



# Summer 1 Newsletter May 2019

## Governor Vacancies

We currently have spaces on our Governing Body, who meet each term to discuss aspects of the school such as curriculum, personnel, Health and Safety and finances. Do you know anyone who is able to commit to this role, which involves visiting during the school day to see what happens in the classes as well as attend evening meetings and read and feedback on various reports?

It may be that you know a retired professional, who has specific expertise in the above areas, who would be interested in using their knowledge and experience to support the school. Please contact myself, on [head@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:head@bedgroveinfant.co.uk) or the Chair of Governors, Chrissie Green, on [governors@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:governors@bedgroveinfant.co.uk), for more information or to arrange an informal chat about what the role entails.

## Medical Concerns

Please can you keep us updated on any medical issues your children may have so we are fully aware at all times of their needs and any support we may have to give. This includes if your child breaks a bone as we need to complete risk assessments on their movement around school to ensure they are safe at all times. Please speak to Mrs Rundle in the office in the first instance about this. We then may need to arrange a meeting with Mr Hatton, our Health and Safety Lead, to create the risk assessment for your child. Thank you.

## Summertime?

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break, especially the lovely weather over the Bank Holiday Weekend. Unfortunately, this has not lasted and we are having days of very mixed weather. Please make sure your child has their jumper and coat in school every day still, so they can use them at play and lunchtimes when it may be colder and wet.

## Sun Safety Policy

Children can bring in their own sunscreen, in a named bottle, to reapply themselves during the day if you feel this is necessary. This may not apply to all of the children, as a long-lasting sunscreen, applied before school, may be enough protection for some. We can only allow **roll-on or spray** containers in School, **not creams**, as these are the easiest for children to use themselves. **Staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen** and can only supervise the children to do this by themselves. Named bottles of roll-on or spray should be sent in via your child's Book Bag. They then may be kept in a central place in classrooms for children to access when permitted by an adult.

## Summer Term Dates

Please keep an eye on the calendar on the website/app for events happening this term- it is a busy one!  
Times for events will be confirmed closer to the day but make a note of the dates in your diaries so you know what is coming up.  
**BOOK LOOK Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 3.00 – 4.00pm.** Parents are welcome to visit classes with their child to look at their work in their books.

**Father's Day** sessions, on **Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>**, are for dads or another male relative to come into school to join in with arty activities.

**Sport's Day** will take place on **Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. F1 and F2 from 9.15-10.00  
Year 1 and Year 2 from 10.30-11.30

Our **Transfer Days** are on **July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** with Open Classes from 3.00-4.00 on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**, for parents to meet the teacher and see their child's new classroom.

The **Year 2 End of Year Show** will take place on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.15am.** Information about tickets will be sent nearer the time.

**School Closes for the Summer Holiday on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm!**



## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 6th May**  
Bank Holiday Monday

**Monday 13th May**  
Key Stage 1 SATs Week

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
F2 Educational Visit to Eco Dragon Farm

**Friday 24th May**  
School Closes for Half Term at 3.00pm

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
INSET DAY- no children in school

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
School opens for Summer Term 2

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
Father's Day Open Session 1.30-3.00

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
E-Safety Workshop for parents 6.30-7.30pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sports Day for F1, F2, Y1 and Y2

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
Year 1 Education Visits

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
FoBIS Summer Fayre 3.15-5.00

### School Council

Classes in Year 1 and Year 2 have elected a member of each class to represent them in our School Council. Congratulations to the

following pupils:

Elephants - Elliot

Hippos - Lily R

Giraffes - Rio

Rhinos - Ewan

Jaguars - Grace

Leopards- Lily W

Tigers - Mason F-L

Lions - Luca

They have already been busy finding out what pupils enjoyed about PE and what other activities they would like to take part in. Mrs Smith, our PE co-ordinator, has been liaising with the School Councillors and has arranged for extra weekly street dance sessions for both year groups.

The School Council will be working on a new project very soon so stay tuned for an exciting competition over the May half-term.

### Makaton

All staff have had training on Makaton Sign Language and are using this daily with the children. We are aiming to introduce a sign-a-day to help both the children and adults become very familiar with these and use them naturally to help us become a truly inclusive school. Please let us know if they are using them at home!

### FoBIS

Thank you to the parents who commit to supporting the school by attending FoBIS meetings and helping at events. Please see an update from them below. We very much appreciate all that FoBIS do for us.

