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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sad News

It is with regret that I have to pass on the news that John Goulden, a long serving governor and volunteer at Buckfastleigh Primary School, has passed away after a long term illness. John was a passionate member of the community who had such love for all the children and the school. He was probably best known at school for the great work he did in developing our gardens and the awards he helped the school win through Britain in Bloom. John loved to come in to read and work with children of all ages – I'm sure many pupils past and present have at some point sat and read with John at school and enjoyed the care and compassion he put into everything he did at the school.

As a school, we'd like to pass on our thoughts to John's family. He will live long in the memories of the staff and children at Buckfastleigh Primary School. John's funeral will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Thursday 30th September at 12pm.

Bikes and Scooters

It is great to see so many children coming to school on a bike or a scooter. Staying active and healthy are so important and this is a great way for children to do this. If your child comes to school on their own, please have a chat about riding and scootering safely whether it is on the pavement or the road. Although the roads of Buckfastleigh are relatively quiet, we still get busy periods either at the start and end of the school day.

Clubs

Clubs are starting next week and you should have received a letter about what we are offering on Class Dojo. Some clubs can be signed up to on Parent Pay while others have a link to an online sign up form. Call or email the school office if you are unsure whether your child has got a place.

Samba band is an additional club which we will be offering this term. Ms Kellman will be running the club afterschool on a Thursday for children in Years 1-6. A message will go out on Class Dojo shortly about how to sign up.

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School Photos and Flu Jabs

Here are some dates for your diaries:

- Friday 15th October is school photos day. Family photos will start from 8am either in the hall or garden depending on the weather.
- Thursday 18th November is flu jab day. Further information about the arrangements and how to book a flu jab will be sent out later in the term.

Grenville House

Our Year 6 children will be going to Grenville House next summer. There are still places available for children who have not yet booked a place. Call the office if you need more details and would like to organise your deposit. It will be an amazing residential trip for the children so don't miss out.

Phones and Smart Watches

We know that some children have mobiles phones and like to bring them to school if they are walking home on their own. These must be left at the school office in the morning and picked up at the end of the day. Smart watches are not allowed in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great weekend,

Eddie Brown

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