



## STOCKLAKE PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

### **Message from the Head of School:**

We will be holding a Parent First Aid course on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.30-12.30 and you are all welcome to come along. It will be held at Booker Park where there is more space and open to parents from both schools. Please email Grace if you wish to attend [gfitchet@thevalefederation.com](mailto:gfitchet@thevalefederation.com)

There have been a number of new taxis coming in and I am aware that this has not helped the parking while the new crews learn when they can come into school. We have contacted Bucks Transport and the individual transport providers this week to confirm school hours and when they can arrive.

### **Transport Times at Stocklake Park School – January 2024**

9:00am – parents drop off  
3:00pm – parents pick up

9:10am – transport drop off  
3:15pm – transport pick up  
(we will start calling students at 3:10pm)

**There will be staff outside to help you – please follow the directions given so that we can keep everyone safe and moving along.**

**Parents and carers – please do not arrive before 2:50pm, unless by prior written agreement, as there are often students still in the hall and if people are outside, they cannot focus on their activities.**

We have noticed that the usual winter cough and colds are doing the rounds. If your child is well enough to come into school, we are happy to have them, but please do keep them at home if they are too poorly to be in. I appreciate that sometimes when you have a sick child, they are your priority, but do remember to give us a call. Legally we must make contact with you if we do not know why any students is not in, so please don't worry if we ring you as this is us following our procedures.

Have a good weekend.

**Rhonda**

### **SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FOR NEXT HALF TERM:**

- **The Arbor school meals ordering window to order all school meals for the next half term (Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024) CLOSSES at 4pm this Monday (29<sup>th</sup> January)**
- Please access your school meals via the Arbor App or the online Arbor Portal to order your meal choice for your child's school meals.
- The menu is available from our website - [click here](#) to view. You can also view guidance notes for the Arbor system here.
- You can choose any meal for any day.
- Payment of £3.00 per meal is to be paid via the Arbor App or Portal
- Any child without an ordered meal WILL BE REQUIRED to have a HOME SUPPLIED packed lunch.



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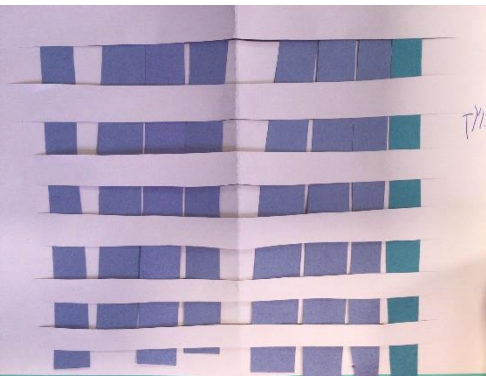
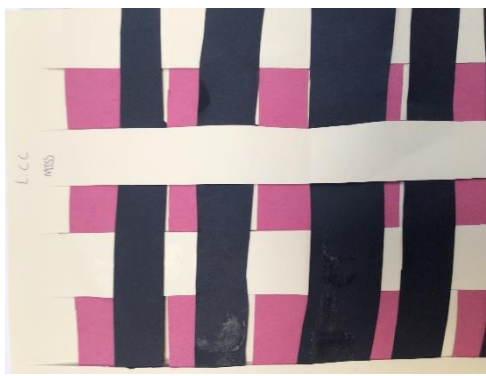
### **Class Update**

Ubuntu Class have had a busy start to the term. We accessed the community to celebrate Iqra and Tyler's birthdays at a place of the students' choice.

The students were able to request and pay for a snack item with minimal support. We were also impressed with the staff at McDonalds, giving the students time and communicating with them directly.

This term Ed, Sonia-Mae and Lucy have started a work experience placement in Cherry class. After an initial trial they reported back that they loved it and would like to carry on. Thank you to Cherry class for facilitating this and for all the positive feedback.

Last Friday we visited Aylesbury college for Healthtech an interactive event, the students took part in first aid and found out about a range of health-related equipment and potential careers. The class have also been shopping for the ingredients within a budget and making their own lunches, here's hoping they can transfer their skills to cooking at home. We have also been completing independent tartan art work for Burns Night.



### **Support required for Stocklake Park School Careers Carousel**

Stocklake Park School will be hosting their first Careers Carousel on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. This is an opportunity to host external guests as well as offer in-house led experiences to showcase career pathways, provide meaningful encounters and inspire the students to think about their future career options and engage in working communities.

