



BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

15th September 2023

New dates for your diary below in red

Dear Parents/Carers,

Phoebe's charity bracelets

Next Friday 22nd September, Phoebe will be selling her homemade earring (£2) and bracelets (£3) in aid of Motor Neurone Disease charities after school and will be taking orders if you would like to order a specific bracelet or earrings. Phoebe and Harry's Dad is cycling over 400 miles in 5 days from Ipswich to Scotland with members of the Ipswich Rugby Club over this weekend to support this charity. If you want to find out more information about the cycle ride, visit <http://www.all4mnd.co.uk/>



School Council speeches

These will be held in assembly on Tuesday 19th September. We already have Willow from year 3 and Lottie from Year 2, who were voted in during the summer term and have not had chance to make their mark yet. Children from other year groups are welcome to prepare their speech over the weekend, ready for Tuesday. They could include the skills they have for this role, what changes they would like to make to improve the school and why children should vote for them. There are also other leadership roles available e.g. Sports Leaders, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Librarians, Eco Team. Please see me for more information on these, and who to talk to.

Partnership with Parents

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week for Meet the Teacher sessions – Willow Class's is next Tuesday after school. If you missed the session, the slides are on the website: [Parent Information Slides](#)

We value our partnership with parents, and rely on parents to help transport to Sporting Events if your child is selected for the team. We couldn't attend the events without your support, so thank you for all those of you that can offer to help. If any parents want to volunteer in school to hear readers, support in the library or help in any way, please come and see me for an application form.

You may have noticed that our website has been redesigned over the summer, and we also now have a Facebook and Instagram page (Bucklesham.primary23) that I have been developing over the summer to share events from school to showcase what we offer to a wider audience: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095202595570>

Gardening Club

We are excited to announce another new After School Club on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm starting from Thursday 28th September. Gardening Club will be run by Miss Cocker and Gemma, Stanley's Mum in Reception, with a weekly cost of £3.50 which will go towards equipment for the club. This is open to children of all ages and parents will need to send in a permission slip for this club. If you don't have any spare permission slips at home, pop into the Office to collect one. Your child will need to have wellies, a coat and an old pair of trousers in school for Gardening Club. Gardening Club will happen whatever the weather, as there will be some indoor activities when the weather is bad.

Harvest

We have a Bucklesham tradition of having Harvest in St Mary's church, Bucklesham with our families, where each class shares their learning about harvest. This is on Tuesday 26th September at 1:45pm. We will be walking down to church leaving school by 1:30pm and would welcome parents to join us for the walk. Children can bring donation of tins and packets of food with a long use by date, that the church will be donating to FIND to support families in need locally. The donations can be carried down to church or brought into school in the morning and I will drive them down. After the short service, we walk back to school, arriving back by about 2:30pm for drink and cake in houses. The children prepare the harvest tea and share it with parents in their house teams. We hope that you can join us.

Feedback on asthma care

HealthWatch Suffolk are asking for feedback from parents of children with asthma and there is a short survey that parents can complete, that will shape and improve the support for children with asthma in Suffolk. Please click the link to find out more and access the survey.

[Feedback on asthma care for children – Suffolk Learning](#)

Is my child too ill for school?

