

Friday 4th October 2024

We are a Caring, Celebratory, Courageous, Christ-inspired Community, rooted in love.



Dear All,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and less soggy after two days of respite from the rain!

As the academic year starts to settle, we are gradually beginning to plan for additional events and activities that can help bring BJS 'to life' a little more and – more importantly – build a community feel. With that in mind, I am delighted to say that we have resumed our PTFA with Mrs Charlotte Norton at the helm – thank you Charlotte. The commitment and contribution made by a PTFA can never be overstated as they raise much needed funds for schools who, to be blunt, have tighter-than-tight budgets. Hopefully, you will be able to support the PTFA and us in our efforts to raise those crucial funds.

PTFA

The first PTFA event will be a school disco on 8th November. Unfortunately, for safety, we will need to 'cap' numbers for the disco at 120. A letter about the disco will be sent home on Friday 25th October. A payment of £4.00 per child will need to be made in cash (correct money only) and returned to school, together with the completed slip, in an envelope marked **FAO the PTFA**. Please ensure that your child *wants* to be there. Moving forwards, we will be investing in a school payment app as soon as is practically possible, to enable us to become a fully cash-free school.

Harvest

We also have a date for our church Harvest service which is on Tuesday 22nd October at 9:30. This is a little later in the term than usual, owing to boiler repairs in church but we are grateful for being accommodated this term. It would be lovely to see parents, carers and grandparents at the church but please do bear in mind that, once the children are seated, it may be standing room only. This year, given that community is one of our core values, we will be sending all donations brought into school to the Brackley food bank. Please click on the link below to see the non-perishable items they would appreciate and so desperately need.
<https://www.brackleyfoodbank.org/donate-food>

The dates above – and many others – are now steadily building up our online school website calendar. For those of you who are not aware, you are able to subscribe to this calendar and it will automatically pull through events to your personal calendar, alongside any other existing calendars you may have. The fortnightly newsletter will continue to list key dates but – understandably – not all of them, so please do check the website calendar as well.


Open Classroom Afternoon

As promised, here are the arrangements for our forthcoming Open Classroom Afternoon during what will be a wonderful opportunity for you to sit alongside your child, experience being in their learning environment, have them show you their learning from the school year so far and have an informal chat with your child's

class teacher. The details below are to help the afternoon run as smoothly as possible and we would really appreciate your working with us on this.

- Please switch all mobiles off and keep them out of sight. They are not to be used within classrooms. This is for Safeguarding purposes.
- The main gate (used at the start and end of the day) will be opened at 2pm.
- Please make your way to your child’s cloakroom door.
- Please – only two adults maximum visiting a child as we have some children who may potentially find the experience overwhelming, and classrooms will become very busy!
- We appreciate that with work commitments not all parents will be able to attend so in the event of this, please do extend the invite to grandparents instead.
- You **will** have time to visit more than one classroom if you have more than one child at BJS but **all children must remain in their own classrooms until you take them home**. We cannot permit children to leave a classroom to go with you to another classroom. Once you have visited all your children’s classrooms, you are welcome to go back to each cloakroom door in turn and collect your child.
- Please make sure your child’s class teacher knows you are taking your child home as there will be a register for you to sign as it may be an early collection.
- Movement from one classroom to another **must be done around the outside of the building** and not by walking through school. Parents of children in 5PR, 5MM and 6KW need to enter the building through the same door their children use in the morning, which will lead you through the School Reception area. Mrs Craske will be on hand in the reception if you get lost! Parents of children in 6LS will meet their children in the hall and not their classroom as health and safety regulations do not permit us to have large numbers of people upstairs. At the next Open Classroom Afternoon, the Year 6 classes will swap.
- If your child is being collected by someone other than you on the day, **you must inform your child’s class teacher or the school office**. We will not let a child leave with an unauthorised adult.

School Attendance:

CLASS	SINCE 4 TH SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3EG	96.97%	<p>. . . currently stands at 97.39%.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The national expectation is 95%.</p> </div>	
3JE	97.36 %		
4AW	97.42 %		
4LF	98.24 %		
5BFG	97.92 %		
5MM	95.82 %		
5PR	96.05 %		
6KW	96.88 %		
6LS	99.04 %		

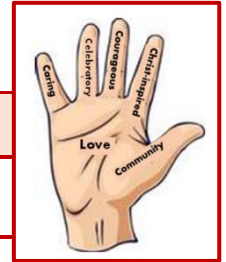
We have had many children in school over the rainy days with no coat to wear outside! Please do ensure they bring one with them to school as (torrential rain aside) the children do go out to play whilst it is raining.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers
Headteacher

Our BJS Stars of the Week

A mighty well done to . . .



Date	27.09.24	04.10.24
Year 3	Freddie, Seren, Rosie & Tyson	Andrew, Riley, Rory & Effie
Year 4	Amelia, Martha, Francesca & Cesca	Robyn, James, Daniel & Alice
Year 5	Blossom, Fynley, Phoebe, Lewis, Myla & Caleb	Asher, Georgina, Freddie, Henry, Mila & John
Year 6	Jess, Logan, Milania & Ethan	Bella, Rowan, Lacey & Ellie

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM			
Date	Event	Where	Time
18 th October	Open Classroom Afternoon	Your child's classroom	2pm
22 nd October	Harvest Service	St. Peter's Church	9:30am
25 th October	Last day of term 1		3:10pm
8 th November	Flu Vaccinations	In school	All day
8 th November	School Disco	School Hall	4:30 – 5:30
Week beginning November 11 th	Online Parent Consultations	Online	TBC
13 th November	Open session for new starters Sept. 2025	In school	11:00-11:50
29 th November	Christmas Fayre	In school	3:30 – 5:30
13 th December	Open Classroom Afternoon	Your child's classroom	2pm
20 th December	Last day of term		3:10pm

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MACMILLAN
 CANCER SUPPORT

A sincere **thank you** to those of you who were able to donate cakes for our Macmillan coffee morning or come along to support the event.

We raised an impressive **£130**.

Thank you to Mrs French for organising it and to our Pupil Parliament Reps. for their 'serving-assistance' and healthy interest in cake!

