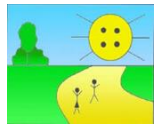


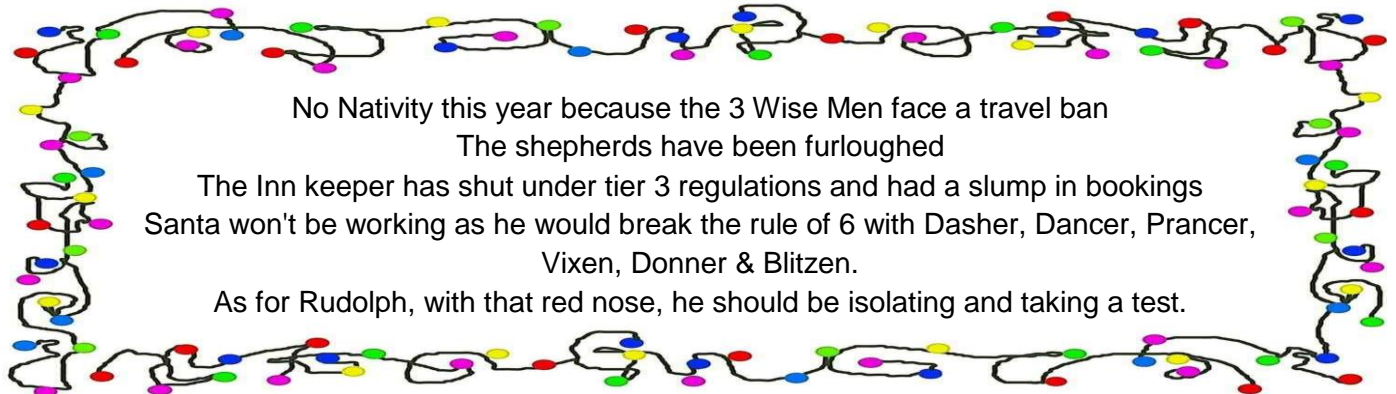


BUTTON LANE NEWS



Friday 6th November 2020

Welcome back, we hoped you had a nice break. It is hard to believe we are in the second half of the Autumn term and the countdown to Christmas has already begun. Due to the current situation Christmas at Button Lane will be slightly different this year but it will still be enjoyable, festive and parents/carers will still feel part of it. We are planning on doing a virtual advent calendar for the month of December, Christmas party day and Christmas jumper day will still go ahead, there will be a Christmas craft day and also a visit from Father Christmas, in a socially distanced way of course! Keep your eye out for the dates these events will be taking place.



No Nativity this year because the 3 Wise Men face a travel ban
The shepherds have been furloughed

The Inn keeper has shut under tier 3 regulations and had a slump in bookings
Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of 6 with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer,
Vixen, Donner & Blitzen.

As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test.

Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday the whole school took part in Outdoor Classroom Day, we were so lucky it stayed dry this year and the sun even made an appearance. The children really enjoy taking their learning outdoors, they had such a lovely day, taking part in activities and creating wonderful things. Take a look at our Twitter page to see what they got up to.



Maths Week England

It is Maths Week England next week and years 1-6 are taking part in the TTRockStars competition. Please encourage your child to take part by using TTRockstars at home as much as possible, they will also be taking part in school. We will announce the winning class and individual superstars from our school in our zoom assembly the following Monday.

We are asking the children to come to school dressed as Rock Stars on Monday 16th November. Please do not feel that you need to go out and spend money on an outfit, jeans and a black t-shirt are more than sufficient!



Unicef Rights Respecting School

We are so pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Silver Award for Rights Respecting. A huge well done to Miss Whittaker for driving this initiative through school and to all staff and pupils for supporting RRS and making it part of our ethos. The assessor was impressed with our journey and felt that we had easily achieved silver and were well on our way to Gold.

November's article of the month is Article 38: Your right to be protected during war. We will be linking this in with Remembrance Day which is on Wednesday 11th November.



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Dates for your diaries

November



Friday 13th November - Autumn Term School Reports sent home

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Week beginning 16th November – Anti bullying week (more information to follow)

Monday 16th November – TT Rock Star day

It is with sadness that I need to inform you that a member of our staff, Mrs Robinson, has sadly passed away. Mrs Robinson had a long-term illness and lost her battle last week. All those families who had the privilege to know Mrs Robinson will know how special she was and that she will be dearly missed by all of our community. She was such a kind and calm person who brought great joy to our school, she was one of those people who genuinely cared and went out of her way to help and support others. We will be spending time with the classes who have spent considerable time with Mrs Robinson (2A and 4M) to allow them time to process and discuss this sad event. Our thoughts and love are with Mrs Robinson's family.



Children In Need

We are taking part in Children in Need this year. On Friday 13th your child can come to school dressed in their own clothes, we are asking for a £1 donation to Children in Need that can be paid via ParentPay.

Thank you for your support.



School Games Mark

We are so pleased to have retained the Gold School Games Mark Award for 2019/20. Well done to Mr Walker for leading us to this award and also to the staff and pupils for their support. We are aiming high and hoping to achieve Platinum status next year!



Thank You

We would like to thank Mrs Debbie Holt from Grounds Maintenance South for Manchester City Council for the 600 daffodil bulbs she kindly donated to us. Each child has been able to plant a bulb, we will be sharing our planting photos on our Twitter page and are looking forward to the beautiful daffodil displays around school next spring.



Attendance

The whole school attendance this week is 94.5%, this is too low, let's try and improve it next week.

The class with the highest attendance this week is 5LM with 97.5%, well done!

The year to date attendance is 95.9%

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Helpline Reminder

Our helpline e-mail is still active. This e-mail was set up during lockdown so we could deal with any concerns regarding your child or any general queries you had. We have kept this e-mail active as an extra way for you to contact us and to try and keep the year group emails less congested. Please feel free to contact us on this email. Thank you.

helpline@buttonlane.manchester.sch.uk

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
For help with online safety NSPCC Advice Line for questions about parental controls, privacy settings, apps and social media. Call 0808 800 5002, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Updated Government Guidelines

Following the country going into lockdown, there were no significant changes for primary schools. As you are aware we are asking all parents/carers who are on the school grounds to wear a face mask. We are aware this is not a legal requirement but it is helping to keep our school safe in these very worrying times, so please do wear one unless you are exempt. We have also asked staff to wear face masks in communal areas around school.

Staff and pupils who come under the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable category are required to isolate. If your child falls into this category please contact school to discuss this with us.



**Please wear a
face covering**

Home School Covid Agreement

Next week a Home School Covid Agreement will be sent out to be completed for every pupil in school.

It will be sent out via Parent App. If you do not have Parent App a paper copy will be sent home. It is very important that we have an agreement signed for every child in school.

Here to Help

If you are finding things difficult in these uncertain times Mrs Jones is always here to help. She can offer advice and support, food vouchers, breakfast packs and direct you to more support that is available. The Bideford Centre is also open for daily food parcels between 9am and 12, no appointment necessary, just turn up with a bag to fill.



P.E Kit

Can you please ensure that your child is wearing the correct P.E kit to school. We are seeing the children in a variety of coloured t-shirts and hoodies/jumpers. As the children are currently having to wear their P.E kit all day we would like them to look as smart and uniformed as possible. The correct P.E kit is a white t-shirt, black bottoms and a black jumper/hoody. If your child does not have a black jumper/hoody please send them in their school jumper/cardigan. Thank you.

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).



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