Weekly Newsletter

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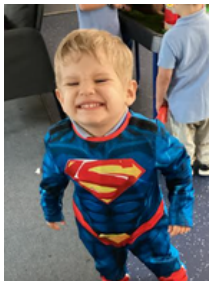
BUCKINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 11th September



Top News

BPS Class Trophy

Each Friday every class will award our new BPS Trophy to a child who teachers and support staff feel have stood out. It could be because of the progress they have made, an act of kindness, the effort and perserverence they have shown. We are looking forward to sharing our 'Trophy Recipients' with you each week.
If your child receives a trophy, we ask it be returned the following Wednesday. Thank you.

A very warm welcome back to everyone!

We are so pleased to see our school community back together and especially delighted to welcome so many new children to Buckingham Primary. Alongside our new Reception cohort, we have 25 children joining us across the other year groups – we look forward to getting know the children and their families.

Everyone has returned from the summer break looking refreshed and re-energised. When visiting classes this week, I have been really pleased to see how settled the children are and how enthusiastically they have got stuck into their learning. There has been a lovely buzz around school!

A quick reminder that children should come to school in the correct school uniform each day, including black school shoes and the appropriate PE kit on PE days. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our smart school uniform.

With the rather wet weather we have had this week, please also remember to send children in with wellies and waterproofs, particularly important for our OPAL play as we go out in all weathers.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and myself and the whole team look forward to working with you this academic year.

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This week's music choice:
We're starting the year with a tribute to Dolly Parton, accompanied by Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Peace Train
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHn8dRhPQTo

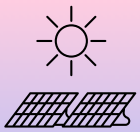
At BPS, Attendance Matters

AT BPS, our data shows that children whose attendance sits 99-100% have strong outcomes in every subject, especially Maths.

In comparison, just 5% of children with persistent absences attained well across all subjects.

Every day really does count. This year, please speak with us if you need support with regular attendance. We are here to help.

Solar Panels at BPS



Gawcot Solar Farm have invited us to take part in a project to help schools become more sustainable.

Over this next year they will be funding Solar Panels to be fitted onto our roofs which will help hugely with our endeavours to be as energy efficient as possible.

We are so grateful for Gawcott Solar Farm for this opportunity as this is something we would struggle to facilitate ourselves.

We will keep parents notified of upcoming building works.

PTA News

Our PTA support the school in many ways, raising funds through events or charity grants. They also provide a great service to parents, running our second hand uniform store.
If you would like to chat to a member of our PTA about what they do or joining them, please send them a quick email - PTA@bps.bucks.sch.uk
PTA members are welcome to commit to as much or little time that works for them. Thank you.

Unwanted clothes collection: 6th November

Perfect timing to clear out summer or winter clothes that no longer fit.

Coming up

14th September Flu Jabs
16th September Open Day 9.30 & 1.30pm
17th September OPAL Celebrations
6th October Year 3 Harvest Festival
14th October Yr 6 Duxford Trip

Safeguarding

Safeguarding: Start and End of Day Routines

A little reminder about our start and end of day routines, which help keep everyone safe.
Please remember that mobile phones should not be used on the school site. If you need to make an urgent call, please step outside the school gate or pop into Reception.

Children should not arrive before 8.45am, as the outside areas are not supervised before this time.
At the end of the day, Year 3 children should not walk home independently. We will shortly be asking parents/carers to confirm collection arrangements for Years 3-6, so please look out for a separate letter.
Please also talk with your child about what to do if plans change:

- If your adult isn't where you expect them to be, find a member of staff wearing high-vis clothing or go straight to Reception.
- If you leave school but feel worried on the way home, return to school and go to Reception.
- If walking or cycling home independently, always follow the route agreed with your parent/carer.
- If your child is expecting to be collected, do not leave school without your adult. Go to Reception and staff will contact home.