



PARENT BULLETIN | 22ND NOVEMBER, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Puffin Class



Children in Need on Friday was celebrated in Puffin class by doing some spotty painting. We mixed primary colours together to create orange, green and purple, matching them to our colour boards. Then children took turns to choose which paints to use to make a colourful eye patch for Pudsey.

Wren Class



We had a fantastic time celebrating Children In Need. Staff and children enjoyed the day. There were craft activities, treasure hunts, joint artwork projects, sensory exploration and much more! Many thanks for all your donations and support with Children In Need this year.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

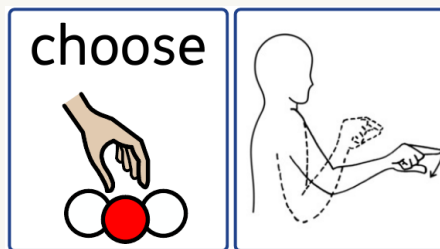
Thank you to everyone for your support of Children In Need last Friday. It was great to see all the colourful clothes that children came in, and we even had a Pudsey Bear in Early Years!

Unfortunately the swimming pool is out of action currently. This is both due to technical difficulties, and to the absence of the swimming teacher/lifeguard. I know that this causes a lot of frustration and disappointment and I am sorry for this. We will keep you updated regarding this.

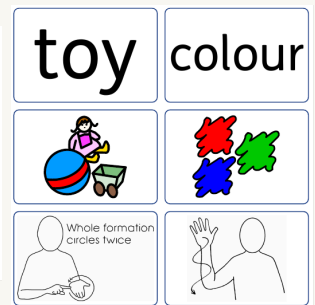
Our Christmas performances this year will be "The Bossy King" (not "It's a Baby" as previously stated). Each class will be in one performance. Each performance will be in the afternoon, on either the **16th, 17th, 18th or 19th December**. We will confirm by this time next week which class will be on which day.

Marianne Murphy

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Core Word



Additional Words

WEEKLY BEHAVIOUR TIPS

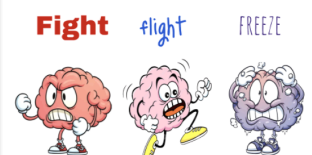
Stress Responses - Be a Detective

When children are stressed, their behaviour tells us. We need to work together to find out why...

FIGHT - aggression, swearing, demanding control, non-compliance, oppositional defiance, moving towards what is threatening, irritable, angry

FLIGHT - wanting to run away/escape, fidgety, hyperactive, anxious, panicked, overwhelmed, preoccupied by everything but the thing, unfocused/poor attention

FREEZE - shutting down, self-isolation, verbally unresponsive, zoned out/day dreaming, unable to move-feeling stuck





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CHILDREN IN NEED 2024



SCHOOL MEALS



SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

- The Arbor school meals ordering window will **OPEN at 12noon on Monday 25th November** to order all school meals for the next half term (Wednesday 8th January to Friday 14th February 2025)
- Please access your school meals via the Arbor App or the online Arbor Portal to order your meal choice for your child's school meals
- The menu is available from our website – [click here](#) to view. You can also view guidance notes for the Arbor system here.
- 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 window for next half term CLOSES at 12noon on Monday 9th December 2024**
- Any child without an ordered meal WILL BE REQUIRED to have a HOME SUPPLIED packed lunch**

MASKS WINTER FAYRE



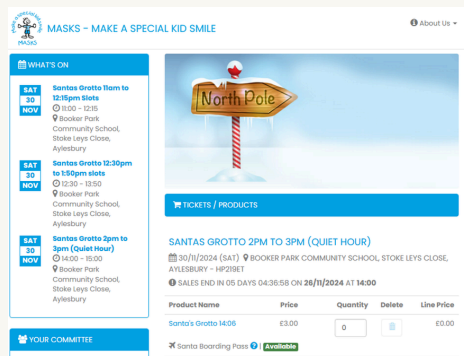
The MASKS team are looking forward to welcoming you to the annual Winter Fayre! A **reminder** that raffle tickets are still available to buy. At only £1 a ticket, you have a chance at winning some fantastic prizes!

Thank you to those who have booked slots for Santa's Grotto. There are still slots available from **12:30pm** onwards so please visit;

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thevalefederationcom/index.cfm> to book.

The image below shows that there are three sessions. As the first one has sold out you will need to select either the **12:30pm to 1:50pm** slot or the **2pm to 3pm** quiet hour slot. We are also 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/uyWsUgK2Uand>

Thank you for your support.



Thank you to everyone who has donated towards this year's Christmas Winter Fayre. We are still collecting donations of bottles and chocolates for the tombolas and any unwanted gifts. If anyone has a few spare hours to help set up, run a stall or tidying it would be gratefully received.

Every year we aim to raise money to enable activities and projects to happen within the federation. In the Summer MASKS funded the leavers events at both Booker Park and Stocklake Park. We have committed £20,000 to towards sheltered outdoor areas, split between in Early Years and the Stocklake playground. We will also be funding a Preparation for Adulthood event to which all parents and carers are welcome.

We are extremely grateful for your continued help and support and aim to keep you up to date with any other projects.

The MASKS committee



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SCHOOL CALENDAR



Monday 25th November

School Meals ordering open at 12noon

Saturday 30th November

MASKS Winter Fayre

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th – Thursday 19th December

School Production – 'The Bossy King'

Friday 20th December

Last day of Term – Christmas Holidays

RSE TOP TIPS

Relationships & Sex Education

Healthy Minds

Phrases you could use to help your child develop and maintain a positive mindset, even when things get tricky...

- I can do hard things
- It's ok to try again
- I tried my best
- I am learning to...
- I can ask for help
- I can try a different way

Although not all of our pupils will use these phrases themselves, using the phrases with them will still support them and encourage them to keep trying. The repetitive nature of this will mean that your child will become accustomed to hearing these phrases and the positive attitude that accompanies them, therefore supporting them to have a positive outlook.

USEFUL INFORMATION

As we approach the winter months water safety is still of paramount importance. Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgement. Here are top tips from Bucks School Swimming, for staying safe in water this winter.



Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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