



Booker Park  
School

## BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

### **Message from the Principal:**

Welcome back to all after the Easter break, I do hope you all managed a good break and enjoyed some activities away from the school when the sun shone. We head into the summer term with lots planned, but I wanted to make you aware of a sponsored bike ride that is taking place between Blythe in Northumberland and Bicker Fen in Lincolnshire on June 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> later in the year. The ride is organised by National Grid, and we are very pleased that they have chosen MASKS as one of two charities to benefit from the money raised - Dave Sutherland, who will be doing the ride with other colleagues, is the husband of Helen Sutherland, one of our lead Speech and Language Therapists.

The focus for fundraising this summer is on Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) equipment to support children with communication. The Speech and Language Therapy team are leading on this work, and the aim is to build a store of specialist resources and equipment that can be used for pupils to learn and develop their skills in using technology for communication, including being able to provide pupils with loans of equipment where appropriate. There will be other fundraising activities that will take place which will include the children, and also a triathlon that Helen and I have entered in July - more information to follow. We hope everyone can get behind these events over the course of this term to add some additional resources to a worthwhile cause.

**Bradley**

### **Message from the Head of School:**

It is good to see the children back at school this week ready for the summer term. This term the topic for Sparrow, Woodpecker and Wagtail classes is "People Who Help Us", and the topic for the rest of the school is "Ready Steady Go". There will be many learning opportunities in store for our pupils.

Please can I remind parents that if children arrive after 9:15 in the morning, they need to come in to school through the main reception. The doors in East Wing and Early Years close at 9:15, and there aren't staff available at these doors to open them after this time. This will help ensure that classroom staff are all in class ready to start the day with the children in a timely manner, and also help ensure that all pupils are correctly registered.

I am aware that the school nurse's email address has previously been given out incorrectly. Please be aware that should you need to contact her, please use [schoolnursebooker@thevalefederation.com](mailto:schoolnursebooker@thevalefederation.com)

Have a good weekend.

**Marianne**

### **Parents' Information Session:**

The Community Nurses for Children with a Learning Disability are running a parents' information session on Sleep. If you would like to come along, please can you send a reply by email to: [emma.king12@nhs.net](mailto:emma.king12@nhs.net)

This will be

On: Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 12.00

At: Unit 33, Friars Square Shopping Centre, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 2QF.

### **Mission Statement**

**Together, overcoming barriers, enabling each  
child and young person to reach their full  
potential**



**School Nurse Update:**

As some parents are aware, there is a national shortage of ADHD medication. We have been advised to inform you that you are able to use this link to check prescription stocks with Boots pharmacies: <https://www.boots.com/online/psc/>

**Class Update:**

This week Kingfisher class painted pictures titled "A Rocket Ship's Journey to the Moon". This was an introductory activity to this term's topic 'Ready, Steady, Go'

Children used a stencil cutout to assist them in painting the rocket shape and then removed it to reveal their picture and proceed.



**Get to know your Governors:**

*Prashanta Parbhoo*



**About me:**

I joined the Governing body last year after seeing an advert. I recently moved to the Aylesbury area and wanted to learn about the community and try to give something back. I saw the advert and thought this was the perfect opportunity.

I work in Admin and am always keen on learning new things.

**Why I became a governor:**

I had a memorable school experience and would like the chance to contribute to the education system I benefitted from. I have found volunteering to be quite rewarding in the past and feel that this will also be enriching.

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 A future where every child achieves the greatest level of independence, enabling them to become a valued member of society



**What the role means to me:**

I get the chance to learn from a team of people who have a wealth of knowledge and work in different sectors. I get the chance to contribute to the advancement of something bigger.

**Areas of recent focus:**

At the moment, I am learning more about the role itself and attending meetings in the different committees. I hope to gain an insight into how a school community runs.

**Future areas of focus:**

I hope to be more involved with the Curriculum & Standards, and Resources Committees. I am also invested in the Health & Wellbeing aspects. I have a high respect for those who work in education and want to ensure that they have an environment that is as supportive for them as the one they create for their students.

**What I enjoy most / value from being a Governor:**

I enjoy seeing things from different perspectives – children have a real sense of wonder that I think we lose when we get older. I have visited Stocklake and hope to visit Booker in the upcoming term. It was so nice to see the children active and engaged.

**Sign of the Week:**

This is the generic sign for open, the sign will differ for book, drink etc.

The graphic consists of two square boxes side-by-side. The left box contains the word 'open' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text is an orange folder icon with a black arrow pointing from the top flap towards the bottom right. The right box contains a line drawing of a person's torso and arms. The hands are positioned in front of the chest, with fingers spread and palms facing each other. Small arrows on the hands indicate the direction of movement. Below these two boxes is a rounded rectangular box containing the text: 'This is the generic sign for open, the sign will differ for book, drink etc.'

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A blue oval shape containing the text: 'Mission Statement' in bold, followed by 'Together, overcoming barriers, enabling each child and young person to reach their full potential' in a smaller font.



**Term Dates and INSET Days 2024-25:**

Please find below the term dates for the next academic year:

	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
Autumn Term 2024	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring Term 2025	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
	Mondy 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

Please find below the INSET days for the next academic year. The school is closed to pupils on these days:

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Have a great weekend.

**Bradley Taylor**  
**Principal**



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