

Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter

It has been a tricky week in school with the playgrounds out of action for a few days due to ice and snow.

The children have generally coped well with being cooped up inside and we have tried to get them in the fresh air whenever possible. Indoor games purchased by the PTA have definitely helped!

Industrial Action by Teaching Unions

You will no doubt be aware that the national Education Union has balloted its members and will be taking strike action over a number of days; the first being Wednesday 1st February.

This will affect every school differently, depending on which union teachers are a member of and other factors. I will be carrying out a risk assessment to establish whether the school will be wholly or partly open once I have a clear picture of staffing levels available on the day. This will be communicated to parents as early as possible next week.

It is likely that some classes will need to shut whilst others remain open.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our Spring Term Parent's Evenings on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th of February. Appointments will take place in person unless any parent specifically requests an appointment online or via telephone.

Details of the appointments booking process will be sent to you next week.

Job Vacancies

We are currently offering two part-time work opportunities.

Cleaner: 12.5 hours per week (either before or after school)

Midday Supervisor: 7.5 hours per week

If you, or someone you know, are interested, please contact the school office for details.

Drinks and Snacks

Please could we remind you that children should only bring water in their bottles to drink during the day. A different drink is acceptable with their packed lunch. On no account should children bring energy drinks or drinks with a high sugar content.

Snacks for morning break should always be a healthy option. A piece of fruit is best but a low sugar cereal bar or dried fruit is fine. Absolutely no snacks containing nuts should be brought as we have a number of pupils with serious allergies.

Booker Sports

A number of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the first round of the indoor athletics competition today, held at SFX High School. They all did a marvelous job and at the end of a frantic morning they finished in 2nd place by just a few points. This means they all qualify for the city finals which will be held next Friday. Well done to all the boys and girls who represented Booker and to Miss Fleming for training them so well!

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who are our Stars of the Week:

3M

Harry W- for following instructions first time, and really carefully.

Amber R- for her brilliant determination whilst completing multiplication work in Maths.

3T

Darcy - For have wonderful enthusiasm for learning. Also, for being polite and considerate inside and outside of the classroom.

Misha (Michael) For having amazing focus and patience during lessons. Also, being a positive character at all times of the day.

3E

Elliana - for being kind, caring and a good friend to others.

Oliver - for his amazing story and use of direct speech.

3F

Jack D - Jack inspires others with his calm and positive approach. He has contributed really well to discussions and has given his all. Brilliant work!

Seb W - Seb has taken ownership of feedback given to him and has made noticeable improvements, particularly in Writing where his finished story was absolutely super. Well done!

4K

Ailsa L - for wonderful speech punctuation work.

Finlay B - for performing well at and enjoying the athletics competition.

4C

Freddie L- accurate and imaginative dialogue work in English.

Shay G- using and applying her knowledge skilfully to multi-stage maths problems

4B

Sam S - Fantastic multiplying 2 digit numbers.

Alexander R - Completing all the difficult multiplication tasks accurately

5G

Ava-May M for her excellent animation skills

Mujtaba A for his great responses to the work of Frida Kahlo in art

5B

Sofia B for working really hard in her English lessons, especially group work

Daniyal Q for his efforts in maths on division.

5CM

Oliver G-S for being extremely sensible and for always putting 100% effort.

Jack T for working hard in all things and for making us smile with his card tricks.

6M

Darcy D for fabulous efforts in arithmetic and for her gorgeous art work.

Dean A. Dean is showing great maturity with his friendships and always wants to push himself to make progress.

Joey C. Joey has been given some targets to achieve and he is constantly trying to focus on them. He has given fabulous verbal answers in maths lessons too.

6J

Kundan - for showing a good understanding of author purpose in reading.

Frances - for carefully rereading the text to inform his answers when reading.

6Mc

Stevie W and Rachel D R - for making superb progress in their weekly arithmetic tests.