



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 20 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible to think we've come to the end of our first half term. The children have already packed in so much with their learning, sport, music and enrichment activities. The teachers very much enjoyed meeting you during this week's parent consultations and sharing your children's progress with you.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on 30th October.

Good Bye

Today we say good bye to Vicky Van Weede who has been a wonderful Midday Assistant in our school for almost ten years. More recently she has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Early Years. Her caring and gentle manner will be very missed. She is leaving to pursue her own business interests and wish her all the best, although we hope to still see her as one of our relief staff.

New Autumn Menu

We will be starting with a [new menu](#) when we return to school. There is just one change to note for the first week back. **On the Tuesday that we return, the children will be having mince pie NOT chilli con carne.** The vegetarian option will be **vegetable pie**.

If you go down to the field today....



...you're sure of a big surprise. The field was full of teddy bears enjoying the Reception and Year 1 Teddy Bear run. The teddies did a great job, brilliantly helped by the children. Everyone listened respectfully to instructions and enjoyed the games and the running. What a lovely way to end this half term.



Year 6 Parent Reminder

This is a reminder that you **MUST** apply for your Y7 place for September 2024 by the deadline of 31st October. You can apply via the link above in the dates section.

Clubs

Clubs will start back as normal on the first week back.

Vacancies

We are currently looking for people to join our fabulous support staff in the roles of Teaching Assistants and Midday Assistants. You can find further details [here](#). Please do share this information with anyone you think may be interested.

House Points

1st	Shaw	2,701	3rd	Burghley	2,328
2nd	Irving	2,576	4th	Gainsborough	2,212

Congratulations SHAW!

Future Diary Dates

9 Nov	Y1 Town Walk	7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
13 Nov	Connection Coffee Morning 9am	11 Dec	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
13&14 Nov	Individual & Sibling Photos	12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 9.15am
24 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children	13 Dec	R-Y6 Book Look 8.40-9.10am
1 Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre 4-6pm	20 Dec	10.30am Christmas Carols @ St Mary's Church all welcome
5 Dec	Music Concert 6pm	20 Dec	1.30pm End of Term
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm	You can find term dates for this academic year and next here .	
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm		
7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm		

Diary Dates Next Week



30 Oct-3 Nov	Week 1 Autumn Menu
30 Oct	Children return to School
30 Oct-3 Nov	Y5 Aylmerton Residential
31 Oct	EY Pop Up Play Village
31 Oct	Deadline for Y7 (Sept 2024) Applications
3 Nov	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC

Parking at ATS

We have been contacted by ATS on Station Road. Please can parents NOT park on their premises, this is not a parking area. We also understand the staff there have been on the receiving end of unpleasant language from parents, we continue to ask you to be respectful of our neighbours. It is unfair that the office team must continually field calls from angry and upset neighbours and apologise for the behaviour of our parents.



Make it count – raise free extra money whilst you shop

Supporting RAB PTA on easyfundraising means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

Per shop, these donations may seem forgettable, eg raising 12p on your weekly Sainsbury's shop – what's the point? But multiply this out over 52 weeks and across every parent and that 12p donation grows into almost £2000 of completely FREE extra money, just for shopping as you would normally. And if you're doing some big ticket spending like booking a holiday or buying a new oven then suddenly that donation amount is far from forgettable!

Whether you choose RAB PTA as your easyfundraising charity or not, please give easyfundraising a go to make a big difference to a good cause simply whilst you shop.

It's free to register, easy to set up and a handy browser extension makes donating a breeze – when you shop with a participating online retailer, you'll see a pop up asking if you'd like to activate a donation. That's it, no clunky logging on via the easyfundraising website to access retailers. Just register, download the browser extension and make it count.

Check out the [Make It Count Campaign](#) or our [RAB PTA fundraising page](#) to learn more.

Call for plastic tubs with lids and any extra Halloween sweets

Thinking ahead to our Winter Fayre, we'd love any plastic sweet tubs with lids, eg Celebrations, Quality Street etc, along with any unwanted Halloween sweets loot you're happy to donate. You can drop these into the School Office at any time after half term. Thank you.

RAB PTA 100 Club – congratulations to our winners this month

1st prize (£45): number 51

2nd prize (£25): number 2

3rd prize (£10): number 58

All winners have been notified. If you'd like to join our 100 Club for £24 per year, please email rabutlerpta@gmail.com for more information.

We've got a lot of fun planned to bring some winter magic to RAB - the Winter Fayre on Friday 1 December is one of biggest fundraising events of the year, plus we've got Christmas Presents for Parents and more to come. Look out for further info in November.

A very happy half term break to you all!