

BUTTON LANE NEWS

Friday 20th November 2020



World Children's Day

Today we celebrated "World Children's Day" which marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Following the suggestions of the global council each class focused on a different article and then shared what they had learnt and discussed with the rest of the school via a zoom assembly this afternoon. Look out for photos and videos on our twitter page.





Mrs Woolham

As some of you may already be aware, Mrs Woolham is retiring at the end of this half term. Mrs Woolham has worked at Button Lane for 25 years. We are all going to miss her so much but we will make sure her last weeks at Button Lane are enjoyable and we will definitely be giving her a send-off to remember!



Anti Bullying Week

We took part in Anti-Bullying week this week. It was fantastic to see the children in their odd socks on Thursday, they really brightened up our school day! Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun, it's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



It was wonderful to see all the budding rock stars on Monday for TT Rock Stars day! The results of the Maths Week England competition were announced in our assembly on Monday morning;

3rd place 6G, 2nd place 3P, 1st place 3G! Well done to those classes!

Our individual superstars were; 3rd place Zora 6G, 2nd place Maddox 3P and 1st place Stan 3G A fantastic effort by everyone, well done!



ClassCharts

As we build on our capacity to deliver remote learning we have signed up to ClassCharts. Initially we will be using ClassCharts to set homework. Over the next few days your child will be coming home with parent and student log in details and an information sheet.

Over the next few weeks teaching staff will set homework via ClassCharts. Class 3P have already trialled using this platform and the feedback has been very positive. We are aware that for a number of you, the ability to give your child access to a device is proving difficult and we are working with the Department of Education and the Local Authority to get support in this.



Manchester Metropolitan University

We have a long-standing relationship with Manchester Metropolitan University and are always keen to support new teaching students as they set out on their teaching journey. We have welcomed a final year student into 1W called Miss Waldron-Green and she will remain with us until February 2021.



Dates for your diaries



Friday 27th November – INSET day – School closed



1st – 25th December - Virtual advent calendar Christmas jumper day Christmas party day



Family bingo



Easter craft competition



Friday 19th March - Comic Relief

Attendance Due to the current situation we are all living in, we feel our attendance target of 97% or above is a little ambitious, we are therefore lowering it for this academic year to 96%, we are sure we are able to reach this new target! The whole school attendance this week is 95.5%, let's try and hit ou new target next week. The class with the highest attendance this week is 5M with a fantastic 97.6%, well done! The year to date attendance is 95.7%

Christmas Jumpers

We will be holding our annual Christmas jumper day this year. Friends of Button Lane are currently accepting donations of old/used but in good condition jumpers that they are going to resell at a fraction of the price of a new one and then donate the proceedings to school fund. If you have any jumpers to donate, please drop them at the school office. There is a Facebook page "Buttonlane Christmas Jumpers" where you can see what is available to buy. Thank you for your support.



Home School Covid Agreement

Your child brought home a Coivd-19 Home School Agreement last week. It is very important that we have an agreement signed for every child in school. Please read it with your child, sign it and return it to school ASAP. Thank you.

Easy Fundraising

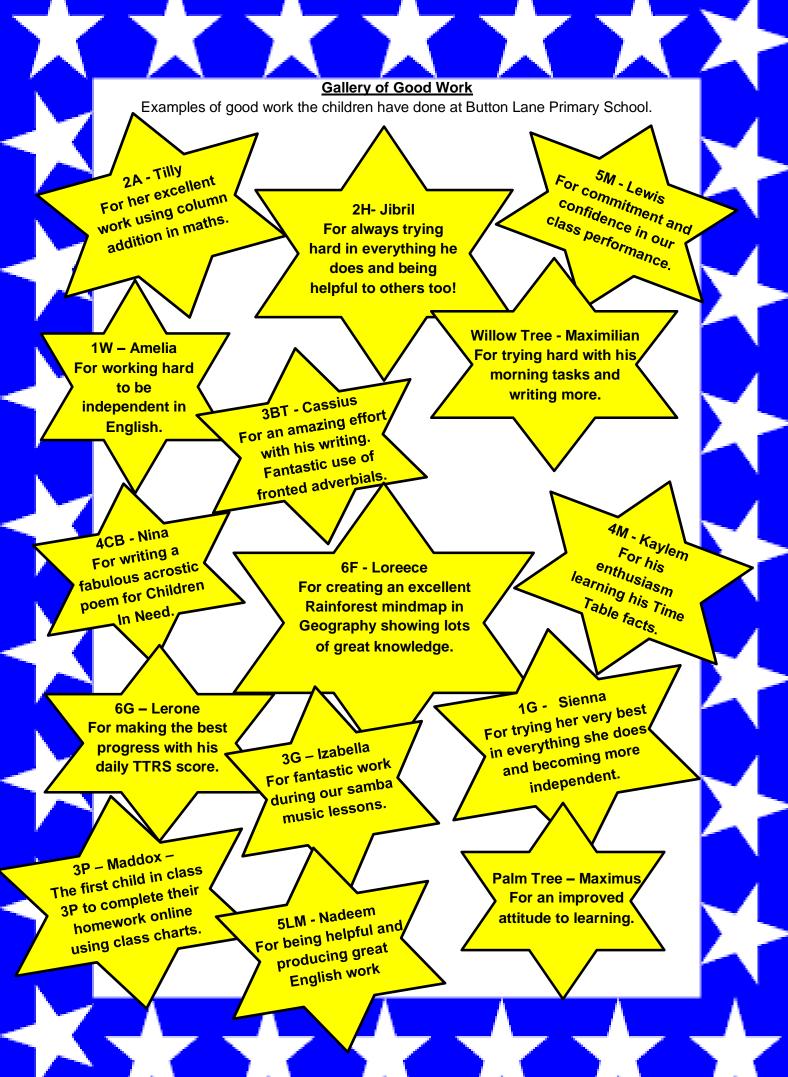
We have registered an account with easy fundraising, this will not cost you anything. All we ask is that if you are doing any online Christmas shopping that you go through the Easy Fundraising website to search for the retailer and they will make a donation direct to school. When searching for a cause please type 'Button Lane Primary School'.



MUFC Shirts

We are holding a raffle to win MUFC 2019/2020 away shirts with "Rashford" printed on the back. There are 40 shirts available to win. Tickets cost £1 and can be bought on Parent Pay. All money raised will be used to improve the school grounds for all the children to enjoy. The winners will be picked on Monday 30th November. Good Luck!





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

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.



Please wear a face covering

One Way System

Thank you for your co-operation with the one-way system 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.



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).







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.