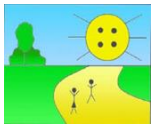




# BUTTON LANE NEWS

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support on Tuesday regarding the unexpected closure of the school. We first found out about the heating not coming on around 7am, at that point we knew it was just a problem with pressure and was easy to repair but it needed an engineer. A call was made and we hoped to get it fixed within the first hour or so of school opening. The temperature at that point was still within the range of acceptable. I made the decision not to close as we should only ever do that in exceptional circumstances and as we hoped to have it repaired within the first hour then that was not deemed exceptional. Once we could see that the engineer was later in arriving than we expected, we contacted our energy management service to collect the current school temperatures. At this point they had just dipped below the acceptable level of 18 degrees. It was at this point we set about closing school.

## Ghyll head

On Monday, 40 of our Year 5 & 6 children went to Ghyll Head for a week of adventure. They have had a fantastic week, taking part in a range of activities such as canoeing, zip wire, caving, walking and climbing. We have been keeping track of their adventures on Twitter and Ms Roberts and Miss Thomas went to visit them on Wednesday, they were impressed with the children's resilience, examples of teamwork and achievement. A big thank you to the staff; Mr Pyne, Mr Walker, Miss Mills, Mr Fitton, Miss Earley and our Chair of Governors Mark, who have supported the children all week.



## Year 3 Forest School

Year 3 will be starting Forest School in the new half term. It takes place on a Monday during the school day on the school grounds, it begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. More information will be sent out the first week back of the new half term.



## Parents Evening

Parents Evening is taking place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. This week we have launched a new booking system which is available on the app. It allows you to book time slots with designated teachers. If you do not have the app you will need to access the booking website, the link for this was sent out as a message yesterday. If you are having any problems using this system please contact the school office and they would be happy to help.

## Pancake Day

At the end of the school day on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February we will be selling pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Children will be able to buy pancakes to decorate and eat. This will take place in the school dining hall. Please come along to support this event which has been organised by the Friends of Button Lane to raise money for school.



## Internet Safety Day

This week we have explored how to stay safe online. The theme was online identity, we have thought about how we protect who we are online and how we should be aware that some people online are not who we think they are. We will continue to explore this over the next half term. Please can you ensure that you regularly check your child's phone and discuss their online use.



## Get Caught Reading: The Challenge

Where can you get caught reading this half term? Your challenge is to take a photo of yourself reading somewhere fun and imaginative. All photos are to be sent in by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March to be displayed in our gallery of readers. There are prizes for the top 3!



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### Dates for your diaries

# February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Parents evening  
26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Bikeability  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Class 3P assembly

# March

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Reception hearing and vision check  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Class 5E assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Bikeability  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Bikeability  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Class 4DB assembly  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March Class 5M assembly  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2H assembly  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – PROUD Assembly

### Community News

#### Breakfast Club – February Half Term 10am – 11.30am

Free breakfast and craft activities for children and parents at St Michael's Community Hall, Orton Road.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February



### Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please inform us on the first day of absence. You can leave a message on the school answer phone or with the office staff on 0161 945 1965 or you can send a text message to the school mobile the number is: 07599954928 or you can fill in the absence reporting section on Parent App. If we do not receive communication regarding a child's absence it will be recorded in the register as an unauthorised absence. 5 unauthorised register marks can result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

### Safeguarding Children

Every week we put on our newsletter the number for Social Services: 0161 234 5001. If you are ever concerned about any child please report it to Mrs Jones.

### Attendance

Our weekly attendance this week is **96.0%**.

The top classes this week were 4M and 5M with an amazing 100%. Both classes can come to school dressed in their own clothes on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The year to date attendance is 95.5%.

Attendance has really improved this last half term, we are so pleased and hope it continues next half term. Lots of classes have earned attendance rewards, we are looking forward to seeing which classes earn more rewards next half term.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies available. If you are interested in helping make decisions regarding our children's education please apply. For a nomination form or for more information on becoming a Parent Governor please ask at the school office or email [finance@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:finance@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk) and we will be happy to provide this for you.

### After School Clubs

A new range of After School Clubs will start after the February half term. You will receive a message during the half term holidays if your child has been successful in securing a place. Unfortunately we do not have enough space to give every child a place in a club but we will be as fair as possible.

### Need Support?...some useful numbers

Women's Domestic Violence - 0161 636 7525  
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 80100327, NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0800 800 500, Childline - 0800 1111  
**Police (if not urgent) 101** **Women's aid** 0161 660 7999

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