



**Friends of Bedgrove  
Infant School**

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## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

The Friends of Bedgrove Infant School would like to welcome back all F2, Year 1 and 2 parents and extend a warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception parents.

Here at FoBIS, we are looking forward to some new events and are happily planning the school year ahead with the support of the Staff. Together both FoBIS and the Staff have made a decision to use monies raised to help fund the exciting Year 2 playground project, to help finance the brand new iPads used within lessons, as well as help purchase individual Year group equipment and contribute towards school trips and class visitors.

FoBIS are, as always, reliant on parents to help support, and donate any way they can. Everything you do to help is massively appreciated and, most importantly, is hugely beneficial to your child's learning experience here at Bedgrove Infants.

The FoBIS elected committee for 2019-20 consists of:

Chair: Claire Ashton

Vice Chair: Dave Soloway

Treasurer: Claire Lewis-Smith

Secretary: Gemma Tong

You can contact FoBIS via email, [friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk) and keep up-to-date with events and news on our facebook page: [@BISFriends](https://www.facebook.com/BISFriends).

This leaflet contains 'dates for your diary' for the course of the next few months, as well as further information about two of our fundraising events coming up - Takeaway and Family Photo Shoot.

Lastly, as we approach Christmas you can help raise money by shopping online via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This is a website that allows any individual to raise funds by shopping which in turn gives a percentage back to the school at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Baker Ross, Amazon, eBay, M&S, iTunes, Sainsbury's Groceries, uSwitch, John Lewis, GAME and many more. (You will need to register your details for an account. Then you 'Find a Cause' and type in Bedgrove Infant School.)

Thank you,  
The FoBIS Team

(Registered Charity Number 1075788)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

An outline of the exciting things FOBIS have planned over the course of this first half term....

**Monday 30th September: Lasagne Take Away.** Orders will go live on Parentmail for you to pre-order a delicious dinner to collect and take home for Friday 25th October (the last day of term). Homemade by our in-school Chef, this delicious feast allows you a well deserved night off! Pre-ordering closes on Friday 18th October. More information is enclosed.

**Monday 7th October: The Card Project.** All children will receive a greetings card template, to be sent out in their book bags with an accompanying instruction letter. The children can come up with a design of their own (Christmas, Thank you etc) and you can then buy these directly. It's a great way for the children to become creative and an easy way for you to help raise funds for the School. The deadline for the artwork is Monday 21st October. This will allow for enough time for the card company to produce and distribute the cards in time for December.

**Friday 18th October: Family Photoshoot** deadline to book on. More information is enclosed. Melissa Dickens has been offering these sessions for the last few years to Infant and Junior school families. The images can be bought directly from Melissa in time for Christmas. Places are booked via Parentmail and are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis; please note places book up fast.

**Monday 21st October: Usborne Books** will be in School to begin the Readathon initiative for the half term challenge. Information will be sent out via book bags this week. The idea is to encourage and sponsor the children of F2, Y1 and Y2 to read over the course of the half term. It is up to family/carers to decide on how much you wish to sponsor, and how much you wish for them to read. The readathon should be a fun way for families to help raise money, which Usborne Books will contribute to in order for the School to receive some new, wonderful books. All monies should be received in School by Friday 8th November.

**Wednesday 23rd October: Tuck Shop**, this will take place on the Year 2 playground after school. Pop along to pick up an after school treat.

**The 2nd hand uniform stall** will also be open for business on the Year 2 playground at both drop off, and collection.

**Friday 25th October: End of term Mufti day.** All children are invited to come to school wearing their brightest clothes to celebrate the end of term and the start of the Firework season. All we ask for is a donation of £1 on the gate at morning drop off.

**Wednesday 6th November: Christmas Activities.** All of the information about this term's events will be sent out via book bags and email. We have lots going on and we look forward to sharing this information with you. Please be aware that we are not hosting a Christmas Fayre, but there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to join in with the festive season. Raffle tickets will be sent as normal via book bags in due course.

(If you are, or know of anyone who would like to donate a prize, please get in touch asap.)



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# Lasagne Takeaway Night

**Friday 25th October**

Why not take the evening off and enjoy a relaxing, delicious start to the Half Term break! Let Bedgrove Infants school's very own Michelin Rosette Chef, Vaughan Archer, whip you up an Italian feast to round off the end of this half-term.

Order and pay directly using **Parentmail**. Orders must be received by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 3pm**.

**ABSOLUTELY NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS CUT OFF TIME.**

Choose from a small, or large; meat or vegetarian option

Prices: Meat: Small £6.00 / Large £12.00

Vegetarian: Small £6.00 / Large £12.00

And collect from the Dining hall between 2:45-3:15pm on Friday 25th October, using the main entrance.

If you would like any further information please contact:

[Friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

## **Additional Information**

- \*Contains Gluten and Dairy. Prepared in nut-free kitchen.
- \*Vegetarian option uses vegetarian mince, containing soya.
- \*Meat provided by Kings Farm, Wendover.
- \*Can be frozen for up to 3 months.



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# Family Photo Shoot

## Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019



Melissa Dickens, a local photographer, will be running our annual Family Photo Shoots on Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 4pm. Perfect for capturing long-lasting memories, these photos are ideal for Christmas gifts.

The shoot will be held at each school (3<sup>rd</sup> at the Junior school and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Infant School), with each family given a 10 minute slot for their photos. **You can book your session on either date using ParentMail.**

Hi-res digital images from the shoot will be available to order at £5 each. These will then be emailed to you to print or share as you prefer. A discount is available for orders of 10 photos or more.

Examples of Melissa's work can be found on her website [www.midphoto.biz](http://www.midphoto.biz).

Please make your booking **by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. A £10 booking fee should then be handed to the school office to confirm your shoot spot (*cash/cheques made payable to FoBIS*). Please place all deposits into a sealed envelope marked 'PTA photoshoot' and with your name clearly on the outside. The booking fee will be refunded on the day of your photo shoot.

On ParentMail you will be given the choice of hour slots throughout each day. Please select your preferred three slots. We will do our best to allocate you a time within that hour.

We will be in touch nearer the photo shoot dates to confirm your place & time slot. Bookings will only be made with payment of the Booking deposit.

**BOOK YOUR PREFERRED TIMES ASAP.  
SLOTS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED ONLY.**