



Communication Bulletin

8 September 2023



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1.	<p>Recipients: Whole School</p> <p>Action Required: Information</p> <p><u>Message from Mrs Killick</u></p> <p>It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming back all the children, including our new Reception Class, to our school. The weather has meant that it still feels like it should be the summer holidays but it does promise to cool down a little next week.</p> <p>The children have all been fantastic and we are already seeing kindness buckets getting filled, house points being awarded and super examples of our school values (respect, teamwork, confidence, perseverance, aspiration and integrity) being shown throughout the day.</p> <p>There are already lots of exciting events planned for the children this term (please see the dates at the end of this bulletin.) One big change is the playground equipment will be replaced during the run up to October half term. This is all thanks to the amazing efforts by FROGGS alongside the school community who managed to raise £26,000 to realise this dream! Works will be taking place during school term but it will be cornered off to ensure the safety of the children at all times. It will also be quite exciting for them all to see how this takes place during construction phase. I would like to thank the FROGGS team and everyone who got involved in any capacity during the fundraising last year.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that my door is always open. One of my two assistant headteachers, Elle Brown and Emma Bradley, will also be available each day if needed. Your child's class teacher will be around for a quick chat most mornings or after school but if you need some time to talk through something with them, please either email them on their class email or contact the office who will be more than happy to help, and a longer meeting slot can be arranged.</p> <p>Celebration assemblies will be beginning again next Friday 15th September and I hope to see some of you there.</p> <p>Kind regards Emma Killick Headteacher</p>	Date: 8-Sep-23
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FRESH START



We have begun our new food provider for the children and it has gone down very well with the children. KS1 eat first and they have lovely new plates and bowls for each course. The food is fresh and healthy and the pudding choices, which also include fresh fruit such as cut-up watermelon, pineapple and oranges and also been extremely popular.

Please make sure you have ordered your child's lunch directly with the company at <https://mealmanager.freshstartcatering.uk/> to ensure they have been catered for.



OUR FOOD

We cook everything from scratch. All our meals are freshly prepared on site every day. We source our produce locally where possible and make our food using raw ingredients. No nasties in any of our meals! Every menu we create is packed full of flavour, being healthy and balanced does not have to mean being bland and boring.

Our commitment to healthy eating in our schools is still as strong as ever. We go a long way to ensure that children eat well and understand the importance of a healthy diet.

- We can adapt our menus to meet special dietary requirements so that school meals can be enjoyed by all children.
- We're proud that all our menus meet or exceed Government food and nutrition standards.
- The rigour in our sourcing means that we can trace all our products back to source.
- Our very own team of chefs develop all our menus to ensure balanced and healthy choices.

MEAL MANAGER

Pre-order system

We take the hassle out of ordering and paying for school meals for both parents and our schools with our Meal Manager system. **Late orders can be placed up to 9:00am each day.**

- ✓ We regularly run taster days for new and existing parents to try the food served in our schools
- ✓ Educating and ensuring that children and parents understand where their food comes from
- ✓ Making food fun and interesting
- ✓ Training the teams on new menus and recipes
- ✓ Termly 'Theme Days' and events around food - inspiring our pupils to get involved and learn more about food and its provenance





As it is the start of the school year, we will be holding our start-of-year parent/teacher meetings in person at school.

The meetings are around 15 minutes long and will give you the opportunity to share with your child's new teacher anything and everything you think they should know. You will then create a couple of targets for your child for the coming year (one academic and one pastoral), that you will review at January's meeting.

The booking system for the meetings will go live on parentmail today (Friday 8th September) at 6pm.

The dates and times available for each class are below:

Year 1 Tuesday 12th September 8:20 -5pm, Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 2 Wednesday 13th September 8:20-5pm, Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 3 Friday 15th September 8:20 -5pm, Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 4 Friday 22nd September 8:20 - 5pm Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 5 Monday 11th September 8.20 – 5pm, Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 6 Monday 18th September 3.30 – 7pm, Tuesday 19th September 8.20 – 5pm

Best wishes,

Emma Killick



Little Voices Drama and Singing Lessons

Exciting opportunity to join our classes – spaces now available as our talented year 6's have moved on into our secondary classes!

An exclusive offer for parents and pupils at
George Grenville Academy

- Experienced tutors, expert guidance, support and traditional methods of teaching drama and singing, so that your child can pursue a life on the stage or increase their confidence and skills in all areas of their life.
- Showcase of work to parents, or the equivalent depending on COVID restrictions.
- Learning in a safe, caring, nurturing environment whilst having a lot of fun!
- Small groups of 8-10 pupils.
- Working towards highly respected LAMDA accreditations in Musical Theatre, Drama, Acting and Communication– **start to build your child's record of achievement at an early age and continue this through secondary school.**

We are so excited and proud to celebrate the achievements of our George Grenville Class who have recently achieved **distinctions in their Grade 1 Group Musical Theatre **LAMDA** accreditation**

About Jo



Throughout my career I have worked in many schools and youth clubs with children ages 4-18 and am extremely passionate about developing self-confidence and self-esteem in young people. This has always been my main focus, it just so happens I think Drama and Singing are amazing ways to accomplish this.

