



PARENT BULLETIN | 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Blackbird Class



Blackbird class have had a whistle stop start to the new term exploring our new environment and making some new friends. We have been learning about harvest as part of this Autumn's topic. This led to us practicing our fine motor skills and exploring paint colours by making potato prints and painting with broccoli.

Penguin & Raven Class



An exciting new programme's being delivered at Booker Park. Disability cricket, is running in East Wing Hall until Friday 18th October. It'll be offered to a selection of classes later in the year. Table Cricket is an adapted version of cricket, played on table tennis tables with teams of six taking turns to bowl and bat. The sessions are to provide children with special needs or disability the chance to play regular competitive cricket. There will be inclusive coaching, competing against peers, and enjoying the benefits of playing sport. We are delighted to be involved in a scheme being offered by Bucks Cricket in association with Lord's Taverners cricket charity. Currently, children from Wren, Penguin and Raven classes have enjoyed this exciting version of cricket. Booker Park have been invited to take part in the County Competition held just before the Christmas Holidays. Champions progress to Lord's Taverners Regional Competition, held at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium around April. The winners of the Regional Competition are invited to Lord's Cricket Ground for the National Grand Final.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

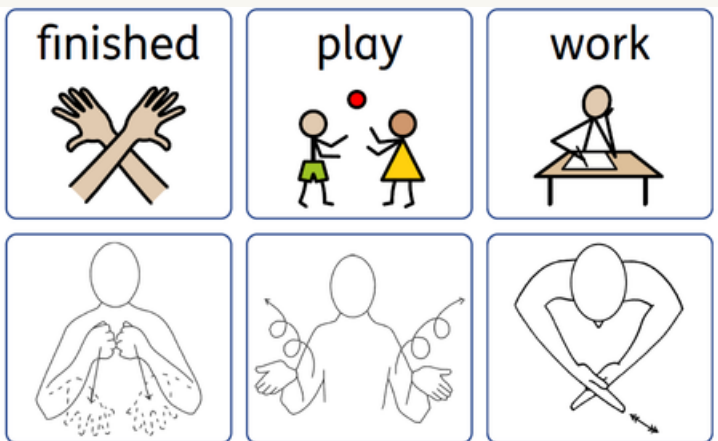
Thank you to everyone who has supported the Macmillan coffee morning today. Although it hasn't happened yet as I write this, the offers of cakes from parents is already much appreciated, as will the attendance of those who have been able to come into school for this.

This term the curriculum topic for children in the Early Years classes (Wagtail, Woodpecker and Sparrow) is Animals, and the topic for the rest of the school is Whizz, Pop and Sparkle (including festivals). At parents' evening (**Wednesday 9th October**), you will have an opportunity to see some of your child's learning related to the topic on display in the main hall.

Have a good weekend, with hopefully a break from the rain.

Marianne Murphy

SIGN OF THE WEEK



WEEKLY BEHAVIOUR TIPS

If your child demonstrates behaviours of concern (challenging behaviour) here are some useful places where you can get advice and support:

<https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/>

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/learning-disability-explained/conditions-linked-learning-disability/challenging-behaviour>



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SCHOOL MEALS



School Meal Ordering – Next Half-Term

The Arbor school meals ordering window will **OPEN at 12noon on Monday 30th September** to order all school meals for the next half term (Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024)

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 14th October 2024

Any child without an ordered meal WILL BE REQUIRED to have a HOME SUPPLIED packed lunch

FAMILY SUPPORT CORNER

CHAT are a children's respite charity who provide Carers with a break from their day to day caring role. If you live in the Buckinghamshire area and have a child with special needs, CHAT can help you access support with your child through a grant that will enable you to rest, or spend quality time with other family members. For more information visit: www.chat-charity.org.uk or email: office@chat-charity.org.uk, you can also call on: **07402063133**



Helping families with children who have special needs

Many families with children who have special needs struggle through life and long for a short break from their child to enable them to do the things that most people take for granted, including spending some quality time with their other children



Can we help you?

Caring for a child with special needs can sometimes be exhausting or impossible. If you live in Buckinghamshire, CHAT can provide a grant to enable you to access help with your child. This will enable you to take a break from your caring role and to have quality time with other family members or just to have a much needed rest.



How?

Families can use their grants to fund childminders, specialist holiday and after-school clubs, time at animal therapy farms, drumming lessons, kickboxing, gym and martial arts sessions.



Get in touch

For further information on how CHAT can help you please download our application form on our website www.chat-charity.org.uk or use the following contact details: **07402 063133** | office@chat-charity.org.uk



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SCHOOL CALENDAR



Wednesday 9th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 18th October

Masks for MASKS event

Friday 25th October

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

Friday 15th November

Children In Need

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

USEFUL INFORMATION

Mental Health Support Team

Buckinghamshire MHST will be providing Parent/Carer Webinars for the academic year 2024-2025. The webinars are 1.5hrs each and will focus on common Mental Health themes, as well as transition and exam stress. Scan the QR Codes to book a space.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	School Age	QR
Introduction to Mental Health	14th October 2024 6pm – 7.30pm	Primary	
Introduction to Mental Health	23rd October 2024 6pm – 7.30pm	Secondary	
Childhood Anxiety	4th November 2024 6pm – 7.30pm	Primary	
Adolescent Anxiety	19th November 2024 6pm – 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Child Behaviour and Development	23rd January 2024 6pm – 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	8th January 2025 6pm – 7.30pm	Secondary	
Low Mood and Depression	5th February 2025 6pm – 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Adolescent Development and Behaviour (Teenage Brain)	11th March 2025 6pm – 7.30pm	Secondary	
Change and Transition	3rd April 2024 6pm – 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	28th April 2025 6pm – 7.30pm	Secondary	

Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor



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