

25th October 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our final week has been a busy one. On Monday in assembly, Toby from Year 6 told us all about TicFest, which was held over the weekend, how this supports children with Tics and Tourettes and how this affects him. We watched Shay's story, which can be found [here](#) and will be supporting Children in Need in November.

Tuesday saw children from Years 5 and 6 learn how to be play leaders so they can support the younger children at lunch times. Parents' Evening was very well attended and results from our new online survey will be shared after the half term break. We had lots of engagement with the book fayre, which will also mean lots of new books at school too, thank you.

On Thursday, Sam from MSDC Waste & Recycling Facility encouraged pumpkin decoration in celebration assembly (see separate email regarding their competition). The disco and Break a rule day was a great success—thank you for your donations of sweets and chocolate for the Christmas fayre. I hope you have a restful half term. Stay safe if you go trick or treating and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.

Sarah King

Co-Executive/Vice Principal

Online Wellbeing

Roblox

Roblox is a popular online game amongst many of the children at Bacton Primary School. After conducting a questionnaire with the children at our school, we have found that they have experienced inappropriate sexual content, swearing, strangers requesting to be friends with them and accounts being hacked. This is upsetting for the children involved and poses a threat to their online well-being.

If your child plays Roblox, please consider playing alongside them to fully understand what is involved. There is also a guide to read on how to make playing Roblox as safe as possible using parental controls and limiting access.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

At the National College, our wellbeing and online safety experts work with parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to share informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and broader changes. Currently delivered by National College, these guides now address all reports and enquiries for various games, including Roblox.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

ONLINE DATERS

IN-APP PURCHASES

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

PRIVATE SERVERS

MONITOR SPENDING

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

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News from the Friends

We are really sad to see our Treasurer, Rachel Borley, leave after many years of balancing the books. Rachel has been a fantastic helper for The Friends and we will miss her very much.

The good News is Siobhan Smith will be taking over, so we can carry on running and are looking forward to planning lots of fun events for the children.

Poppies

We have Poppies for the Royal British Legion in school, there are also slap bands (£1.00) and bag/key chains (50p).

Why not join our ever growing talented school choir?

Singing is good for your mind, confidence and boosts your mood!

The choir open assemblies, perform at school shows and have a lot of fun learning songs with our singing teacher Mrs Sutton. A small fee of £1.50 per week, payable termly on Arbor.

Bacton Choir is on a Tuesday 3:15 until 4:00pm

School Meals Menu

You will see from the back of the newsletter that the Dinner Menu for next half term has changed. We have also changed the format.

If you are unsure what is for dinner each week please have a look at the back of the newsletter as this is where you will find the menu. This can also be found on our website.

Tesco Tokens

If you are shopping in Tesco and are given a blue token It would be wonderful if you could support The Mix in Stowmarket. They run a program called Empower that helps young people with transitioning between primary and secondary school with weekly one-to-one mentoring for a year.

I am sure you will agree this is a very worthwhile cause.



Bacton Primary School		
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Margherita Pasta Pasta Salad Bacon & Cheese Baked Potatoes & Beans Chicken Nuggets Fruit & Dip	Beef Mince & Pasta Pasta Salad Bacon & Cheese Baked Potatoes & Beans Chicken Nuggets Fruit & Dip	Margherita Pasta Pasta Salad Bacon & Cheese Baked Potatoes & Beans Chicken Nuggets Fruit & Dip
Also Available Daily		
School Packed Lunch: Bolognese/Sausages/Wings with Cheese/Hot BBQ Sauce		
Dinner Menu: Chicken/Beef Selection Cheese/Only Fruit, Vegetable Bread, Seasonal Vegetables Salad Bar		
Fresh Fruit Platter: Fruit Kabab, Fresh Fruit Salad, Yogurt, Dilly		

Diary Dates

28th October—1st November
Half Term
Children Return to School on
4th November

18th November—School Photos
6th December—Christmas Fayre @ 3:30pm
10th December—Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm
11th December—Catch-up Flu Vaccinations
11th December—Christmas Performance @ 5:00pm
12th December—Christmas Jumper Day
12th December Christmas Dinner Day
13th December— Christmas Film Night @ 3:30pm
19th December—Carol Service @ 2:00pm
20th December—Disco @3:30pm
20th December—Last Day of Term
7th January—Children Return to School

Super Learner Certificates

Robin – Queenie, Romeo
Kingfisher — Flynn, Freya, Reggie, Eadie
Kestrel – Ana
Owl – Lucy
Eagle – Arthur

Congratulations to you all!

Head lice

Please check your child's hair regularly as we have had cases of head lice in school this week. Below is a link with what to look for and how to treat.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Nuts in School

Can we remind everyone that we are a nut free school.

Please check all items in lunchboxes and any snacks that come into school to make sure they do not contain any form of nuts (including mustard). We have had several occasions this week where we have had to remove items from lunchboxes as they contain nuts.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Attendance This Week

As we know, good attendance at school supports pupils' attainment and well-being.

Robin: 96.21%
Kingfisher: 99.33%
Kestrel: 97.62%
Owl: 87.73%
Eagle: 92.22%

Congratulations
Kingfisher Class for
the best attendance
this week

Dinner Menu

Week Commencing 4th November

Pizza Monday	Margherita Pizza Pepperoni Pizza
Traditional Tuesday	Bangers & Mash Vegetarian Bangers & Mash
Around the World	Spaghetti Carbonara Cheesy Pasta
Roast Thursday	Roast Chicken Roast Quorn Fillet
Fishy Friday	Fish & Chips

Also Available Daily

School Packed Lunch: Baguettes/Sandwiches/Wraps with
Cheese/Ham/BBQ Sausage

Jacket Potato: Cheese/Beans

Selection Changed Daily: Pasta, Homemade Bread,
Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Fruit Kebabs, Fresh Fruit Salad,
Yoghurt, Jelly