I have toured with Theatre in Education companies, acted myself in many productions and have directed a number of award winning youth productions within Bucks. I have also been heavily involved in the last 3 school productions at George Grenville, Matilda, The Lion King. Most recently helping direct, film and edit GGA Rocks.

I look forward to the possibility of working with you and your child, watching them grow and celebrating their achievements.

About the Lessons

Monday 3.05-3.50pm
Years 4,5,6
Limited Places Available

Our package includes all lessons during the school year (term time), a uniform of a polo shirt and a hoodie, a resource bag and any resources required and an entrance into the highly respected LAMDA accreditation. This is normally £59 a month for 12 months of the year. This George Grenville class will be offered the same for £45 a month over 12 months.

The reason we choose to incorporate LAMDA is that as your child moves into secondary school and if they choose to continue with the accreditations, the higher grades also carry UCAS points towards college and university.

To apply for a free trial please visit www.littlevoices.org.uk/locations/buckingham/

For further information please ring Jo on 07838451532



 <p>Buckingham</p> <p>Squash & Racketball Club</p>	<p>Have fun learning how to play Or Improve your Squash</p>	 <p>Buckingham</p> <p>Squash & Racketball Club</p>
<p>Junior Squash Coaching at Buckingham Swan Pool Squash Courts</p> <p>Saturday morning 08.45 to 09.30 or 09.30 to 10.15</p> <p>coaching in 45 minute sessions according to age & experience</p>		
<p>Our Saturday morning coaching sessions are open to all juniors from 6 years to 11 years</p> <p>All levels of player including complete beginners are welcome</p> <p>Supervised by England Squash qualified coaches</p>		
<p>To register your interest and to receive further information please e-mail buckingham.weekend.juniors@gmail.com</p>		
<p>Your child will benefit in many ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They'll have fun whilst being active and learning something new.• They'll learn the fundamental skills to play squash.• They'll develop hand-eye co-ordination, footwork and racquet skills.• They'll have an opportunity to make friends outside of school.• The sessions boost confidence and encourages them to be active.		

“Buckingham, Buckingham, Let down your hair...”



Buckingham Community Pantomime will be staging

RAPUNZEL

18th, 19th and 20th January 2024

Young people in Year 5 and 6 are invited to join our Junior Chorus. To find out more, please come to our Open Day and Auditions on



SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

**The Community Centre,
Buckingham
from 1pm**

At 1pm important show information will be given out to all, after which children and those interested in chorus will be asked to learn a group song and dance to get a feel for the show (nothing needs preparing in advance). Children will then be free to go, although can stay to watch individual auditions for principal parts if they so wish.

All young people under 18 should be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of their audition during which measurements and photographs may be taken for costumes

School Calendar

Please keep visiting the calendar page on our website to ensure you have all the most up to date information.

Autumn Term Key Dates

- Monday 11th September** – Year 5 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 12th September – Year 1 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 12th September – Year 6 Practice Transfer Test
Wednesday 13th September – Year 2 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 14th September – Year 6 Transfer Test
Friday 15th September – Year 3 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Monday 18th September – Year 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 19th September – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Friday 22nd September – Year 4 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 5th October – FROGGS AGM (7pm) ALL Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 6th October – Harvest Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 18th October – Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle
Thursday 19th October – FROGGS UV Light Disco
Friday 20th October – **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**
21st October – 30th October – **HALF TERM**
Monday 30th October – **NO SCHOOL – Staff INSET**
Tuesday 31st October – **School Starts Back**
Week Beginning 31st October – Off By Heart Poetry Class Competition
Friday 10th November 10.45am – Whole School remembrance Assembly
Friday 17th November – Children in Need (non-uniform)
Friday 24th November – Non-Uniform (FROGGS Rainbow Raffle collection)
Friday 1st December 9am – Christmas Tress Decorating Assembly
Friday 1st December 3.15pm – FROGGS Christmas Fair
Friday 8th December – Secret Santa
Thursday 14th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity at 2pm and 5pm
Monday 18th December – Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Carols at 12pm
Tuesday 19th December at 1pm – **BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS**
20th December – 3rd January – **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
3rd January – **NO SCHOOL – Staff INSET**
Thursday 4th January – **School Starts Back**



<https://www.georgegrenville.co.uk/school-calendar.html>