

# Booker News

## Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

### Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023 and a belated Happy new Year to you all!

The term has started well with the children getting swiftly back into the routines of school life.

This is a relatively short half term so there is a lot of curriculum content to pack in. It is therefore important for children's attendance to be high; 100% is the target!

All our subjects have sequenced learning; children build their knowledge. A missed day can mean a missed chunk of learning that makes it harder to fully understand the next lesson.

### Staffing Changes

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to one of our teachers today. Mr Thomas is leaving to pursue a new career... still in the field of education but in publishing not in a school.

We would all like to wish him the very best and thank him for the terrific work he has done in his five years at Booker. Many of our children have enjoyed him teaching them in the classroom or coaching them on the football field.

Good luck Mr. Thomas!

We would like to welcome another new member of staff. Mrs. Pedder joins our team of Learning Support Assistants. She has previously worked at St Margaret's Academy and we are very glad to have her on board!

### Start of the School Day

We trust you have all found the new arrangements at the start of the day easier; the congestion on the school grounds and surround area is hopefully better as a result. Just a reminder:

Doors open 8:35am. Children may come in to school and go to their class.

School day starts at 8:45am with activities and register.

All children should be in their class by 8:45am

Doors close 8:50am.

Any child arriving after 8:50am will need to enter via the school office and will be given a late mark.

## **Parking ... Again!**

We continue to receive regular complaints from our neighbours regarding parents parking inconsiderately or even dangerously around school.

**Please do not:**

**Park or stop at all on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school. This is selfish and dangerous and could lead to a child being injured or worse.**

**Park on or across residents' driveways. This is just inconsiderate and unnecessary.**

**Please do:**

**Park a little further away from the school, if needed, and walk the remaining way.**

**Thank you.**

## **Uniform and Lost Property**

**Some reminders about our uniform policy:**

- 1. All children must wear a school tie. If a tie has been lost, a new one can be purchased for the school office at a price of £3.**
- 2. Hoodies are to be worn on PE days ONLY.**
- 3. PE kit (hoodies / joggers) do not need to have the school logo but they MUST be navy blue**

**At the start of the year, children may have one or two new items of uniform. It is really important that each item is labelled with their name and class. Lost property can be checked in the school reception area**

## **Booker Sports**

Two Booker teams have been in action already this half term. A group of our Y3 and 4 children took part in the LSSP Boccia tournament. In a sport which is quite new to them, they did really well and reached the semifinals.

Our Y6 footballers played 3 league matches and 2 friendlies on Friday afternoon. They were in great form, winning all 5 matches without conceding a goal.

Well done to everyone who represented our school so well!

## Donations for Ukraine

Just before Christmas, many of you were kind enough to donate items to support Ukrainians on the frontline of the war there. We thought you might like to see, in the photos below, that your help is reaching where it is needed and is being very thankfully received. The Sergiienko family wish to thank everyone who helped.



## Stars of the Week

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

### 3M

Alice Q- for her fantastic effort whilst learning her 4 and 8 timetables.

Arran H- for having a really positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

### 3T

Kareem - starting the New Year performing brilliantly in class, offering answers and producing outstanding, neat work in all his books

Elif - has continued her excellent contributions in Maths, leading by example for behaviour and work ethic

### 3E

Ethan - for his excellent concentration and determination this week in all of his lessons.

Aisha - for her beautiful and colourful piece of Indian art.

### 3F

3F - Teddy Mc - Teddy has worked like a true Mathematician this week. He has developed his knowledge of division by exploring remainders and recording division statements. I'm so pleased!

Thomas S - It has been a pleasure to share Thomas's ideas for writing. He has used so many original ideas and I can't wait to read the finished story. Well done

### 4K

Patrick B - for working hard on his handwriting and presentation.

Kate T - for creating a fantastic Roman in our English Hook lesson.

### 4C

Mia F- her thorough multiplication and division work in Maths.

Jenson D- his positive and calm approach to everyone and everything this week.

### 4B

### 5G

Jessica P for always working hard and doing her best

Henry Mc for offering excellent contributions to whole class discussion

### 5B

Lucie W for trying extremely hard with her long multiplication.

Miyoka M-C for great group work in English.

### 5CM

Oliver C - for an enormous effort in maths, multiplying 2-digits by 2-digits.

Isabel L - for perfect punctuation and terrific attention to detail when using parenthesis

## 6M

Alby P for his wonderful vocabulary, subject knowledge and beautiful presentation.  
Misha U for making lots of effort to make progress in all areas of the curriculum.

## 6J

Grace W and Gwen M-D - for helping their classmates with their learning and for being patient and kind.

## 6Mc

James M - for excellent application of figurative language in English. James always has great ideas for writing.

Hakam S - for always putting his hand up and contributing to the lesson.