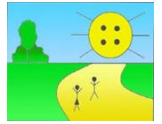


# BUTTON LANE NEWS



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

We have had a fantastic week in school this week. PE lessons have resumed and Forest school sessions have begun, the pupils have really enjoyed being outside in the fresh air. Our Twitter page is full of all the fantastic things the children have been getting up to.

## Proud

We welcomed our ex-pupil Marcus Rashford into school on Wednesday. He is filming a BBC documentary about his free school meals campaign. We are so proud of how he is using his status to benefit children and families across the country. He thanked us for having him on his social media posts.



## One Way System

Thank you for your co-operation with the one way system that we have had to implement around the school grounds. Just a quick reminder that you do not have to leave the school grounds via the gate you entered through, as long as you continue to follow the one way system you can exit the school grounds through any gate. It is important that we do not have parents/carers congregating at the school gates and that we limit the number of interactions across bubbles. Can you also please ensure that only 1 parent/adult drop off and collect to help minimise the number of adults on site.



## Staggered Start and Finish Times

We really appreciate your support with the staggered start and finish times. Please ensure you do not arrive too early to drop off and pick up to avoid congestion at key points around school.

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	8.30am	2.40pm
Year 1	8.40am	2.50pm
Year 2	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 3	8.30am	2.40pm
Year 4	8.40am	2.50pm
Year 5	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 6	8.30am	2.40pm

## Reporting Absence

Due to the current situation it is very important that you inform us if your child is going to be absent from school. Please inform the school on the first day of absence. Please also provide plenty of detail regarding their illness, this will ensure we follow the correct procedure. You can report absence via the school app, text message (07599954928) or telephone the school office (0161 945 1965).

*Reporting an absence.*



## The Daily Mile

We are participating in the "Daily Mile" national incentive to keep children fit for life. The children will be doing this as part of their PE lesson. The children will run, jog or walk 1 mile in the school grounds at their own pace. We can't wait to see how they get on.

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### Dates for your diaries



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – School photographs



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Nasal flu immunisation

### Breakfast and After School

There are still vacancies in breakfast and after school club, if you want your child to attend please fill in the consent forms which are available on Parent App. Our breakfast club runs from 7.40am and is £1.50 or 75p if you arrive from 8.00am. After school club is £8.00 per session.



### The Great Button Lane Sunflower Growing Competition

We are pleased to announce the winners of the sunflower competition. Unfortunately no entries were submitted for the “most imaginative pot”, therefore the 2 tallest sunflowers will win a prize:

Harrison & Holly - 210cm

Felix - 175cm

Thank you to everyone who took part.



### Attendance

The whole school attendance this week is 94.9%, we need to try and reach our target of 97% or above next week.

The class with the highest attendance this week was 5M with an amazing 100%, well done 5M this is fantastic.

### 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**

### PE

On the day your child has PE they can come into school in their PE kit;  
plain white t-shirt,  
black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings,  
trainers/pumps  
black sweatshirt/hoody

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Thursday & Friday
Year 2	Wednesday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday & Friday
Year 5	Monday & Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday & Friday

### Forest School and Allotment

The children will be taking part in weekly forest school and allotment sessions in the school grounds. On their allocated day, your child will need to bring in outdoor clothing/footwear suitable for the weather and for being outside.

Year Group	Day
Nursery	Tuesday
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday

### 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.

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### **What's happening in school?**

We have worked hard over the past week to settle the children into school and introduce new routines. The majority of these are working well, and we are adjusting as we go along. Some of this has been a result of feedback from parents, children and staff – please continue to let us know if you have any suggestions.

Our main focus so far has been wellbeing, but we are also starting to informally assess children's progress so that we can teach appropriately over the coming weeks.

### **Health and Safety**

We would really appreciate your support to ensure the health and safety of all members of our community. We are following the most recent government guidelines:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirusoutbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-1-public-health-advice-to-minimisecoronavirus-covid-19-risks>

We have already had some cases of sickness and colds. If your child has any of the most common Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, cough, loss of taste and smell) they should stay at home. Current advice is that all members of the household should also self-isolate while waiting for test results.

Please bear with us as we will have to be over cautious at this time.

Please note that if your child needs to self-isolate due to local lockdown or cases of Covid-19 in their bubble, we will provide home learning activities for the period that they are not in school.

### **Birthday Sweets**

A few parents have contacted us to ask about distribution of sweets for a child's birthday. Due to guidance restricting the amount of things that children bring in from home, and to reduce the risk of transferring germs from one household to another, we cannot accept birthday sweets.

If you would still like to share something then we would ask you to donate a '**Birthday book**', we used to do this a couple of years ago and it was a lovely idea! The book would get a special sticker that detailed who donated the birthday book, with the date and what birthday the child was celebrating.

It will help with our drive for reading and help fill up shelves in our library and classroom reading corners. Any books brought in will be kept in quarantine for 72 hours before distribution.

#### **ParentPay**

We are now 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. We will no longer be accepting cash at the school office.

Thank you for your support.



#### **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 our main source of communicating with parents/carers about everything that is happening within school and it is very difficult to ensure information reaches everyone if they do not have access to the app. Thank you.



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