



Spring 1 Newsletter January 2020

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to you all. We really hope you had a great Christmas holiday and that the New Year has begun well for you all.

We are sure 2020 is going to be a great one here at Bedgrove Infant School.



Staffing Update

We say farewell to Mrs Smith today, as she begins her maternity leave. We hope she has time to rest and prepare for their new arrival, due at the end of January. We will update you on any news as we get it! James will not be in school to lead his usual PE lessons during the week of the baby's arrival.

Mrs Maulkerson has settled well into Lion Class and all our new Trainee Teachers have also had a good first week in school.

Congratulations to Miss Jenkins, in Treetop Class, who is expecting a baby in May!

School Lunch

W/C 13th January – Week 3

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th January
3pm - Deadline for School applications

Monday 20th January
'Be Bright Be Seen' – MUFTI day

Friday 14th February
School Closes for Half Term at 3.00pm

Monday 24th February
Children return to School

Wednesday 4th March
Yr 2 (Leopards & Lions) – Trip to Claydon House
F2 - Y2 Parent Evening 3.10 – 6.30

Thursday 5th March
F2 - Y2 Parent Evening 3.10 – 6.30

Friday 6th March
Yr 2 (Tigers & Jaguars) – Trip to Claydon House

Spelling Shed

The School has invested in Spelling Shed, an online tool that helps children learn how to spell a variety of words. This will enhance our provision for the children, supporting them to develop their vocabulary. All pupils in Year 1 and 2 will be given login details to access their account at home. Teachers will send them lists of words every week starting from the week commencing Monday 13th January. Class teachers will be able to see the progress their pupils are making and how often they are using the application. The game allows children to gain points based on a number of different factors. This will also prepare them for transitions to Bedgrove Junior School, who are already using this game with their students.

Communication with Parents

After receiving feedback from lots of parents we are looking at the ways in which we communicate with you.

This will include our newsletter, which will be moving to be a weekly update, so please keep your eyes peeled for any exciting new changes.

New Car Park Barrier

The school has now installed a barrier into the car park, this is to prevent unauthorised access into the car park and school.

If you require access then please press the buzzer and a member of staff will be able to let you through.

Be Bright Be Seen – MUFTI day – Monday 20th January

On Monday 20th January, we will be holding a joint MUFTI day with the Junior school to raise awareness of the importance of road safety.

Did you know? Children under the age of nine can't judge how fast cars are travelling or how far away they are.

On this day the children will be encouraged to come into school wearing the brightest clothes and accessories they can wear, this is to highlight the need to be seen on dark days. This could include high – Vis vests or florescent clothing as well as florescent bands, the children will not be required to wear school uniform on this day. We will be holding an assembly for all the children in both schools to discuss tips about staying safe whilst travelling to and from school.

If you would like to find out further information take a look at the 'Be Bright Be Seen' website - <https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/>

Please continue to reinforce the messages of how we can stay safe in our cars and walking out and about.

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

Emergency Closure Details

Please be aware that if we have to make the very difficult decision to close the school due to bad weather for the health and safety of all of our children, parents and staff, we will send an email to you all on Parentmail, notify Bucks CC so it appears on their website, place a message on our website and app and the local radio stations should announce the closure also. We liaise closely with the Junior school so both schools should make the same decision.

Please note that Grover Club will also not be open if the school is closed.

Applications for School Places

Deadline for applications to get a Reception place for September 2020:
15th January at 3.00pm

Deadline for applications for a Junior School place for September 2020:
15th January at 3.00pm

PLEASE DO THIS ASAP SO YOU DO NOT MISS OUT!