



### NEWSLETTER NO 2 - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2019	Wednesday 4 September	Friday 25 October	Half Term	Tuesday 5 November	Thursday 19 December
Spring 2020	Tuesday 7 January	Friday 14 February		Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April
Summer 2020	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May		Tuesday 2 June	Tuesday 21 July

Inset Days: 4 November 2019, 6 January 2020, 1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are thoroughly enjoying the warm and sunny weather at the moment, especially with us trying outdoor school photos for the first time with photographer, Veronica Stewart! We have received many compliments about her work on the school website already and hope you will be pleased with the latest results in a few weeks' time. Proofs will be sent home in about two weeks. I wish to note Sondra Richman's involvement who oversees logistics of classes and siblings throughout the day, making sure everyone is in the right place at the right time - thank you for helping everything run so smoothly.

We continue to review the nature of communication and parental engagement in the school and, following the Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 2 to 6 we are aware that only 42% of children were represented by a parent on this occasion. Whilst we appreciate that timing, childcare and work commitments cause difficulties, we are keen to make the most of the time staff offer and we would welcome any feedback regarding your 'Meet the Teacher' experience and how provision could be improved.

Our little newcomers to EYFS have completed their first full-time week and it is delightful to watch them explore and learn through my office window - it is certainly more entertaining than the usual paperwork! They have started incredibly well and I am very grateful to the staff and parents for their flexibility and support whilst navigating the arrival and settling period.

Finally, can I remind everyone that we are holding our latest Secondhand Uniform Sale on Friday 27th September between 2.15 and 3.30pm in the playground shelter - gates will be open early for parents to come and browse and grab a bargain. If you have any unwanted uniform items that could be passed on, please bring them to the school office as all proceeds from the sale will go to PTFA funds. Thank you.

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#### Supervision after School

Please can we remind parents and carers to supervise their children and younger siblings carefully following or whilst waiting for collection. The children are all aware of what is and isn't appropriate but as staff must understandably focus on collection arrangements we ask for your support in making sure the children are safe. We do remind the children to stay with their adults once they have been collected and that they should not be using the MUGA or Playframe - this is for their safety please. We do enjoy having the younger siblings visiting and exploring the school but they are also our most vulnerable guests. It is noted there is a concerted effort from the children who are walking with and not riding their bikes or scooters on the site so thank you for reinforcing that. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Flu Immunisation**

Please note that the date for whole school flu immunisation is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. You have already been sent via ParentPay a letter from the Immunisation Team and an information leaflet. If you would like your child to be immunised you must complete an online consent form by copying the following link into your browser and using the school code EE110423

<https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

### **After School Clubs**

If your child is not attending an after school club for any reason, please remember to inform Game On direct or the school office in the case of Music or Dodgeball.

### **House Captains**

We are delighted to announce that, following their letter nominations, this year's Year 6 House Captains are:

Cedar - Zahara and Archie

Maple - Freya and Aidan

Redwood - Sorrell and Oscar

Birch - Megan and Benjamin

### **Congratulations**

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Jupiter Class - for an excellent start to school Matilda, Joshua, Henry	Year 3	Livie, Samantha, Alfie, Lucas G, Joshua
Year 1	Aidan, Charlie, Harry, Lily	Year 4	Bailee, Emily Sm, Luke, Lola, Daniyal, Toby
Year 2	Chloe, Grace B, Matty, Kobi, Amalia	Year 5	Louisa, Max, Noah, Daniel, Jake
		Year 6	Aidan, Jody, Sophie-Grace, Benjamin, Archie

Congratulations also to Daniel, William, Jody and Gracie who passed their Guitar grades in July - we have just received their certificates to present and wanted to share the good news.

### **Aldi 'Kit for Schools' Stickers**

The school are collecting promotional stickers from Aldi for their 'Kit to Schools' initiative; this gives us the opportunity to win sports equipment and a possible £20k prize! If you shop at Aldi (or could do for a few weeks...) please send any stickers into school with your child or via the school office so we can affix them to the promotional poster as we need 300 per entry. Thank you.

### **Phoebe Fundraising**

As I am sure many of you know from previous newsletters, Phoebe in Year 6 underwent spinal surgery last term to help with a long standing condition. The school continue to support her recovery and the family who are fundraising to support her on-going specialist physiotherapy and check-up visits to the hospital in America. We will be holding a Non-uniform Day on Friday 18th October in return for a sweet or bottle tombola prize - this is part of a Quiz Night being held on Saturday 19th October. Phoebe is also taking part in a sponsored Obstacle Course on Sunday 29th September if anyone is able to sponsor her. All of your support is greatly appreciated - more information can be found at [www.gofundme.com/zy6gfn-vbt-surgery-for-phe](http://www.gofundme.com/zy6gfn-vbt-surgery-for-phe)

### **Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal**

The school is again supporting the local church community by gathering shoebox gifts and items for the family and elderly Christmas shoe box appeal. Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Perkins have already spoken to the children in collective worship and more information can be found at [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk). Please bring any NEW donations from the list below to school by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, along with any spare shoe boxes. It is not necessary to fill a box, any donations will be appreciated.

Gloves/scarf or hat (inc knitted), socks tights  
Shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, flannel  
Safety razors, plasters, brushes, combs, nail clippers or scissors  
Hair accessories, travel size games, teddy bears, dolls, soft toys  
Colouring books, writing pads, pens, pencils, crayons, felt tips  
Simple calculators (solar powered), sweets (best before June 2020), craft sewing kits  
Tape measures, candle holders, wind-up torches/radios, shopping bag (strong cotton cloth)  
Cloth hankies, reading glasses, mug/wooden spoon/cutlery

It costs £2 to send each shoe box and any monetary contributions would also be much appreciated. Many thanks for your support.

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#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)**

26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTFA Bag2School collection, 9.00am
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTFA Second hand uniform sale, 2.15-3.30pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Krispy Kreme Doughnut order deadline – order forms to follow</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Harvest Church Service, 9.30am</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Whole school NHS Flu Immunisation</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Yrs R and 6 NHS Height and Weight Screening Programme</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>PTFA Discos, EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm/KS2 6.15-7.30pm</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Non-uniform Day in aid of Phoebe, bottle or sweet tombola prize</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Shoe Box Appeal donation deadline</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Learning discussions, 4.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Learning discussions, 4.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>PTFA Fireworks &amp; Bonfire Night, gates open 6.00pm</b>
<b>w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>4 Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>5 Nov</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

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#### **Bag2School**

26<sup>th</sup> September will be the next Bag2School collection. Bags have been sent home with the children but donations can be made in any sort of bags.

Donated items are weighed and a cash donation will be made to the PTFA. Accepted items include adult and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, curtains, towels, bedding and soft toys, Sorry no school or work uniform accepted.

Please bring your bags to the school on 26<sup>th</sup> September and leave at the donation point near the school office. If the weather is looking likely to be wet an indoor drop off point will be communicated.