

Autumn 6 Newsletter December 2019



Christmas Time!

Christmas is approaching fast and the children are full of excitement for their upcoming performances. FoBIS have also been working flat out to prepare and run the discos, Christmas Parties, Raffle and Mufti Day. Please remember to make a note of all dates relevant to your child so you do not miss out on any of the fun! Remember that next week, on your **Year Groups Party Day**, all children in **THAT Year Group** can come in mufti for the whole day, even if they are not able to join us after school.



Class Attendance

We thought we would celebrate the attendance of our children in our newsletter each term. Our target for attendance across the school is 96.5%. This currently sits at 95.4% for our F2-Y2 children (Nursery attendance is not statutory).

The classes with the highest attendance since September in each Year Group are: F2: Shark class at 96.5%. Y1: Hippo class at 96.9%. Y2: Jaguar class at 96.6%. We appreciate the need for absence when your child is unwell and that we are strictly enforcing the 48 hour rule for episodes of sickness and diarrhoea. We realise this will impact on our attendance however, we felt we should celebrate where children have been in and share this with you all. *A reminder that you must report absences daily to the office by 9am at the latest. You can do this via email, via the app or a phone message.*

Staffing News

Goodbyes: Mrs Davis, our Inclusion Children TA, is sadly leaving us to become a History teacher at Princes Risborough Secondary School. Mrs Howell, Treetop Class Teacher in F1, will also be leaving us to become a Reception Class teacher at Haydon Abbey School.

Hellos: Mrs Maulkenson is joining the Year 2 team as Lion Class teacher, whilst Mrs Smith is on Maternity Leave. Mrs Smith is planning on being in school until mid-January so will be working alongside Mrs Maulkenson for the first few weeks of term. Miss King and Mrs Wayte have joined the F2 TA team this week. We have welcomed Mrs Mahmood, Mrs Dell'Aglio, Mrs Caglayan and Mrs Sentthuran to the Midday Supervisor Team this term. They have all settled into their roles really well and are very welcome to the team.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 11th December. The menu choice that day is a Turkey Roast, so with crackers and Christmas music, this will be a very festive lunchtime! Staff will be joining the children in the Dining Hall for lunch as well.

Christmas Show Tickets

The Office have sent out information regarding tickets via Parent Mail. We have now opened up orders for spare tickets that have not been claimed. Tickets will be going home in the book bags. We hope you enjoy the performances!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th December

*FoBIS Christmas Tea Parties – **Wear Mufti on your day!**
Please note the end time of each party as it is not the same! The back gate will be opened just before the end time for you to collect from classrooms.*

Monday 9th - F2 3.00 - 4.30

Tuesday 10th – F1 2.45 - 4.15

Wednesday 11th – Y2 3.00 - 5.00

Thursday 12th – Y1 3.00 - 5.00

Christmas Performances

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

Thursday 19th December

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm

Monday 6th January 2020

School closed for INSET day

Tuesday 7th January

Children return to school

Parent Evening Vision Feedback

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parent Evenings. Your comments towards our new Vision were a delight to read. We have now considered feedback from staff, children, governors and parents and are almost ready to share the key focus points of our new Vision with you all. This will be finalised before Christmas ready to launch in the New Year! Thank you for your help in developing our focus for the next three years.

Governor Update

Following our recent Parent Governor Election process we are pleased to announce that Sara Azalm has accepted the position and joined us for our first meeting on December 5th. We had one further vacancy for a Co-Opted Governor, selected by the Governing Body based on the skills and expertise they can bring to the role. From the remaining Parent Governor nominees, the Governors invited Rachel Albrighton to join us as our Co-Opted Governor and she also joined our recent meeting. We are delighted that our Governing Body is now complete and look forward to sharing an update with you about the activities Governors have undertaken during the Autumn Term.

Parking Concerns

Thank you to the Parents and Carers who are reporting any concerns to us that they have around poor parking choices outside of school. We will continue to post the photos shared with us on our Facebook page, with number plate details covered, in the hope that this discourages these parents in parking in the manner shown in the photo. Please can we ask that you do not approach parents who are parking in a way that you feel is not appropriate to avoid any confrontations in front of our children. We would like to remind all parents that we are role models to all of our children at all times and any situations like this need to be handled in an appropriate manner. Any comments added to our Facebook posts that we feel are inappropriate will be deleted. Our aim is to reduce the parking concerns outside of school, not to incite the situation further for any of our parents. We are working closely with the Junior School and the Travel Team at Bucks CC to address this further. Thank you for your continued support.

Travel Plan Promise

All parents sign this promise as part of the Home School Partnership agreement shared when you join our school. Please remind yourself of this to avoid your car being shared on our Facebook page.

