



Newsletter 20th July 2018

Attendance

This week's attendance figure is
94.3%

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If your child is absent please inform
the school at the earliest opportunity.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although this has been the last week of term, it has been no less busy in terms of events. This week began with a very busy assembly led by Mr Drakeford. Earlier this year, Mr Drakeford received a letter asking if the pupils of John Buchan School would like to contribute to the Great Pilgrimage 90 to Menin Gate by writing a poem that would be placed on the Royal British Legion Wreath. Four of our pupils Erin (Y6), Gurauv (Y5), Fatima (Y8) and Cory (Y7) all worked together to produce a very powerful and moving poem which was presented to Mr Dusty Miller from the Royal British Legion.

Our school choir also performed a song that they recently presented at the King's Arts evening. All of the pupils involved gave a stunning performance with amazing harmonies. Well done to all involved.

Mrs Purkiss also announced the very exciting news of the winning House for the year. It was an incredibly close finish but Bravo emerged as the winning House and were rewarded with the special bowling trip on Wednesday. What was pointed out by Mrs Purkiss was the high level of participation in Creative Learning Projects and events by all pupils that contributed to the high level of scores seen at the end of the year. A big thank you to Mrs Purkiss who took on responsibility for our House system this year and has ensured that the pupils have really gelled together in ensuring that they make the points count for their team.

The assembly ended with a very moving video of all of the events that John Buchan pupils have taken part in over the course of the year. What came across was the wide range of experiences and activities that the pupils have had. I think that I can truly say that thanks to the hard work of the adults in the school, the pupils at John Buchan certainly get a varied and exciting whole school curriculum.

Monday and Tuesday afternoon saw both the KS2 and KS3 Oscar awards ceremony. There were many exciting and interesting awards given and the interval entertainment was spectacular in the form of dance troops, musicians and singers. To top both afternoons off, a great after event party and buffet was held. A big thank you to parents for the many food donations and a very special thank you to Mrs Crumley who took responsibility for organising the whole event and producing some spectacular results.

Wednesday again was another busy day. Our winning House team—Bravo House were treated to a morning of bowling. It was great to hear from Mr Lennon that all of the pupils in attendance demonstrated exemplary behaviour. Thank you to all of the members of staff who were involved in making this a special event. After lunch, many of our pupils took part in our Greatest Showman experience. It was a very enjoyable experience for all involved. A big thank you to Mrs Malone and her Friends of John Buchan team who have ensured that this year there have been many exciting events and in turn have ensured that we have a very healthy school fund pot that we can use to ensure that the children are able to have lots of exciting experiences right up until our final day.

Following on from The Greatest Showman, we had some of the greatest performers in our JBS Talent Show on Thursday afternoon. It was incredible to see just how much talent there is in the school and we were very privileged to be able to watch some great dancers, singers, musicians, comedians and magicians across the course of the afternoon. Thank you very much to Mrs Galvin who helped to make this possible by co-ordinating and supporting our team of year 6 organisers.

Today we had our final school leavers and end of year certificates ceremony. This assembly was a good opportunity to reflect upon the individual journeys that each and every pupil has made in the school across the academic year.

Again, it was very sad to be saying goodbye to so many pupils and staff. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Purkiss, Mrs Bedford, Mrs Shaw, Mr Falcao, Mrs Bye and Mrs Johnson. I would like to thank every one of these members of staff who have given tremendous effort towards supporting the education of pupils within John Buchan School and the additional time that they have given to support pupils through trips and other activities in addition to the work that goes on day to day in class. We wish them the very best for the future.

Reflecting back on the year, it has been an incredibly busy and exciting one and I am really proud of everything that has been achieved. However, this cannot be achieved by one person and there are many people to thank for these aspects. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all of our pupils for ensuring that they have represented our school well in events and trips; and for all of their hard work across the year which has resulted in them making some fantastic learning journeys. Secondly, I would like to say thank you to you, our parents, who have ensured that you have worked with us as a school, through not only supporting your children with their learning but also in events such as our fund raisers where you have overwhelmed us with your generosity and talents. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff at John Buchan School who have regularly gone beyond their day to day duties within the classroom to ensure that there have been many exciting trips and events for our pupils to take part in.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in the new academic year.

Kim Fox
(Headteacher)



integrity



empathy

resilience

respect

tolerance

perseverance

Leaving School

It's the final day as we all take photographs and say
goodbye; a thought goes through my mind.

I may never see any of you again. I don't want to let go of
the many memories we have made.