### Bedgrove Junior School Links

The children from the Junior School's Pupil Parliament are visiting us each Friday afternoon from 1.30 – 2.45 to work in classes across the school. Last week they listened to individual readers, joined in activities and supported the classes in their afternoon work. Year 2 have a range of events planned in this term to support the children in their transition to the Junior School including Reading Buddies, Sports and additional visits for individuals to get used to the different environment.

We continue to work closely with the Junior school throughout the year to support our children in becoming familiar with their school.

### Miss Grant's Incredible Achievement!

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Miss Grant ran the London Marathon with her sister, in aid of Hospice Uk. They had a target of £4000 but are currently at nearer £5000. They finished in an astounding 5 hours and 55 minutes! We are immensely proud of Miss Grant and her positive mindset to commit to the training and completion of the 26.2 miles. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her muscles a speedy recovery!

### Lunch Orders

We would like to remind parents that fruit and/or yogurt is only offered to children who have not chosen the daily dessert. As you know, we work within a very tight budget and cannot afford to dispose of food that has been ordered when a child changes their mind. If they would like fruit or yogurt, please change their order to 'no dessert' and this will be offered to them.

### Reflection on Spring Term Events

**Easter Bonnet Parade-** it was a shame to have to cancel this for parents to watch however, all the classes proudly showed their creations to their Year

Groups and the winners were shared on the website. We are looking at ways to develop this event next year to avoid disappointment in bad weather!

**Celebration Café-** Mrs Sim and Mrs Davies led this last term for children nominated by teachers or TAs for their approach to work in the class. The children enjoyed a special breakfast and time with staff from across the school. There will be two cafes held at the end of this term.

**Mother's Day Open Session-** we are sorry some parents were unable to attend this session due to the closure of the Junior School. If you booked a place and were then unable to join us because of this we will be contacting you directly to let you know of a new date for you to come and spend time in your child's class.

Thank you

### Reminders re Changes to School Policy and Routines

**Cars are now no longer allowed in the car park** at any time before the school day begins 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 circumstances. This is due to the staffing levels needed to maintain for the provision that cannot be changed at short notice.



## Friends of Bedgrove Infant School

*Together we can achieve*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the Summer Term, the team at FoBIS is busy organising and scheduling plenty of events for you, your children and families to enjoy. We will be sending out communication via Facebook, ParentMail and the App to ensure you are always kept well informed of dates and fundraising requests.

Please be sure to keep an eye on the Calendar or follow our Facebook page where all FoBIS events are listed @BISFriends.

As always, we turn to you for help and support in running these events - with additional help from you, we can then run the events more efficiently, create more fun for everyone and ultimately raise more money to help fund resources for our School and the fantastic Staff, as well as extra circular activities for the children. Please email [friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk) if you would like to help - we really would love to have you join us.

We also wish to make you aware that the Annual FoBIS AGM is on June 25th, whereby various positions within the Elected Committee will be available to stand for. Members of our current team are moving on to pastures new and so we are looking for people with enthusiasm, drive and a wish to do more and raise more. Positions available will be announced shortly. If you have any questions or would like to know more please do get in touch, or come along to our next general meeting being held on Tuesday 4th June at 7:30pm.

### **Summer Term: Dates for the diary\*:**

- ❖ **3rd May** Deadline to hand in Smarties Sponsorship
- ❖ **10th May** Deadline to pay for Magic Martin via ParentMail
- ❖ **14th May** Magic Martin Entertainer for F2. Y1 and Y2, 3:15-4:00pm
  - ❖ **23rd May** Uniform Shop, 8:40am and 2:30pm
  - ❖ **4th June** FoBIS General Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
  - ❖ **18th June** Uniform Shop, 8:40am and 2:30pm
  - ❖ **25th June** FoBIS Annual AGM, 7:00pm
    - ❖ **5th July** Bottle Mufti day
  - ❖ **5th July** FoBIS and BIS Summer Fayre, 3:15 - 5:15pm
  - ❖ **10th July** Uniform Shop, 8:40am and 2:30pm
    - ❖ **16th July** F2 Summer Party, 3:00pm
    - ❖ **17th July** Y2 Leavers Party, 3pm
    - ❖ **18th July** Y1 Summer Party, 3pm
    - ❖ **19th July** Family Fest 2019, 5:30pm

(\*some dates may be subject to change)