



Autumn 3 Newsletter October 2019

Pleas from School

Residents are regularly contacting us due to parents parking across their driveways, blocking them in or out of their own homes. PLEASE park with consideration.

If you bring a dog with you on your trip to school, please do not come up to the gate where children are walking past. Many children are afraid of dogs and are getting worried as they come in to school.

Gates are open until 9.05am. Please come to the back gate if you are running a bit late so your child can access their classroom from the playground rather than coming to the School Office. Children should only be brought to the Office if you arrive after 9.05 so they can be recorded as late in the register and accompanied to class. Staff are on the gates and playground until 9.05 to welcome you to into school.

School Crossing Patroller update

Marie Collins, our School Crossing patroller would like to send a huge THANK YOU to our children and their parents for their kindness following the unfortunate incident with an aggressive motorist last month. Your cards and good wishes were very much appreciated.

Autumnal Times

The autumn weather is really upon us now...please send your children in with their jumpers, suitable coats and footwear so they can enjoy being outside each day. We welcomed 151 parents to our Information Sessions last week. Presentations are now on the website for your reference.

Open Afternoon Friday 11th October

This term we would like to invite one parent/grandparent/family member per child to an Arty Afternoon in class with their child. The teachers will plan fun activities you can get involved in both inside and outside (weather permitting!) so you can all join in together. We need to limit the session to one adult per child due to the space in the classes so please do not try to bring more than one person or any little people with you...siblings cannot come and join in too, sorry!

We will be holding a range of Parent events each term, so there will be more opportunities to visit the class if you are unable to come this time.

Please use the main entrance to school to visit during this session (the back gate will not be open). Parents will need to sign in on class sheets in the hall before being shown to classes. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10th October

World Mental Health Day

Wear something yellow with your uniform

Friday 11th October

Open Afternoon for Parents 1.30-2.45 pm

Thursday 24th October

School Nurses administering Flu Vaccines

Friday 25th October

FoBIS Mufti Day

School Closes at 3.00pm for half term

Tuesday 5th November

School reopens for Autumn Term Two

Wednesday 13th November

Parent Evening for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents 3.15 – 6.30pm

Thursday 14th November

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Monday 9th – Thursday 12th December

FoBIS Christmas Parties

Christmas Plans

10th and 11th December 9.30am- F2 Nativity

Shows 13th December 9.15am- F1 Christmas

Concert

16th and 17th December 9.30am- Year 1 Christmas Shows

17th December 1.15pm & 2.15pm- Year 2 Carol Concerts

Wednesday 19th December

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm

ALDI's KIT FOR SCHOOLS

We are participating in ALDI's Get Set to Eat Fresh programme this Autumn. If you shop in ALDI, please collect the GB stickers they give to you when you spend £30. The GB athlete stickers can then be collected on our School Poster, displayed in the Dining Hall. When we have 300 stickers we will receive an exclusive sports kit as well as enter for the chance to win one of twenty £20,000 prizes! Stickers should be placed in our collection box in the Main Reception area. We will keep you updated on how well we are doing.

Staffing News

We are delighted to have appointed a new School Secretary who will be starting after half term. Miss Denning has experience of working in a School Office and is very excited to be joining us. She will be visiting on Wednesdays this half term to familiarise herself with the school.

This term we say goodbye and thank you to Miss Randall, an established F2, who has sadly left the school and Miss Curtis, who is stepping down from the Lunchtime Liaison role.

We have successfully appointed Mrs Harrison to undertake the Lunch Admin aspects of Miss Curtis' role as well as 3 new TAs to support in the F2 classes. Further details to come next month!

A huge congratulations to Miss Al-Batehi who became engaged during the Summer holidays! She has already planned most of her wedding for next summer.

Bedgrove Junior School Plea

The equipment on the Junior school field is especially made for older children and should not be used by our children or their siblings before or after school. Mrs Greco has asked me to remind parents to keep their children off the equipment, including the MUGA, to ensure children do not get hurt the equipment is not damaged resulting in Junior School children to being able to access it.

Thank You

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR ROLES

We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors to work in the Dining Hall with children as they enjoy their school lunches.

The hours would be 11.30-1.00 either 5 days a week, part time or as a supply cover as and when needed.

Salary would be £8.31 per hour
Please contact the School Office for further details and collect an application form.

Closing date for applications:
Wednesday 16th October
Interviews to take place:
Friday 18th October

Food Allergies

We have a number of children who have serious food allergies that require epi-pens to be in school, due to the serious reactions they can have to specific foods. We are an Allergy Aware School; making everyone alert to the children with allergies, the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction and the procedures we need to follow to ensure there is no cross-contamination of allergens for these children.

Nuts, sesame, dairy, eggs and seafood are the current serious allergy concerns for children in school.

Please be aware of these when selecting foods for packed lunches to help us keep all of our children safe.

Thank you

Car Park Reminder

Please remember that the School car park is for staff only and parents should not be using it to bring or collect children from school or Grover Club. If you require assistance for medical/access reasons, please see Miss Ross in the Office for a Car Park Pass to allow you to drive in.

If you visit the school for Dance classes, please remember that this is a School site and to drive slowly into school and park considerately.

Staff and children are still on site and people are driving too fast down the slip road and into the car park. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Office Upgrades...

Please make note of these changes in systems and processes across the school:

Collection Arrangements:

To help us with safe and effective dismissal of children each day, please provide us with the names of up to six people you authorise to collect your children at home time. This can be grandparents, friends, neighbours etc. If we have these names written in the back of your Home School Book, we can safely dismiss your child to them without you having to contact the office each time plans are changed last minute. Sometimes the delay caused by checking with both the office and parents can be distressing for the child so with this system in place, we can hopefully remove this delay.

Cashless School:

The school is moving to be cashless, much like the junior school. All payments will be possible on Parentmail or via debit card in the office.

Uniform:

We are exploring a move to our uniform being stocked and sold through Mapac Direct (the local uniform supplier). This will enable parents to order and pay online and have their uniform delivered to school, home or via click and collect. This means you have access to uniform all year round – even when the school is closed. The shop will honour the prices we currently sell at – more information to follow.

Medical:

- Reminder – we can only administer medicines that has been prescribed by the GP. We cannot administer Calpol or Ibuprofen unless you have a medical note. Antibiotics can only be given in school if it is a ‘4 times a day’ prescription.
- If your child has asthma or another medical condition that the schools needs to be aware of, please bring in-date medication into school and we’ll make sure you complete a form called a Children’s Healthcare Plan
- Head bumps and minor injuries – we will now inform you via text on Parentmail. Anything more serious we will always call you.

Absences:

Please remember to inform us your child is absent from school before 8:30am. You can phone and leave a message on ‘option 1 the absence line’ or email us. Please ensure you keep your child at home for 48 hours after any bouts of sickness or diarrhoea to reduce the spreading of germs to both children and staff. Please contact the School Office to check when your child may return if you are unsure about this.

Leave of Absence requests:

If you completed a leave of absence request for a term time holiday – we will now inform you of the outcome via Parentmail.

School Timings:

Classroom doors open at 8.45am and shut at 9:05am – please use this route to drop your child off in the morning before coming via the office. Late arriving children are now signed in via the Computer in the Reception area where you can record your reason for being delayed that day.

Office Opening Times:

Office opening times are 8:30am to 4pm. The door buzzer will be answered by Grover outside of these times and the phone will be on answerphone. We are looking to install a new security system where Grover has a separate buzzer to school and there is a camera in the Office and Grover for us to see who requires access to school.