If you are able to support the event or are able to provide a work-based encounter, please contact [hzerdzinska@thevalefederation.com](mailto:hzerdzinska@thevalefederation.com) by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

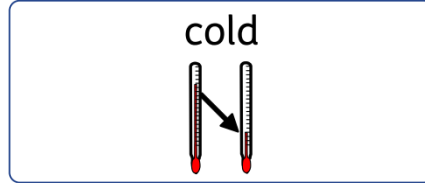
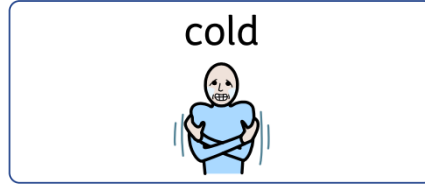
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## Signs of the week



The first cold is used to sign/symbol cold weather or your body is cold. The second sign/symbol is used for anything else. I.e. cold food, cold drinks



## Makachat Café

**When:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
9:45am – 11.00am

**Where:** Stocklake Park School.

Come and learn Makaton with Denyse.

Meet some old friends, make some new friends, bring your friends, bring your family! Have a biscuit, chocolate, a cup of tea or coffee. Brush up on your Makaton skills or learn some new signs.

For more information please contact Denyse at: [dcraig@thevalefederation.com](mailto:dcraig@thevalefederation.com)

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The  
apprenticeship  
edition

### Bucks Bulletin Board

Want to get your career in aerospace off to a flying start? Applications for the [Martin-Baker Apprenticeship Scheme](#), centred around the manufacture of ejection seats, are now open.

As the fifth biggest employer in the world, the NHS offers more than 350 careers – many of which can be obtained through an apprenticeship. Discover the [live opportunities in Bucks](#).

One of Europe's leading construction companies, BAM, is looking for [civil engineering and quantity surveying](#) apprentices here in Bucks. Apply now for the September intake.

### Skills for life

Phew, you've made it through the first few weeks of 2024! Now here's a little something to enhance your enjoyment of February – [National Apprenticeship Week](#) [NAW] is back on 5th-11th. This celebration of on-the-job learning only comes around once a year, so let's get clued up on the what, when, where, why and how quickly in order to make the most of it.



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### Five unmissable NAW events

Unless you've managed to crack time travel (fancy letting us in on the secret?), attending all 1,400 NAW webinars, exhibitions and workshops is going to be impossible. Get planning with our [guide to the key events](#), including [Level 2-4](#) and [Level 6](#) apprenticeship insight webinars hosted by your favourite skills hub...

### Newsflash!

CloudyFoundation has launched a new eight-week [SkillBase Programme](#). Running on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, students with an interest in tech are invited to develop a Microsoft Power App for Dunstable Town Council. Participants will also hear from industry experts and get a chance to network at an in-person event during February half term. [Sign up now](#).



### Get your tickets to Bucks' biggest careers fair

Over 120 businesses, including many apprenticeship providers, will soon take over Stoke Mandeville Stadium for Bucks Skills Show. Daytime tickets are fully booked, but career changers or students accompanied by parents can come along on Wednesday 6th March between 16:00 and 20:00. [Reserve a spot now](#).

Ready player one?  
Test your knowledge  
of apprenticeships at  
the [Apprenticeship Arcade](#).



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### Apprentices that made it big

You only need to switch on your TV or scroll through Instagram to discover the power of on-the-job training. From Michelin Star chefs to fashion royalty, some of Britain's most successful celebrities started out as apprentices. [Want to meet them?](#)



#### This is my story

One of the main benefits of an apprenticeship is that it can be tailored to each student's individual needs. This short film, which reveals the inspirational stories of six apprentices with learning disabilities, is a good case in point of the support training providers can provide.

### Why a degree apprenticeship might be right for you

Did you know you can gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while earning money? You do now! Alternative career paths can get lost in the noise surrounding university, so we've outlined the benefits of a degree apprenticeship to help balance the scale.



### UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS

**13.03.24**

**AMERSHAM**  
CAMPUS

HP7 9HN  
5PM - 8PM

**16.03.24**

**AYLESBURY**  
CAMPUS

HP21 8PD  
10AM - 1PM

**19.03.24**

**WYCOMBE**  
CAMPUS

HP10 9HE  
5PM - 8PM

**REGISTER NOW!**



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[BUCKCOLLEGEGROUP.AC.UK](http://BUCKCOLLEGEGROUP.AC.UK)



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<b>Spring Term</b> Theme: Trust and respect	
Date	Event
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Vaccinations Year 9 Td/IPV & MenACWY
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Internships event for some of 6 <sup>th</sup> form
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Careers Carousel
5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> February	Childrens mental Health week
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Makachat Café
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
<b>Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> Theme: Equity	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief -curriculum event
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Makachat Café
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
<b>Easter Holidays 29<sup>th</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	

Have a great weekend.

**Bradley Taylor**  
Principal



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