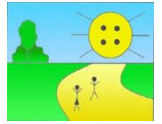


# BUTTON LANE NEWS



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## *Have a great summer, you deserve it!*

We have reached the end of the 2019/2020 academic year and what an unprecedented year it has been. I am so proud of how our school community has dealt with such uncertain times and would like to take the opportunity to thank our families for their support and patience over the past four months, it has been very much appreciated. I want to also thank the wonderful staff of Button Lane for their ongoing dedication in what was a very difficult time. I am sure that everyone is ready to put away the home learning and take the opportunity to rest and relax. There will be further information sent out to you in August regarding the reopening plans but for now, enjoy the holiday!

**School reopens on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

### Year 6 Leavers

We were not able to give our wonderful year 6 pupils the send off we would have liked. We will be organising a leavers assembly in the new academic year so we can give them the goodbye that they deserve. We wish them all the best of luck for their first day in high school, we know they will be amazing! We look forward to hearing all about it.



### ParentPay

In September we will be a cashless school, this means that all payments to school will need to be made via ParentPay. If you have not got a ParentPay account please contact the school office and they will send you your registration details.



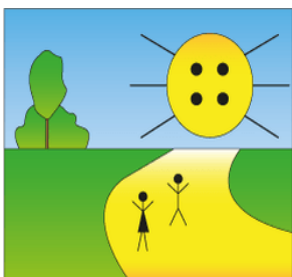
### Parent App

We still have some parents/carers who have not yet signed up for the Parent App. If you have not already done so can you please sign up ASAP. The app is now our main source of communicating with parents/carers about everything that is happening within school so it is very important that you sign up so you don't miss out on updates etc. If you are having trouble signing up to Parent App please let the school office know and they will be happy to help.



### School Uniform

A reminder of the school uniform your child is expected to wear:  
Blue jumper/cardigan,  
yellow polo shirt,  
black/grey  
skirt/trousers,  
black shoes (no  
trainers).



### Sunflower Competition

The sunflower competition ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. We are looking forward to seeing your entries when we come back to school. The two categories we are judging are the "tallest sunflower" and the "most imaginative pot".



### Government Update

There is a planned government update in August for schools. We will send out our own update after we have processed all the information received from the government.

### 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**

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One day in March...

One day in March, our school year was paused,  
Covid rampaging and heartache was caused.  
What the future would hold, no-one could tell,  
We hurried goodbyes to keep safe and well.

It could have been easy to feel all alone,  
Trapped in a lockdown in our own home.  
But the Button Lane blanket of support and care,  
Was an invisible protector, no virus could tear.

We had to get used to learning from home,  
Keeping in touch by zoom, email and phone.  
Resilience was needed and you proved you were strong,  
We knew you were brilliant and we were not wrong.

We loved to see photos of work you had done,  
It was lovely to see how far you had come.  
But not just in phonics and times tables you know,  
But in kindness and love, that you clearly show.

Marcus, our friend, showed us the power of the pen,  
And stood up to parliament and powerful men.  
His plea was sincere and they all heard his call,  
And the chance of a dinner continues for all.

Our keyworker children have stayed by our side,  
Returning each day as on us they relied.  
Keeping a distance and playing apart,  
Drawings and paintings full of rainbows and hearts.

We continue to care for those hard to heal,  
Staying away from those asked to shield.  
Virtual hugs, as safety comes first,  
But oh we have missed them and that's really hurt.

And to our year 6, your goodbye seems unfair,  
But please always know that we will always be there.  
Be strong with your voice and use it with pride,  
Share talents and strengths, do not let them hide.

What have we learnt from this difficult year,  
When we sadly lost loved ones and those we hold dear.  
Life is precious and fragile so we must make amends,  
And now make the most of our family and friends.

Our team have kept going in the toughest of times,  
Keeping school open, their sparkle just shines.  
We thanked the NHS for all that they do,  
But Button Lane staff, you're our heroes too.

The future is coming, the storm clouds will pass,  
And you'll be reunited with all of your class.  
All showing each other the utmost respect,  
Because from everyone, that's what we expect.

So bring on September, for we cannot wait,  
Button Lane is still here so come through the gate.  
The classrooms and playgrounds are waiting for you,  
And so are your teachers, they've missed you too.

Ms Roberts  
July 2020