

# Booker News

Booker Avenue Junior School's Newsletter

## Welcome to this week's newsletter

In the second week of the school year, the children have settled into their new routines and have been working really hard. It has been an absolute pleasure to walk around the school and visit the classes; the atmosphere is one of calm and industry.

Our school curriculum is now quite intensive with lots of opportunities for children to deepen their knowledge and understanding in all subjects. This year, as well as further implementation of our Humanities curriculum, we have introduced a new scheme of work for Science which includes lots of activities for children to investigate.

There are many ways you can help your child at home. The most important, perhaps, is to support their reading. Information should have reached you today about our home reading books and how you can help. All children should now have their books to bring home. Each class will also start to visit the school library on a weekly basis where they will be able to choose another book to bring home.



Also, look out in the near future for information about our new online reading improvement programme which is called "Reading Plus."

### Times tables practice

As part of homework this year, we would like the pupils across Year 3 to 6 to practice their times tables three nights a week at home. We would like them to use the TT Rock Stars website. When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations across the maths curriculum. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables and develop in their fluency.

In school, we will be offering prizes in assembly to pupils who are regularly spending time on TT Rock Stars at home, and to pupils who are making good progress with their times tables. Your child should have been sent home with a TT Rock Stars parent letter detailing their personal login details. To log in at home once you have got these details, follow these steps:

- 1 Type **play.ttrockstars.com** into your browser's address bar.
- 2 Click Login! > School > Student
- 3 Enter the School Name.
 

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- 4 Enter your child's username and password.
 

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Should your child wish to have an alternative to TT Rock Stars, the Hit The Button website would also allow them to practice their times tables fluency and can be found by using the link below:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Through the data collected on TT Rock Stars and via assessment in class, your child's class teacher will be able to monitor the progress that your child is making and will adjust the times tables that they are practising on TT Rock Stars accordingly.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 97.8%. This is a great start to the year.

Remember, it is also important to ensure your child is on time for school. Our doors close at 8:50am. After this time, children must report to the school office.

### Twitter

Our school's Twitter account is to be updated more extensively this year; keep up to date with what is happening at school.



Be sure to follow us! : @BookerJnrs



## Music Tutors

Mr Preston and Mr Lacey are offering samba drumming and guitar lessons again this year. Parents should contact them directly to arrange these via email.

Mr Preston (drumming) : [chrispreston@posteo.net](mailto:chrispreston@posteo.net)

Mr Lacey (guitar) : [nickguitarlacey@icloud.com](mailto:nickguitarlacey@icloud.com)

# Social Communication & Behaviour Workshop

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm**

**Venue: *St Francis De Sales Infant School,  
Margaret Road, L4 3RX***

The workshop is a one day training for families of primary school children, year 3 – year 6, who have concerns that their child may have social communication and behaviour difficulties and possibly will be referred onto the ASD Pathway. It offers practical ideas and strategies to support your child's development. (no referral or diagnosis is required)

Course outline:

- Understanding the underlying issues with Social Interaction and Social Communication difficulties
- Why and How your child may be experiencing – reacting to certain situation and environment.
- Strategies to support the development of Social Interaction and Social Communication
- Help and support the development – encourage shared play/friendships and build confidence and independent skills

If you would like to book a place please email the ASD Team  
[asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

## School Meals

Next week, the school kitchen will be serving:

Week Commencing 19.9.22	
Monday	School Closed
Tuesday	Pizza, wedges and salad
Wednesday	Pasta and sauce
Thursday	Sausage, mash and peas
Friday	Fish fingers, chips and beans

## Booker Sports

This afternoon, it was the turn of our girls' football team to compete in the Liverpool Schools FA Southern Area Cup.



The girls performed extremely well to win their first match 6-1. Then, in a hard-fought semi-final, they narrowly missed out by a single goal. A friendly match followed resulting in a 3-0 win against Liverpool College.

There will be plenty more chances this year for girls to play and compete in football and Mr Thomas will be taking them for training each Thursday lunchtime

Next week sees the start of the schools' cross-country running season with the first race at Croxteth Park on Thursday.

## Stars of the Week

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

### 3M

Felicity J- for always trying her very best and being a role model for everyone in 3M.  
Moses Y- for settling into Year 3 so well, and for working really hard in Maths.

### 3T

Alice - brilliant work ethic and a kind, caring attitude towards others in class  
Harry G - put 100% into all his work this week, producing some excellent Geography and History work

### 3E

Martha D - for being respectful and a great friend to everyone.  
Harri R - for a fantastic explanation on how the water from the River Indus is stored and used

### 3F

Ariadne L - It has been a delight to read Ariadne's beautifully written pieces in English and hear her wonderful ideas in Geography this week.  
Miles P-T - Max has worked like a Mathematician this week, using models and equipment to explain his ideas brilliantly. Keep it up!

### 4K

Emmy B - for being extremely helpful and setting up the Science experiment for the entire class.  
Alisa L- for being extremely helpful and setting up the Science experiment for the entire class

### 4C

Jake L- his determination to solve place value maths challenges.  
Isla G - detailed and well-presented Geography work about Cologne and the River Rhine in Geography.

### 4B

Isla C - showing she can you hard in all her lessons. Always giving her best.  
Jimmy S - always doing his best and finishing all his work.

## 5G

Maebh Culshaw for being responsible and efficient.  
Zeta Bickerstaff for being mature and focused.

## 5B

Paddy K for super maths work and focus  
Phoebe L for always being ready to learn and produce great work.

## 5CM

Luca B for a terrific start to the year and lovely manners.  
L'Oreal H for beautiful presentation in every piece of work.

## 6M

Sophia R and Sam C for their incredible listening, lovely behaviour and impressive work

## 6J

Jude D - for showing initiative and being very helpful without being asked.  
Martha C - for showing great enthusiasm and ability in reading.

## 6Mc

Ayda P - for her fantastic comprehension skills in her English lesson.  
Wilbur H - for his expert knowledge in his computing lesson.

**Finally, a reminder that school is closed for the Queen's Funeral Bank Holiday on Monday. We open again on Tuesday at the usual time.**

Mr Thompson