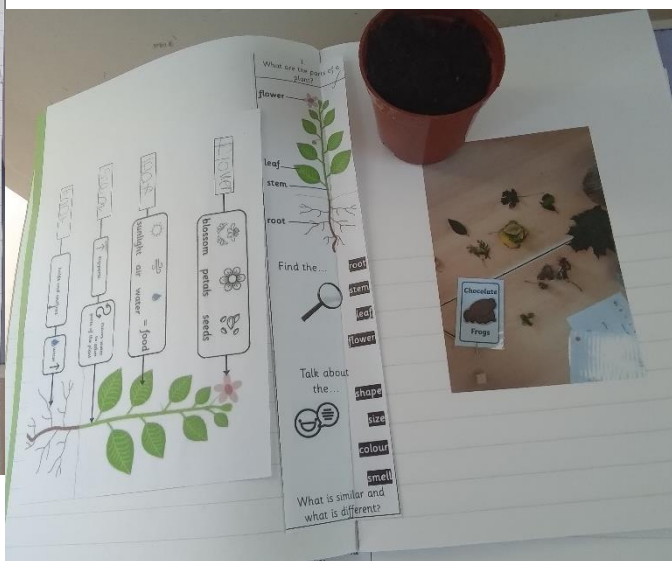
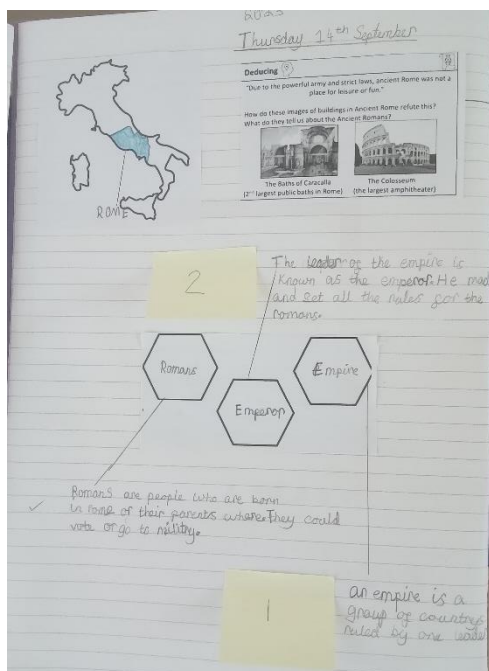
I have been asked by the Government to share some guidance for parents on attendance to support them in making the decision to send their child in or keep them off school. This includes a list of infectious diseases and the recommendation to keep a child off with a high temperature of over 38 °C. There is no longer any requirement to test for Covid, but to keep them off if they are unwell with a high temperature.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-child-at-home/)

Curriculum Enrichment

Today is [National Dot Day](#), and the children enjoyed doing activities in their houses related to the book 'The Dot' and learning about developing a growth mindset. We look forward to seeing their art work on display in the Hall soon.





Headteacher's Awards

Well done to the following children who have received the Headteacher's award this week.

Willow Class	Spencer C, for working hard all week and being a kind friend to the new children in Willow
Oak Class	Daisy, for great participation in class discussions
Ash Class	Lewis, for neat and tidy presentation of work
Yew Class	Molly, for working hard all week in lessons and participating in class
Handwriting Award	Spencer S, for working hard to improve his handwriting in his handwriting book.

Well done to Sophie, Hettie and Cora for completing the Library challenge over the summer. Well done to Cora for achieving her Learning to Swim 2 badge and her 10 m swimming certificate. Well done to Alfie S and Barnaby for getting into Ipswich Town Football Academy. Well done to Lottie who competed in the National Vaulting Championships and came 6th in the country doing gymnastics on her horse Rainbow Sparkles!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Sorry for such a long newsletter this week, but there was lots of information to share at the start of term.

Miss Rachael Rudge
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Clubs next week: Mon Inspire, Tues Homework, Wed Dance, Fri Football

Tuesday 19 th September	School Council speeches 3:30pm Willow Class Meet the Teacher session
Friday 22 nd September	1:15pm Flu immunisations
Tuesday 26 th September	Harvest in church 1:45 followed by Harvest tea back at school
Tuesday 3 rd October	1:15-3:45pm U11 Football Whitton Sports Centre
Thursday 5 th October	6:15pm Kesgrave High School Open Evening for Y6
Monday 9 th October	9-10am Open Morning for 2024 Reception intake
Tuesday 17 th October	am Crucial Crew Y6
Friday 20 th October	PD Day

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Wednesday 6 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023

PD Day 20 October 2023

Half Term: 23 - 27 October 2023

PD Day 3 January 2024

Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024

Half Term: 19 - 23 February 2024

PD Day 12 April 2024

Monday 15 April 2024 – Friday 19 July 2024

May Day – 6 May 2024

Half Term: 27 - 31 May 2024

All dates are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change