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## **BUTTON LANE NEWS**

### Friday 16th September 2022



#### **Queen Elizabeth II**

We have continued to acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty The Queen and her magnificent reign this week. The children have written messages in our book of condolences about what the Queen meant to them, how they are feeling about her passing and their best wishes to the Royal Family. Once it is complete, we will open it up for parents to view and contribute. As you know, Monday 19th September 2022 will be designated a bank holiday and Button Lane will be closed on this day. The school will open as normal on Tuesday 20th September.



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#### **National Teaching Assistants' Day**

Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day. It is a day to acknowledge the valuable contribution Teaching Assistants make to children's education. Today we celebrated our wonderful TA's with cake and chocolate! Thank you to all our TA's for their hard work and dedication!



#### **Sports News**

On Wednesday, Mr Walker took 19 children to Wythenshawe Park to take part in a cross-country competition. Mr Walker was so pleased with the children's performance, they got some fantastic results! A reminder that the competition continues next Wednesday, we are looking forward to the children racing again.



Mr Walker has entered several football competitions through Manchester City, Manchester United, Dixon's Brooklands Academy and the School Games Partnership. These will run throughout the year, please keep a lookout on the newsletter and Parent App to see which year groups will be involved.



#### **New Term Meetings**

There are still some New Term Meetings yet to take place. This is an opportunity to visit your child's class and meet the staff. Information will be shared on the curriculum and expectations.

The meetings will run from 3pm – 3.30pm. We hope you can join us.

Year 2 - Tuesday 20th September Year 3 - Thursday 22nd September Year 6 - Monday 26th September

#### **Extracurricular Clubs**

Our Extracurricular Clubs began this week. There is a wide variety of clubs taking place. The clubs are very popular and unfortunately, we had a problem with the Parent App booking system.

Apologies, for anyone who experienced problems, the issue has been logged with Parent App and hopefully won't occur again.



#### Friends of Button Lane (FOBL)

The next Friends of Button Lane meeting will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 8.45am. FOBL is made up of parents and staff, who come together to organise fundraising and events for the pupils at Button Lane. Everyone is welcome and we are in need of new members to bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Please come along, share your ideas, enjoy a brew and a chat and meet new people.

Everyone is Welcome

#### **Dates for your diaries**



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September = Cross country competition Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September – Big Green Week Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Reception & year 6 height and weight check



Black history month

Monday 3rd October – Individual school photographs
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – National Teachers Day
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Smile day
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Mental Health Day
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival

#### September 2023 High School Places

The Secondary 2023 application round has opened to Manchester City Council residents. This is for children whose date of birth falls between 01/09/2011 - 31/08/2012.

Parents can make their online application through the portal on the Council's website:

https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home Paper application forms are also available from the school office. The closing date for applications is Monday 31st October 2022.

We are holding an open morning on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 9am – 10am in our ICT suite, for parents to come into school and complete the high school online applications. Staff will be on hand to help if you require help with the process.

# **Apply Now**

#### 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 - 00 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.

#### **Parent App**

We still have some parents/carers who have not yet signed up for Parent App. The app is our main source of communicating with parents/carers about everything that is happening within school so it is very important that you sign up. If you need help to sign up, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



#### **ParentPay**

We are a cashless school, this means that all payments to school 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.



#### 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.

#### **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance target is 97% or above. This week's attendance is 93.6%. The top class this week were Palm Tree class with 98.9%, well done! The year to date attendance is 93.5%



