

# Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter.



Christmas jumper day has been a whole lot of fun in school today with a fine array on show. The children looked fantastic!



## IMPORTANT: Start of the School Day

As you are aware, with all the ice and cold this week, we have been allowing the children to come straight into school without gathering on the playground. This has worked well and so we have decided that this will be a permanent arrangement. The arrangements will be as follows **from now on**:

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.

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.

We feel that these arrangements will get the school day off to a sharp start and will ease congestion on the school site and surrounding area.

## **Parking Around School**

We would like to remind parents once again about the issues of parking around school. This comes after more complaints from neighbours and my own observations out on the crossing each morning.

**Please DO NOT:**

**Park or stop in or across someone's driveway**

**Park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school.**

**Thank you.**

## **School Choir Performance**

Well done to the many children who performed as part of the school choir across two evenings this week. They all sang beautifully and put all their parents and family members in the Christmas spirit!

## **Lost Property and Coat Amnesty!**

We have an increasing amount of lost property gathering in school, much of it without a child's name in. Please do be sure to put your child's name in all the garments, particularly jumpers and hoodies. There is a lost property box in the foyer.

Could parents also check that children are bringing home the correct coat? We have had a few occasions when they have brought someone else's. If you have an incorrect coat at home, please do drop it off at the school office. Many thanks.

## **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance for the term so far is 96.1%.

This has dropped quite a lot in the last two weeks. Hopefully, we can see this improve in the new year.

We will be notifying the parents of any child who has an attendance of less than 90% as this is classed as persistent absenteeism. It is useful to remember that 90% attendance equates to missing half a day every week for the whole year!

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday at 1:30pm.**

**We reopen again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Stars of the Week

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

### 3M

Amelia P- for working really hard when completing her 'Big Task' in Geography about mountains.  
Amber R- for being really helpful, and for having superb manners.

### 3T

Louis - for focusing on his presentation and making a conscious effort to keep his work neat  
Jake - really focusing and working hard during assessment week

### 3E

Henry - for being a great friend to everyone and always helping people when they need it.  
George - for his excellent attitude towards his learning and consistently trying his best.

### 3F

Lorcan W

Thomas S

Miles P

For a fantastic performance during the Samba concert. I was exceptionally proud of the boys and their musical talents. A huge well done!

### 4K

Loyal - for a lovely diary entry.

Henry O - for fantastic answers in our History lesson.

### 4C

Louis M: excellent effort with Roman history work.

Freddie L: his lovely enthusiasm for our creative tasks.

### 4B

Stephen W -showing determination in completing his work.

Tony O'N - excellent maths work on his times-tables

### 5G

Martha R for her constant enthusiasm!

Mimi B for being helpful and considerate.

### 5B

The whole class for working really hard in difficult circumstances during test week.

## 5CM

Hattie L: for really putting in a tremendous effort this week in all subjects especially her English.  
Penny M: for a fabulous term where she has shown how kind, caring and hard working she is.

## 6M

Kofi A for being a lovely person and for getting mountains of work completed in lessons.  
Lily S for giving very detailed comprehension answers and for being an amazing friend.

## 6J

Marriana H - for her successfully designed bridge in DT week.  
William R - for a well-written description of a mystery object.

## 6Mc

Jessica S - for having a superb attitude to learning and always working hard in class.  
Dylan D - for making excellent progress this half term and delivering top quality work.

**This will be the last newsletter of 2022.**

**On behalf of everyone at Booker Juniors, I would like to wish you all very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**Mr Thompson**

