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BUTTON LANE NEWS

Monday 6th July 2020



As we have previously informed you, there were government announcements on Thursday and Friday last week about schools reopening in September. We have already been planning for this but now need to finalise our plans following the government guidance we have received. We are hoping to update you further this week. Please remember that there will then be another government announcement on August 11th, you will be updated again after that date with any changes.

Thank you for all of your support and understanding during these difficult days. It is truly appreciated. Below is a link to the most recent DfE update which is what we will be basing our return to school plan on.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirusoutbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools

Year 6 Leavers Picnic

We are hoping to hold a picnic for our year 6 pupils during the last week of school (13th – 16th July). This is obviously good weather dependent so a final decision will be made when we are sure of a dry weather forecast, keep your fingers crossed!

Please reply on the consent form sent out on Parent App if your year 6 child will be attending, if you have not got Parent App, please contact Mrs Wood (n.wood@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk) We are hoping the picnic will give the year 6 children a chance to say goodbye to their friends and staff in a socially distanced environment.

More details to follow this week.



School Reports

Your child's school report is now ready and has been available to collect from the school office since Friday 3rd July. Thank you to everyone who has already collected it and helped us save on the cost of postage. If you have not collected your child's report by the end of this week it will be posted out to you.

Zoom

Following the success of our first zoom calls, we are going to be doing a 'Goodbye' Zoom Meeting with your child's class, class teacher and TA. Please see the schedule below:

3BI - Tuesday 7th at 9am

4DC Tuesday 7th at 11am

4DB- Tuesday 7th at 2pm

2A - Wednesday 8th at 9am

2W - Wednesday 8th at 11am

5M - Wednesday 8th at 1pm

2H - Wednesday 8th at 1.30pm

4M- Thursday 9th at 9am

3P- Thursday 9th at 11am

5E- Thursday 9th at 2pm

6G - Friday 10th at 9am

6F- Friday 10th at 11am

Palm Tree- Friday 10th at 9am

Willow Tree- Friday 10th at 11am

1G - Friday 10th at 10am

1M- Friday 10th at 1pm

Moonbeam - Wednesday 15th at 2pm

Sunshine - Thursday 16th at 9am

A consent form will be sent out on Parent, please complete the form if your child would like to participate in the Zoom meeting, they are not compulsory. If you do not have access to Parent App, please email Mrs Wood on the address below if your child would like to join in the meeting;

<u>n.wood@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk</u> Links and passwords will be emailed prior to the Zoom meeting.



Free School Meals

Please use the following link to find out if you are entitled and if you are, school will be notified directly

https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

Children in the infant department are entitled to universal free school meals but you should still apply through this link as the school can claim for additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources. Even if you do not think you are entitled it is worth while checking, this only takes a couple of minutes to do. Thank you.



Are you entitled?

Button Lane Primary School Sock Olympics

This year, Sports Day is looking a little different! Due to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics being postponed until 2021, Button Lane Primary have planned a Sock Olympics just for you!

You will need:

A ball of socks!

Stopwatch/timer

Tape measure

Demonstration videos

Keep an eye out for more information this week!



Manchester Libraries

Wow, great news. Some Manchester libraries will be reopening from Saturday 4 July.

Manchester City Council will begin the process of welcoming residents back safely to their local libraries from Saturday 4 July. Eight of the city's libraries - including City Library, on the lower ground floor of Manchester Central Library - will be open Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays, from 11am - 3pm. To ensure safety we will be limiting the numbers of customers allowed in the library and will be offering a reduced number of services. At these libraries you will be able to return books, borrow books and use the Internet.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020, 'Silly Squad'

The annual Summer Reading Challenge has launched early this year. It is aimed at children aged 4-11 and will run over the summer until early September. The Challenge is very different as it will not involve a library visit or reading books from the local library. Children can join online at sillysquad.org.uk and can read any books (from home, from school, e-books etc). There is no minimum number of books to read (previously it was 6). Manchester Libraries will be offering daily online content Monday - Friday from 1 July. This includes a weekly 'Draw with Me' with Nick Sharratt, craft sessions, poetry and storytelling. There will also be a Book Review competition. You can find out more information on the library blog

https://manclibraries.blog/2020/06/05/silly-squad-the-digital-summer-reading-challenge-2020/

The Reading Agency and Libraries Presen



<u>The Kid Who Came from Space -</u> <u>Read Manchester's first transition read</u>

The transition from Y6 to Y7 can often be a worrying time and this year presents even more challenges. Read Manchester has been working with partners and funders to bring the first ever city-wide transition read. The Kid Who Came from Space by Ross Welford has been selected and will be given to the current Y6 cohort. We will be distributing these over the next couple of weeks. An accompanying enrichment pack will also be sent to you in early July with activities for children to do at home over the summer.





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.

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

Where only the best is good enough

Button Lane Primary School

We are improving and adding to our new school website all the time.

www.buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk

We are constantly updating our Twitter page, why not Tweet us and let us know what your child is getting up to at home.

https://twitter.com/ButtonLane_

Our new Facebook page is also updated daily. https://www.facebook.com/Buttonlane9451965/



<u>Let's stay in touch!</u>

Who to contact	Email address
General Enquiries	helpline@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to nursery staff	Nursery@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to reception staff	Reception@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to year 1 staff	Year1@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to year 2 staff	Year2@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to year 3 staff	Year3@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to year 4 staff	Year4@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to year 5 staff	Year5@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk
To speak to year 6 staff	Year6@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk

Music Lessons

KS2 children who have instrumental lessons with Mr Sanderson can now request free video call lessons. They can email Miss Earley at year5@buttonlane.manchest er.sch.uk for more information.



Supporting Parents of Children with SEND

Educational Psychology Helpline 0161 276 0118 (Monday – Friday 1.00pm – 3.00pm).

A helpline for parents/carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and for Early Help professionals within Manchester Local Authority.

We can offer a problem-solving phone conversation relating to educating your child/young person at home and responding to issues relating to learning, behaviour, anxiety and mental health needs. For example:

- are you feeling unsure how to teach your child learn at home?
 - are you finding it difficult to teach what is expected?
- is it difficult to help your child stay calm or get them to co-operate?
- are you concerned that you don't have the right equipment or resources?

These are particularly difficult times for parents/carers of children and young people with special needs and disabilities. We are available to talk through difficulties you may be facing.

Helpful Resources

Newsround: Visit the CBBC Newsround special on childhood bereavement.
Young Minds: Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544 https://youngminds.org.uk/
Winston's Wish: 08088 020 021 www.winstonswish.co.uk
Child Bereavement UK: 0800 02 888 40 www.childbereavementnetwork.org.uk
Cruse Bereavement Care: 0844 477 9400 www.cruse.org.uk
Children's Bereavement Support: 0161 711 0339 www.onceuponasmile.co.uk

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