



# BOCKING NEWS

**I am Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and I Persevere.**  
Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 8th September 2023

## WHAT'S COMING UP

**September**  
22nd - EYFS/KS1 Phonics workshop for parents 9am

**October**  
5th - Reading workshop for parents 9am  
10th - Maths mastery workshop for parents 9am  
19th - Open door 2.30pm  
20th - Celebration Assembly 9.05am

**November**  
2nd & 13th - New 2024/25 EYFS parents open morning - time TBC  
14th - TLCs 3.30 - 17.30  
16th - TLCs 3.30 - 1900

**December**  
11th - EYFS/YR 1 Nativity am - school pm - parents times TBC  
12th - EYFS/YR 1 Nativity pm to parents times TBC  
18th - Carol service whole school St Mary's Church - 2pm

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday - Girls Football KS2**  
**Tuesday - Cheerleading Y2-Y6**  
**Tuesday - Film Club Y1/Y2**  
**Wednesday - SCS Y1-Y3**  
**Thursday SCS - Y4-Y6**  
**Thursday - Netball - KS2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and how typical that the weather has now decided to give us some summer sun! We have been trying to keep everyone cool in school with some learning taking place under the shade of the trees rather than stuffy classrooms. Please ensure your children have water in school, sun cream on and hats if they have them.

Over the holidays, Mr Bain our site manager, has overseen several large projects to enhance our school environment. Both the girls and boys toilets have been completely refurbished with new cubicles and colour schemes and our school hall has been resurfaced and decorated. It really does make the school look smart and an inviting place to be. Behind the scenes, our new boilers are close to being installed, whilst inside the building we have new radiators so, by the time winter comes the school will be heated in a much more efficient way. There is also a new fire system installed with new internal fire doors. You might notice that the outside of the building has also had a revamp with new fire doors to the classrooms and new fascia around the top of the building. Thank you Mr Bain - the school looks great!

In our classrooms, learning has started with vigour and I have already observed children tackling problem solving with Roman Numerals, learning about Settlements and immersing activities in English, including the toys in Yr 1 messing up the classroom! The children have settled into their learning well and the atmosphere, as I walk around the school, is calm and purposeful.

Our new starters in Reception have settled in exceptionally well this week and have followed new routines and instructions whilst being in class. They have been excited to tell me about their mornings, discovering new areas of the school, including the library, and going for a walk around the grounds.

A few reminders as we start the term:

- Please ensure your child has water in their bottles only - we encourage this as part of being a healthy school and as we teach children about oral hygiene from reception.
- Crisps are for packed lunches only - EYFS/KS1 receive free fruit everyday.
- PE kit is to be unbranded - this is to fall in line with the governments drive to make uniform affordable to all and to ensure we are an inclusive school.
- Lunches need to be booked in advance via Parent Pay. Even if you are FSM please ensure you decide on the option available so that your child eats something they like.
- School starts and ends at the following times: Gates close at 8.50am. Children will be registered as late at 8.55 when registers close. End of school is EYFS/KS1 3.10pm and KS2 3.15pm.

We have published dates for main school events as early as possible this year so that you have advanced warning. There may be class events or trips that you will be advised about individually so please keep an eye on your emails. If you have changed your details please let the office know so we have the most up to date communication for you.

If you have any question, concerns or would like to speak to a member of the teaching team or senior leadership team, please email [admin@bockingstreet.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bockingstreet.essex.sch.uk).

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cagney