



Autumn 2 Newsletter September 2019

School Uniform

Our uniform requirements are:

- Grey trousers (not leggings or jodhpurs), shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses.
- Purple sweatshirts or cardigans
- Lilac summer gingham dresses
- White polo shirts, shirts or blouses
- Black school shoes

PE kit:

- Black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Track suit for cold weather
- Socks for girls (if wearing tights)
- Plimsolls or trainers for indoor use

Long hair should be tied back each day. Nail varnish and jewellery should not be worn. Traditional analogue or digital watches can be worn if your child is able to read the time, but smart watches or fitness watches are not allowed. These are causing a distraction in the classroom and distress when they get broken or lost.

Helpful Reminders

We thought we would send an additional email this month with some helpful reminders of key information for parents.

School Office Requests

Please make sure we have your correct phone and email contact details to ensure we can get in touch with you when necessary. *If you use a childminder to bring or collect your children and would like them to receive our newsletter themselves, please give their email details to the school office and we can add them to the distribution list.*

Thank you for your support during our period of transition in the office. Miss Ross, Mrs Herring and Mrs Bridges have been doing an amazing job during this very busy start of term.

App Access

Please download the App linked to our website to ensure you are kept fully up to date on events in school. Under the Parent tab there is a page called **App**, which has these links for parents to follow.

The top link is instructions on how to download and find our school.

<https://www.schooljotter.com/school-jotter-mobile-app/>

Android devices

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.webanywhere.schooljotter.containerApp>

Apple devices

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/school-jotter/id1353760196?mt=8>

Grover/Sunflower Bookings

Please be aware that Sunflower at Grover is not a drop in session. Bookings must be made **at least 24 hours in advance**. Children without bookings cannot be accepted as we have strict adult:child ratios which must be met in order to safeguard the children. If the session you require is greyed out on Parentmail then that session is full and no more children can be accepted. In addition, for safeguarding reasons, we must have up to date registration forms or we cannot accept responsibility for the children. Please remember that Sunflower at Grover opens at 8 am and closes at 4 pm. Grover staff cannot be contacted between 9 am and 2.30 pm. Please leave a message on 07879876830 or admin@groverclub.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please be aware that we **can only accept bookings** for Sunflower at Grover **via our ParentMail**. Many thanks. The Grover Team



Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd September

Parent Helper Information Meeting 9.15

If you would like to help in classes in school, please come along to this meeting with Mrs Sim to find out about how to register to do this.

September 24th, 25th 26th and 27th

Parent Information sessions in classes

9.00-9.30

Tuesday 24th – Whale / Elephant / Lion
Wednesday 25th – Turtle / Hippo / Tiger
Thursday 26th – Shark / Rhino / Jaguar
Friday 27th – Dolphin / Giraffe / Leopard

Friday 11th October

Parent Open Session: F2, Y1 & Y2

1.30pm-2.45pm

One parent for each child will be able to visit during this afternoon to join in fun activities with the children. Places do not need to be booked as all parents will be in at the same time. Put the date and time in your diary now!

Friday 25th October

School Closes for Half Term

School Values

Our School Values are:

VIRTUE Understanding what is right and wrong. Understanding the importance of doing the right thing and making the right choices.

ASPIRATION Working hard to do my best to achieve your own personal goals.

LOYALTY Being a good friend and trustworthy member of your class and school.

UNITY Working harmoniously in pairs, groups and teams towards a shared outcome.

EMPATHY Understanding others and respecting their difference cultures and beliefs.

SELF-RESPECT Developing self-awareness, self-confidence and to believe in yourself.

These are displayed in the Main Reception area, School hall, Dining Hall and each classroom. They are referred to daily, both when praising children and reminding them of behaviour expectations. They are covered in assembly and class circle time activities to ensure they are embedded within school life. The children quickly learn what they mean and how to demonstrate them in how they behave.

The Choices Tree

The **Choices Tree** is our new class based positive praise system in the Year 1&2 classrooms, with F1 & F2 adapting the language used with stickers to praise the children. The Choices Tree comprises of **Make Better Choices, Think About it, Ready to Learn, Good Choices, Great Job, Role Model and Outstanding**. Each child has their name on a peg which is moved up when positive choices are made. Each morning all of the children begin on **Ready to Learn**; their pegs are moved up through the day to reinforce positive behaviour and choices. The first child to reach **Good Choices** is the first child in the class to go out to break. Every child who reaches **Role Model** will be given a sticker, and every child who reaches **Outstanding** will be given a certificate to take home on the day, listing the positive choices that they have made. Any child who gets **10 Outstanding Certificates** in a half term will be able to get a lucky dip from the treat bag in Miss Lawrence and Mrs Sim's office.

If children are not making the right choices they are moved down 1 step in The Choices Tree. If they then correct their behaviour they can then be moved back up The Choices Tree. If a child is continually making inappropriate choices and reach the bottom of The Choices Tree then a tally system for missed playtime minutes will begin. If any inappropriate behaviour is deemed serious then minutes will be removed from playtime.

Classroom Expectations

Each Year Group has devised classroom expectations relating the School Values. These state how the children should be behaving to demonstrate they are following the values. **F2** has **The Ocean of Good Manners**. **Year 1** has **The Garden of Good Manners** and **Year 2** use **The Jungle of Good Manners**.

The Minion's Board

At Bedgrove all the members of our school community are '**Secret Spies for Random Acts of Kindness**', anyone can nominate someone who they have witnessed encompassing our school values, (although you cannot nominate yourself!)

The names are then recorded on post-it notes and placed on the Minion Board next to the school hall for everyone to see. Their 'Random Act of Kindness' is also recorded.

Every Friday in assembly Miss Lawrence or Mrs Sim choose the post-it notes to read out. These children then come to the front to have their Random Act of Kindness celebrated. The children nominated then receive a School Values sticker that reflects their act and they can have a lucky dip from the treat bag in Miss Lawrence and Mrs Sim's office.