



PARENT BULLETIN | 18TH OCTOBER, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Sparrow Class

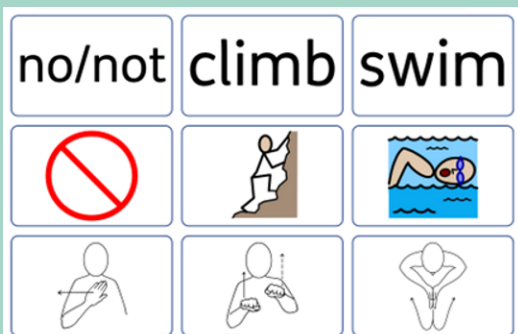


The children in Sparrow class have had a great first half term in school.

At playtimes we've had lots of fun splashing in puddles, there have been a lot of opportunities for this! With the use of photos and objects of reference we've learnt how to transition from the playground to class, and to and from the soft playroom.

The children have explored a range of activities within our 'animal' topic'. We are all learning and navigating how to share with others and are building relationships with other children and the adults in class, and within early years. Debbie, Abby, Maria and Iqra can't wait to see what learning takes place after the half term break.

SIGN OF THE WEEK



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

You will have received an email from us this week regarding the Evidence For Learning Family app. I know that many of you already use it. If you don't, please do look out for the email for details regarding downloading it and using it. Our expectation is that teachers share up to three pieces of evidence (usually photos) on it per week, we would also love to see photos and videos of your child outside of school so please do add these on.

It is great for us to see what your child is up to in their home environment where they feel the most comfortable, and sharing photos can also be great for children's developing communication skills. Do ask if you would like to know more information about this.

Marianne Murphy

WEEKLY BEHAVIOUR TIPS

Behaviours of concern



Why does behaviour of concern happen?

There is always a reason for challenging behaviour. In many cases;

- *It's a way for a person to control what is going on around them
 - *To get their needs met
 - *They also might be ill or in pain
- *They may want or need to get something but cannot communicate in a way that those around them understand
 - *It is a learned behaviour which has been effective

It's important to understand the reasons behind challenging behaviour for change to happen!

What can be done?

There is no quick fix. Having said that, there is a lot that can be done to prevent or reduce challenging behaviour;

- *Work out if the person is in pain or bored
 - *Know their triggers
- *Is there a way of teaching the person to show you what they want in another way? Develop their communication skills
 - *When safe to do so, ignore it and distract the person



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MASKS WINTER FAYRE



Our Winter Fayre is on **Saturday 30th November** and we are looking for help with manning stalls, setting up for the event and tidying away afterwards.

If you are able to help us in any way, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UyWsUgzK2U>

The organisers will contact you with further details.

Thank you for your support.

MASKS Trustees

RSE TOP TIPS

Relationships & Sex Education



Consent

It is important that we work with our children to help them develop autonomy over their body. It is good practice to ask for a cuddle rather than give one without consent. It is also good practice to ask before removing clothing to complete personal care. Whilst not all children are able to verbally consent to this, you know your child's communication and will know when they are consenting.

Using the phrase 'can I give you a cuddle' with arms open wide to offer your child the opportunity for a cuddle gives them the option to consent or decline. This way, we can help them to learn that their communication matters and they can make important decisions.

FAMILY SUPPORT CORNER

Bucks Activity Project

Working with over 350 children in Buckinghamshire, Bucks Activity Project have been providing services for disabled children aged 0 – 19 for over fifteen years.

Weekend Clubs (U8 and 8+)

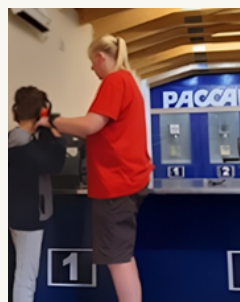
The opportunity for children under 8 and 8+ to get together, make new friends, have fun and take part in a variety of activities. Activities include: cooking, arts and crafts, team game, indoor and outdoor play, general toys and games out & about weekend clubs. Sessions out and about in the community, allow children the opportunity to access a range of venues and activities with peers with similar interests. These sessions run on Saturdays around the county. These sessions offer children aged 8+ the opportunity to try new things and take part in their favourite activities. Activities include Swimming, Bowling, Cinema / Theatre trips, Farms, Trampoline parks, Local parks

Holiday activities

Their holiday activities offer fun packed activity days throughout all school holidays. The activities range in age appropriateness but there is something for anyone age 5-19. Just a taste of the activities include: bowling, cinema, fun days, adventure playgrounds, swimming, laser tag, Go Ape, climbing, water sports. They run clubs from lots of different venues that include local schools, community centres, Thomley Activity Centre, Thames Valley Adventure Playground and leisure centres.

Youth Clubs – Skyline and Limitless

They run two types of youth clubs; skyline and limitless. The clubs are for young people who want consistency of peers and staff, with a pattern of sessions. Skyline is aimed at 8-14 year olds and limitless is for those in year 7 and above, who are high functioning but may sometimes need a little extra support than what is available from a mainstream youth club.



What do the sessions cost?

The costs of each activity is advertised when you register your interest and vary between type and length of activity.

How can I get more information ?

Visit: <https://service.actionforchildren.org.uk/bucks-activity-project/>

How do I register ?

[Register and update your information with the Bucks Activity Project | Services | Action for Children](#)

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SCHOOL CALENDAR



Friday 25th October

School Photographer & Half-Term
(School closes Friday 25th October and
re-opens Monday 4th November)

Friday 15th November

Children In Need

Saturday 30th November

MASKS Winter Fayre

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper
Day

Monday 16th – Thursday 19th December

School Production – It's a Baby

Friday 20th December

Last day of Term – Christmas Holidays



Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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