Yet I know that will not happen as the memories we have
created have been engraved on my heart and left a deep
impression in my mind.

Your kindness and caring attitude has been an inspiration
and so have you, and I look forward to the future where in
some distant lifetime we will meet again and relive the old
times and the old memories.

This is what makes me cherish the true friends I have now.



Poem by Jane Tomlin





JOHN BUCHAN School

Calendar 2018/2019



Autumn Term 2018

First Day of Term	Tuesday 4 th September 2018
School Closed	Monday 1 st October 2018
Half Term	Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November 2018
Last Day of Term	Thursday 20 th December 2018

Spring Term 2019

First Day of Term	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Half Term	Monday 11 th February to Friday 15 th February 2019
Last day of Term	Friday 12 th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

First Day of Term	Monday 29 th April 2019
Half Term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2019
School Closed	Friday 28 th June 2019
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 th July 2019

John Buchan will closed to pupils on:

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 1st October 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 28th June 2019

Final closure days Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July 2019

School Diary Dates

Tue 4th September	-	First day of the Autumn Term
Mon 1st October	-	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Mon 29th Oct - Fri 2nd Nov	-	Half term
Thu 20th Dec	-	Last day of term



ONLY 2 MONTHS LEFT

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
APPLY TODAY
FOR CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS**

Only 2 months until October 2018 when Childcare Vouchers will not be available for new joiners – So join up today!

Hurry you need to have joined by the September 2018 pay period

Visit your benefits website for more information on Childcare Vouchers



**Ministry
of Defence**



Supporting Families with Childcare Costs

**The Childcare Voucher scheme is due to close
to new applicants from 5 October 2018.**

In September 2017 the UK Government introduced a new Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) scheme to replace all salary sacrifice schemes introduced from 1989. As a result the MOD Childcare Voucher scheme, currently run by Sodexo, www.modchildcare.co.uk, will close to new joiners on 4 October 2018.

If you are not a member of the Childcare Voucher scheme on 4 October 2018, from 5 October 2018 you will not be able to join the Childcare Voucher scheme. Instead, only the new TFC, <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>, will be available to join to allow you to save money on your childcare costs. Only working parents are eligible to apply for TFC. The relevant **TFC DIN (2018DIN01-011 - Service personnel or 2017DIN01-101 - Civilians)** can be viewed on the Defence Intranet.

Current members of the Childcare Voucher scheme can remain in the scheme and continue to use Childcare Vouchers for as long as the MOD, as the legal employer, continues to offer the scheme.

If you are not currently a member, there is still time to join the Childcare Voucher scheme ahead of the 4 October 2018 deadline. The deadline for applications is 31 August 2018. Applications received after this date cannot be accepted. To join the scheme prior to its closure to new entrants, at least one salary sacrifice deduction has to be made in the 12 months leading up to 04 October 2018 and applications received after 31 August 2018 do not allow sufficient processing time.

Re-joiners have to apply within 12 months of their last salary sacrifice payment to retain entitlement. For example, if you originally left the scheme in October 2017 but wish to re-apply then this would have to be achieved for September 2018 pay-roll. However, should you leave the scheme at any time to join TFC you will forfeit all entitlement to salary sacrifice at a later point.

It is entirely the responsibility of the claimant to ensure that their application is submitted to Sodexo in good time to meet the deadlines. As a statutory change, DBS has no discretionary powers to re-instate delayed or late applications.

You can visit www.modchildcare.co.uk for more information about the Childcare Voucher scheme, view the relevant DIN (**2017DIN01-092 - Service personnel or 2008DIN01-176 - Civilians**) on the Defence Intranet or contact the following for further information about the scheme:

Service personnel **DBSMilPers-MilOps-CPMT-Mgr@mod.gov.uk**
Civilians **People-CivHR-RewardMailbox@mod.gov.uk**

You can use the Childcare Calculator, <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>, to compare the government's childcare offers, including the Childcare Voucher scheme and TFC, and check what works best for you and your family.

Sodexo have put together an information sheet and video comparing both schemes to help you decide which scheme is best for you. Please click here for a link to Information sheet <http://childcare-voucher-updates.co.uk/2TJQ-JJDE-5EVN08-AQ8WY-1/c.aspx>. For the video, please follow the link below: https://play.buto.tv/822IL?utm_campaign=911570_Copy%20of%20childcare%20video&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Motivation%20Account&dm_i=2TJQ,JJDE,5EVN08,21TNM,1