I will try to walk to school as much as possible but if I need to travel to school by car

- I will try to make time to walk to school if possible, or simply park further away from the school entrance and walk the rest of the way
- I will comply with UK parking regulations and not cause an obstruction by parking on:-
 - yellow zigzags
 - grass verges
 - junctions (or opposite)
 - corners of roads
 - footpaths
 - roads opposite other vehicles
- I will not park down the slip road to the entrance of the school as I understand it is difficult to turn around without causing disruption to other drivers, pedestrians, and local residents
- I will not park or drive into the staff car park without seeking permission from the school
- I will always park sensibly with consideration to local residents, pedestrians, and other drivers

Choir After-School Club Performance

Mrs Glanney, Mrs Grant and I accompanied the Year 1 and 2 Choir Club children to the Pavillion on Thursday afternoon to perform a selection of Christmas songs to the Over 60s Club. The children sang their hearts out! They performed with smiles and actions whilst bopping to the beat of the music, showing a real confidence and enjoyment in what they were doing. They were a credit to the school and to their parents. The members of the Over 60s club love having us visit them and are always a very happy and appreciative audience. We are planning on visiting each term to share something we have been learning with them; maybe the choir, some children reading stories or poems, a little show they have learned...whatever we do, I know will be enjoyed. As we leave each time, we are given a small donation to the School funds to get something for the children. This kind gesture is greatly appreciated. We will be considering what we can use this money for, to make sure it is to the benefit of all of the children.

Trainee Teacher Swaps

Next term our Trainee teachers move to other schools for placements in different aged classes to support their teaching practice. Mrs Greaves is going to Haydon Abbey for the whole Spring Term and Miss Ecott is going to Ashmead for the first half term.

For the first half term we welcome Mrs Davies to Hippo Class, Mrs O'Hare to Jaguar Class and Miss Ingleton to Tiger Class. In the second half term, Mrs Abdullahi (previously Hippo Class TA) returns to us as a trainee teacher in Rhino Class. I am sure you will welcome them all to our school. The children and staff benefit greatly from the experience of working with trainee teachers and we are very lucky to be able to support so many across our school.

Relationships Education Policy Consultation

Thank you to the parents who have read and responded to our draft Relationships Education Policy that we shared with parents via Parentmail. Your views on this policy are very valuable and will help us to shape how we plan to teach this from September 2020. If you are yet to look at this, please do so before Friday 13th December. After this, we will be reviewing all your comments and possibly amending the policy to address these suggestions, ready to share with Governors in the Spring Term. Once the Governors have agreed the policy, we will share with staff and parents again, so everyone is aware of how we will be teaching this aspects of your children's education. Thank you

Christmas Cards

We have started to receive requests for class lists from parents so their children can write Christmas Cards to their friends. Please be aware that we are unable to share class lists with parents due to GDPR. In relation to this, we are also trying to become more environmentally friendly as a school; reducing plastic, food and paper waste wherever possible. With this in mind, many staff have explained that they are donating to charity instead of sending cards this year and we would like to encourage our families to consider something like this as an alternative to sending individual cards. We fully appreciate the thought and care taken by the children in writing cards to their friends and teachers as well as the writing practice this task provides them! However, we would like parents to know that we do not expect this and also acknowledge the pressure some families feel to return the gesture of a card given to their child. Please know that we all wish you all a very Merry Christmas and will show you this with our personal greetings each day between now and the end of term!

Please help us to help save the environment and reduce waste this year!

Spring Term After-School Clubs

Perfect Touch Football Club- Year 2– Mondays:

We have loved having Perfect Touch Football Club in school this Autumn Term. We will confirm with them if they are going to continue in the Spring Term and email parents when the booking forms will be sent out via Parent Mail.

Choir Club- Year 1 and Year 2- Mondays:

Bedgrove Infant School Choir have had a fantastic first term. The children have been learning about how to warm their voices up and have mastered some great tongue-twisters and breathing exercises. They have performed at Harvest and Christmas events and we have had lots of fun. I am now booking places for children in Year 1 and Year 2 for next term. Choir will be running from 3.00pm until 4.00pm.

Choir will be running from 3.00pm – 4.00pm starting Monday 13th January – Monday 10th February (Spring Term 1) and Monday 24th February – Monday 23rd March (Spring Term 2). Fees for Choir for the spring term are £25.00. To book a place please make payment using your child's name as a reference into the following bank account: Sort Code: 40-42-42 - Account No: 01382276.

To pay by cash or cheque please put payment into an envelope with your child's name and 'Choir' on the front and leave it with the school office. If you have any queries regarding Choir, please email katewarnermusic@outlook.com

Spanish Club- Year 2-Mondays/Tuesday:

Thank you to all those parents who have sent their children to the Spanish after school club - we've had lots of fun and learnt lots of new words. Their confidence is building weekly!

The club will be continuing in the New Year so act fast if you want your child to reap all the benefits of learning a new language. Learning at a young age helps children to grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity. At Kidslingo, we are dedicated to teaching Spanish to children through fun. We use stories, games, songs, drama and much more to bring the language to life and inspire our learners. Starting now will not only benefit them now but in Secondary school where learning a language is compulsory. If you would like to secure a place please follow this link to register: <https://bit.ly/2qNhHd5>.

If your child is already registered, they will automatically be re-enrolled unless I hear from you to cancel.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Feliz Navidad- Ornella (Club Lead).

Italian Fun Club- Year 1-Wednesdays:

Italian Club will now be running on Wednesday's next term. We will email parents when the booking forms will be sent out via Parentmail.