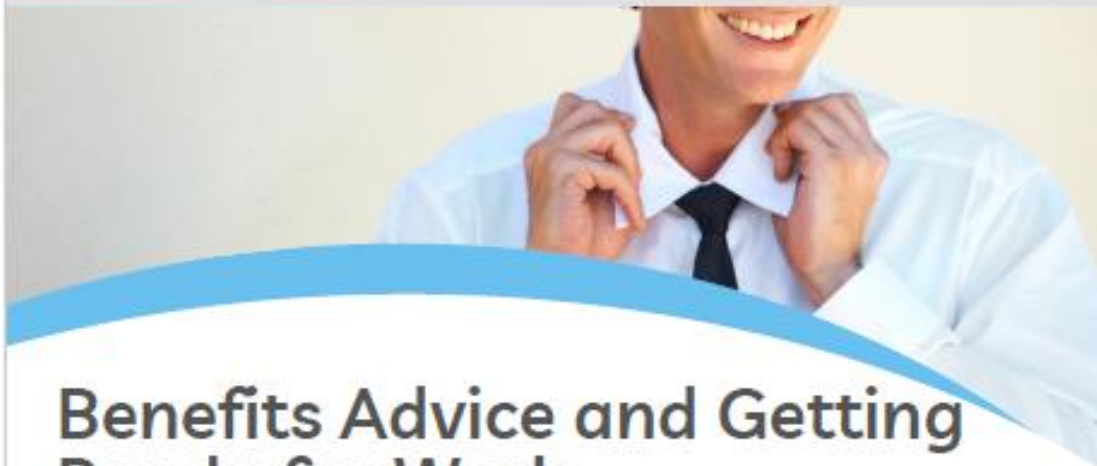
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<p>today</p>	<p>today</p>

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Family Support Service



Benefits Advice and Getting Ready for Work

A drop-in session for benefits information and advice, and support getting ready for work

Join us:



The first Monday of the month from **Monday 4 September 2023**



9:30am to 11am



Southcourt Family Centre Plus



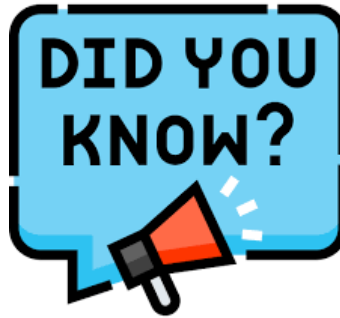
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We offer exclusive hire of our facilities

Our facilities	
 <p>Meeting Room - SL33 Booker Park</p>	 <p>Soft Play Centre Booker Park</p>
 <p>Main Hall Booker Park</p>	 <p>East Wing Hall (Linden) Booker Park</p>
 <p>Hydrotherapy Pool Booker Park</p>	 <p>East Wing Playing Field Booker Park</p>
 <p>MUGA BP Booker Park</p>	 <p>Main Hall SLP Stocklake Park</p>
 <p>Rebound Centre SLP Stocklake Park</p>	 <p>MUGA SLP Stocklake Park</p>



For further information please contact

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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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