



Spring 4 Newsletter April 2019



Happy Easter Holidays!

We are nearly there...we hope you have a restful holiday and the weather is kind to us all! I cannot believe we will be starting the Summer Term when we come back- where is this year going? It was lovely to see so many relations at our Mother's Day Open Session on Friday. We hope you all enjoyed the fun activities with the children! We will be organising an alternative date for those unable to attend due to the closure of the Junior school after the Easter Holidays.



Summer Term Special Events

To give you plenty of notice, these things are happening in the Summer Term:

13th - 17th May - Year 2 SATs: Children will be undertaking a range of 'quizzes during this week. Please avoid taking your child out of school during this week.
Thank you

10th – 14th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening: Children will be reading a range of words for us to assess their phonics knowledge. Please avoid taking your child out of school during this week.

Friday 21st June – Father's Day Open Session: We are holding this after the Father's Day weekend this year to avoid a clash with Eid. Dads, Grandads, Uncles, Big Brothers (or a female representative) are invited to join their child in class for a fun afternoon from 1.30pm.

Wednesday 25th June – Be Safe Online Day: including Parent Workshop: 6.00- 7.30pm

Thursday 27th June - Sport's Day: 9.15 – 10.00 for F1 and F2 and 10.30 – 11.45 for Year 1 and Year 2. This will be on the Junior School field and is subject to change, weather permitting!

Polite Reminders

Please remember to consider the safety of others when **driving and parking** around school. We continue to have reports of unsafe and inconsiderate drivers putting children's lives at risk just to get a little closer to school. We would hate to be reporting to you about an accident caused by this so please think carefully about what you are doing.

Please remember there is an **aisle** marked out with yellow paint on the **Y2 playground** to be kept clear for children to be able to get to their classes/parents at the beginning and end of the day. Please do not stand in this aisle. Thank you.

Lunch band Amnesty!

If you have any of our coloured lunch wrist bands at home, please bring them back to school to increase our depleting supply! Maybe check coat pockets and book bags for stray ones? Thank you

Changes to School Policy and Routines

Cars are now no longer allowed in the car park at any time before the school day and not until after 4pm in the afternoon due to safety and access issues. Please do not drive into the car park for any reason to prevent putting our staff and children at risk.

We will no longer be giving refunds for Sunflower Group bookings if your child is off sick, you are on holiday or you change your minds, except in exceptional circumstance. This is due to the staffing levels needed to maintain for the provision which cannot be changed at short notice.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th April
Easter Bonnet Parade
9.15am - F1
2pm – F2-Y2

Friday 5th April
School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30pm
FoBIS Easter Smarties Challenge...

Wednesday 24th April
Children return to School

Wednesday 8th May
Book Look in classes 3.00-4.00

Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May
Year 2 SATs Week

Wednesday 22nd May
Foundation 2 Educational Visit (tbc)

Friday 24th May
School Closes for Half Term Holiday
3.00pm

Tuesday 4th June
Children return to school

Monday 10th June – Friday 14th June *Year 1*
Phonics Screening

Friday 21st June
Father's Day Open Session 1.30-3.00pm

Thursday 27th June
Sport's Day
9.15 - 10.00 F1/F2 & 10.30 - 11.45 Y1/Y2

Parent Evening Feedback

Thank you for the amazing feedback left by parents during the parent evening meetings. Teachers have looked at these as part of our Curriculum Review and really appreciate the ideas you shared to enhance what we can provide.

There were so many positive comments made about the staff, the children being happy, the feedback given at the parent meetings and communication being very effective.

The even better if comments mainly focused around: the frustration of parents in the playground as the aisle is not being kept clear (we regularly remind parents about this), parents wanting individual, daily feedback in diaries (which is just not feasible, sorry!), more after school clubs (this is being planned for next year), a request for a bike/scooter rack (we frequently look into this however, have been unable to find something suitable that will not restrict the size of the playground we need for our number of children), a request for information not to just be sent via the app as they do not have this (we cannot duplicate what we send by using email and the app for small messages as this could overload parent's inboxes and you may stop reading them altogether. Please download the app to ensure you are getting all the updates we send out) and a request for adult chairs at parent events for older/frail visitors and pregnant mothers (we cannot provide big chairs for all visitors but can have one or two available- please just let us know you will need this when booking your place). Thank you for all of your comments, they really are appreciated.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are currently advertising for additional Lunchtime Supervisors to either cover our Medical Room during the lunch period or supervise and play with children on the playground. If one of these roles interest you, please speak to Mrs Rundle in the School Office. The advert and job description details are on the School website.

Spare Clothes Plea!

Please could you send in spare underwear for your child in their PE bag so they have some of their own to wear if they have an accident. Our own supplies are dwindling and it is nice for them to have some of their own clothes to wear instead of our spares. Thank you.

Foundation 1 Places for 2019-2020

If you have registered for a place in our Nursery for September, confirmation of a space will be sent to you in May. We are still offering 15 hour, morning only places and 30 hour, all day places. We will be asking parents to indicate whether they would be interested in our 24 hour option and which afternoons they would chose not to come in, on the return slip from this confirmation. You can still register for a place now, if you have not already done so.

A Message from FoBIS:

Whether you have directly helped, come along to an event, donated chocolate or bought a lasagne or Science Kit - Thank you from all of us at FoBIS. We have plenty of events coming up in the calendar for the Summer term, so please do join our Facebook page for up-to-date events and information @BISFriends

We are looking for some new committee members and would love some fresh ideas and input. If you think you would like to join and help us in our mission to raise money for your children, come to our next meeting on **Tuesday 30th April at 7:30pm** at the School.

Or why not become one of our helpers, perfect for those who want to help but can only lend a small amount of time or adhoc commitment? Sign up to our volunteers' page @FoBIS Helpers on Facebook.

And finally, on the 25th June we will hold our annual AGM, where roles on the Standing Committee will be available for nomination. For further information, please contact us by email: friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk

We wish you a wonderful Easter break.

The FoBIS team