

BUTTON LANE NEWS

Friday 14th May 2021



Eid

This week the children have been learning all about Eid. Eid is a religious festival which Muslims all over the world celebrate. It marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

Eid Mubarak to our school community.



Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday 20th May, the whole school will be taking part in Outdoor Classroom Day. This will be our third year joining thousands of schools around the world taking our learning outside. Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. On the day, children can come to school dressed in their own clothes, please ensure what they wear is appropriate for the weather and being outdoors, as always, we will be outside no matter the weather. The children always have such a great day and it is one of our favourite days in the school calendar.



Attendance Challenge

Last week we set the children an attendance challenge. If the whole school attendance improves for 2 weeks, the children would be able to bring a scooter/skateboard into school and have a scooter/skateboard session with their class on the school grounds. The choice of attendance reward was suggested by a number of pupils who had previously enjoyed the chance to bring their scooter into school during lockdown and also some of the pupils who enjoyed taking part in the scooter session during the holiday club. We are aware that some children will not have access to a scooter/skateboard, we are currently collecting this information to see how many children this affects. If too many children do not have access to either a scooter or skateboard we may have to change our plans.

We are so pleased that this week the whole school attendance has improved! We really hope it approves again next week so the children can receive the reward.



Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition

We are taking part in the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Some of the children will be doing this in school and some of the children have been sent home with their sheet to complete. Children entering the competition are asked to design an image of their hero or heroes from the coronavirus pandemic, the theme of the competition is "Honouring the heroes of the pandemic... on a stamp". If your child is completing their entry at home, please ensure it is brought back into school by Monday 17th May. Good luck!



Cake Sale

We are holding a cake sale in school on Friday 21st May to raise money for our year 6 leavers hoodies. Children will have the opportunity to purchase cakes during the school day. We would really appreciate your support.

Thank you.



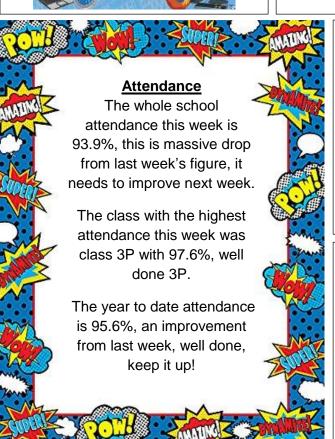
Online Safety

Can we please ask that parents/carers are monitoring their child's activity online, this includes message groups, social media and online gaming interaction. We are dealing with a number of incidents in school that occur on these forums outside of school hours. A PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) is due to come into school this half term to talk to the children about online safety. Thank you for your support.



Lunch Shop - Breakfast Club

We have made some changes to improve our Breakfast Club, this includes the food on offer. As well as toast and cereal we will also have on offer scrambled egg, beans, bacon & sausage. From Monday 17th May you will need to book your child's breakfast club session through the Lunch Shop and pay online. The booking item will close at 7am on the day of the booking so please ensure you book on time. We will no longer be able to accept cash on the day. Any arrears will be transferred to Lunch Shop. There will be a price increase for the new breakfast club, this increase will start from Monday 14th June and the cost will be £1.50 per session. We understand this will be an increase for some parents but having contacted our local schools we are charging significantly less for our breakfast club. The increase in price is to enable us to offer a better service for our children.



Dates for your diary



Thursday 20th May – Outdoor Classroom Day Friday 21st May – Cake sale Friday 28th – Finish for half term



Monday 14th June - Back to school

Chicks

We have had some eggciting visitors to our reception classes this week, chick eggs arrived on Tuesday and they have now hatched and we have nine chicks. The children have named them; Button, Rainbow, Blossom, Unicorn, Dobby, Bizzy, Twinkle Toes, Star and Sparkle. The children are looking forward to watching them grow over the next week.













RSHE (Relationships, sex and health education) <u>Curriculum</u>

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the RSHE zoom information session this morning, there was a fantastic turn out. We hope the session answered your questions and eased any concerns you had. A parents/carers information leaflet is still available on Parent App.



Parents Evening

All our virtual parents evenings have now taken place. Thank you for your support with the changes we had to implement. We would really appreciate your feedback on your experience of SchoolCloud and the virtual parents evening. Please complete the survey which is available on Parent App.



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

If you have any queries, it is possible to email using one of the following email addresses. Staff check them every day and will respond as quick as they can.

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

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.



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.

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.

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).



Nursery and Reception Spaces - September 2021

We still have vacancies in our nursery and reception class for September 2021. If your child will be 3 before the 1st September 2021 or if your child will be 4 before the 1st September 2021 and you would like a place at Button Lane Primary School for them, please contact the school office. Please tell your friends and family.

