

# NEWSLETTER



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**BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our families after a lovely long and sunny summer. We hope that you have all had a wonderful break and are ready for another exciting year of learning. Welcome also to our new families with pupils in Year R and other year groups who are joining us this week.

We welcome some new members of staff to the team. Mrs Rachael Roots is our new Class 1 teacher and Mrs Louise Brice is sharing the teaching of Class 6 with Mr Stevens. Mrs Hannah Matson will teach Class 2 for term 1 and Miss Toni Webb joins us as Admin Assistant for two days per week. We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Zoe Griffith-Salisbury, who has been offered a teaching assistant post closer to home. We wish her well and thank her for all that she has done for the school since joining us last year.

We'd like to say a huge thank-you to parents and carers for making sure that the children are wearing the new school uniform so smartly. It is fantastic to see everyone wearing their uniform with pride and we can see that lots of you have been practising tying ties over the holiday!

## Start and End of School Day

Thank you for helping your child to arrive in school on time, before the bell is rung at 8.50am. There has been a definite improvement in punctuality this week, which is great to see.

Can we remind you that children in Key Stage 2 are expected to find their own parent/carer on the playground after school. This is to encourage children to become more independent and to make our practice more consistent.

The only exceptions to this are

- Children in Class 3, who will be handed over at the end of the day up until Christmas.
- Any KS2 child who is vulnerable or with particular needs. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would still like a personal handover.

The children have been told that if the person meeting them is not on the playground, then they **must** go back to their teacher or to the office.

Pupils in Year 6 may walk home by themselves if they have written permission from parents. Please let Mr Stevens or Mrs Brice know in writing if you would like your child to walk home.

Please also note that children are **not** allowed in the woods, on the field or on play equipment at the end of the school day and **must** be supervised by parents/carers on the playground after school. Pre-school children in particular



## Road Safety

We are currently in talks with the Parish Council and County Council regarding measures to improve road safety on the roads around the school. Plans are in place to improve the crossing over the Heath Road and improve line markings on Church Hill and we should see action in these areas in the coming months. We are also optimistic that in time it may be possible to secure a reduction in the speed limit on the Heath Road, but negotiations are ongoing in this area.

In the meantime, the Parish Council would welcome the help of volunteers with Speedwatch, a community scheme which aims to reduce the number of speeding vehicles. Please see the attached poster for details and contact the Speedwatch team if you are interested in helping, copying in the Parish Clerk [bmpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:bmpcclerk@outlook.com) with any correspondence.

Please can you also help us by

- avoiding parking on the side of Church Hill opposite the school,
- avoiding stopping on the yellow zigzags (except for brief drop-off)
- avoiding driving into or turning in the school car park at drop-off and pickup times.

## Pupils of the Week 07/09/18

- Class 6 - Jack C for taking time out to be helpful to others.
- Class 5 - Jesse H-S for an excellent start to the year.
- Class 4 - Charlie C for showing great enthusiasm.
- Class 3 - Whole class for a fabulous start to KS2.
- Class 2 - Rowan M for always being respectful and ready to learn
- Class 1 - Samuel M for having a great start in Yr 1 with some excellent writing.
- Class R - Not awarded this week.



## PTA Christmas Ball

**\*\*Save the date\*\***  
PTA Christmas Ball  
Only £35 a ticket  
Sat 15th December  
More details to follow, watch this space....

## School Clubs

Please find attached the updated list of school clubs.



## School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that Boughton Monchelsea Primary School has once again achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



## School Choir—Boughtones

This will start up again on Wednesday 26th September (not 19th as previously advertised). It will be run by Andy & Vicky Davis. If your junior age child would like to try it please come along to the community room at 12.30pm. It's £16.50 for the term. Lots of great chances to perform due to Harvest and Christmas! Please email [vikdavis@talktalk.net](mailto:vikdavis@talktalk.net) for more information or if your child is interested in coming along. Thanks!

## Baby and Toddler Group

A reminder that St. Peter's Church holds the Baby and Toddler Group on Monday mornings 10.00-11.30 during term time.



## PTA AGM

Friday 21st September  
2.15pm at the school  
This term there are lots of events for the children- disco, fireworks, Christmas fair and Christmas shop. It would be amazing to have some new faces to help out. Any small amount of time you can give would be so appreciated. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help in anyway please email Vicky ([boughtonmonchelseapta@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonmonchelseapta@gmail.com)).

## School Dinners

Caterlink have launched their new Autumn menu, please see the attached flyer for details. A copy has also been sent home with each child.

There is a change of menu for Tuesday 25 September as Caterlink promotes Harvest Festival. The menu for that day is attached.

### In school **Guitar Lessons**

with Andy Davis

Would your child like to learn the guitar?

Enrolling now for the new term.

Please pick up an information letter from the school office or contact Andy:

[andydavisguitar@talktalk.net](mailto:andydavisguitar@talktalk.net)

07973 680227

Andy Davis' guitar lessons will begin again on Wednesday 12 September .



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