



Newsletter
28th February 2020



Winter continues...

The cold weather continues into March so please be aware of hazardous playgrounds and footpaths as you arrive in the morning. We do our best to make access to the site safe however, common sense is also required to reduce slips and falls. Please remind children to walk carefully and to avoid any obviously slippery surfaces such as the Monkey Bar safety area. Children remain your responsibility until the whistle blows so please take care.

School Lunch W/C 2nd March – Week 1

Open Session – The Environment and Easter

Our Open Session this term is linked to our focus on The Environment and Easter, and is a new twist on our Easter Bonnet Parade event.

We would like to welcome **ONE** parent per child to join us on Friday 27th March, from 1.30-2.45pm. During this session we would like to invite you and your child to create an Easter Bonnet from recycled and recyclable materials! All the things you will need to create your amazing bonnet will be in school and the children will wear them as they leave that day, displaying them to all the parents as they collect!

If you have any recycled and/or recyclable materials you would like to donate to our collections please do send them in as soon as you can so we know how many resources we have!

Please indicate your attendance at this event by booking a place through the parent mail link sent to you, so we are aware of how many parents to expect.

One parent per child per class is permitted to attend and late bookings can be made, we would just like an idea of who is planning on coming!

Please remember that siblings **CANNOT** join you for this event in school for Health and Safety reasons.

As always, please park legally, safely and with consideration of residents, road users and emergency vehicles when attending events in school.

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.



Dates for your Diary
March

Wednesday 4th March

Yr 2 (Jaguars & Lions) – Trip to Claydon House

F2 - Y2 Parent Evening 3.10 – 6.30

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

F2 - Y2 Parent Evening 3.10 – 6.30

Friday 6th March

Yr 2 (Tigers and Leopards) – Trip to Claydon House

Thursday 12th March

FoBIS Movie Club 3.00-4.15

Friday 20th March

FoBIS Chocolate Mufti Day

Friday 27th March

FoBIS Spring Bingo 18.00-20.00

Monday 30th March

FoBIS 2nd Uniform Shop 8.45 & 2.35

April

Friday 3rd April

FoBIS Smarties Challenge

School Closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April

Children return to School

Tuesday 21st April

Class group photos

Parents Evening

Parent Evening meetings are next week, on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March, from 3.10 – 6.30pm.

This meeting is an opportunity for your child's teacher to share their progress with you and discuss what they now need to focus on in their learning.

Booking forms will be released this evening, at staggered times, to allow you to book convenient slots to meet with your child's teacher.

These meetings take place in the School Hall where your child's books will be available for you to look at, either whilst you wait for your appointment, or after you have talked to the teacher.

Linked with our focus on Reading during World Book Day week, we have invited Usborne Books to join us to show a selection of books that will be available to purchase from them on the evenings. Please do browse their wide range of material during your visit. The sponsored read event, led by FoBIS last term, provided the school with over £2000 worth of their books to supplement our Reading Book selection so the children are already enjoying what they can offer in school!

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Children should **NOT** be brought along to the parent meetings. Grover may be able to take booking for the Sunflower Group Slot between 3.00 and 4.00 if you need child care. Please contact them directly to arrange this. **Children are not able to join you in the hall for meetings and they cannot be left unattended in our Reception area.** Please make arrangements to support child care with your friends off-site to avoid congestion and safety issues in school during this busy time of parents coming and going. It is very difficult to turn parents away from these meetings when they have not made alternative arrangements however, we must do this to ensure the safety and smooth running of the evenings for all parents.

As always, please park legally, safely and with consideration of residents, road users and emergency vehicles when attending your appointment.

We also ask that you do not bring hot drinks into school for Health and Safety reasons.

Thank you for your support in these arrangements. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Safeguarding Review

We had a really positive day with Jeremy Loukes on Wednesday. As we walked around, Jeremy commented that there was a feeling of really positive relationships around the whole school so everyone would feel safe to talk about any concerns they had. Children said they felt happy and safe in school and knew who to talk to if they has an issue. Parents were positive about the school in many aspects linked to staff, systems and responses to concerns.

Jeremy had a few suggestions to help us enhance our systems and processes and will send a full report to the School shortly.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

You will be aware that BCC have been trialing a 'double Patrol' on Bedgrove Road. The trial has been very successful and they are pleased to report that there have been no further incidents reported.

The trial is being extended until the Easter Break. However, due to staff shortages they are looking for a Relief Patroller for a 4/5 week period (March). Applicants need to have an in date DBS check.

Full training is given for the paid position, starting pay is currently **£9.15 per hour, patrol times are 14:45-15:45.**

If you are interested in applying please visit the BCC website.

Sporting Success – Hippo Class

Congratulations to Hippo Class for **WINNING** the Tennis Ball Trap Championship at Turnfurlong Infant School this week.

Both Year 1 and Year 2 have attended tournaments led by Sport's Factor this term and we are very proud of them all.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

On World Book Day please can we ask that children bring in their favourite book (with child's name inside) to share with their class, we will be having a day full of book related activities.

Please can we ask that children wear their school uniform as normal.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are now looking to recruit **two midday supervisor's** to work within our dining hall at lunch time. We are looking for applicants with previous experience of working in a school and/or kitchen environment. We have two positions available one of which will on will be for **4 hours a week across two days (11.30am – 13.30pm)** with occasional last minute cover required and one of which is full time **(11.30am – 13.30pm Monday-Friday).**

We would be looking for someone who is able to start immediately.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in applying.

WELCOME BACK TO SPRING TERM II.



We hope that the children who took part in the Nature Kits over the half term, enjoyed creating the crafts and learning about nature in their local environment. Thank you as well to all of the parents and friends who helped make the Quiz night a huge success. We managed to raise £ 444. Taking the total amount raised so far this term to £600!

The Friends of Bedgrove Infant School have an exciting **OUTDOOR PROJECT** to share with you. Already this week the first stage has taken place, with brand new line markings on the Y2 playground. The second phase will be to add a new Trim Trail with the final stage to build a brand new Outdoor Classroom which the whole school will have access to and benefit from.

FoBIS have made the decision to use funds raised in 2020 to help part-fund these amazing projects, but we need to raise a minimum of £10,000 by the end of Autumn Term! It's a lot to ask, but with our commitment and dedication, and your help and support, we think we can smash this target.

What does it mean to Parents: Well initially, we hope that you will continue to take part in the organised events, donate where you can, and come along and enjoy the events; but on Saturday July 11th we are hoping to run a huge event **"Family Fayre"**. We have listened to parents, and this is what YOU have asked for a Saturday Fayre!

Each year the summer Fayre raises over £2,000 so for this to be a success we need your time to help man stalls, bbq's and bars. Without volunteers we cannot hope to run this, which would be a huge shame for the children, and for all of those who have spent their time helping to organise the event. The more volunteers we have, the less amount of time you'll be needed for. We'll send an email out in the next few weeks asking for parents help, please do give up some time to help raise funds for our Outdoor Projects. Equally you can email us: friends@bedgroveinfant.co.uk if you wish to help. Without you the event will be cancelled.

Dates for your diary this term:

- Thursday 12th March, 3pm-4-15pm: After School Movie Club. Open to Years F2, Y1 and Y2. More information can be found on [ParentMail](#). Deadline to book is: Tuesday 10th March.
- Friday 20th March: Chocolate Mufti Day: Children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes, in return for a donation of Easter themed chocolate. Chocolate needs to be sealed and in date, and will be used as prizes at the Spring Bingo event.
- Friday 27th March, 6.00-8.00pm: Spring Bingo. Families are invited to attend our annual bingo event. It's always a sell out, so be sure to book on as soon as the event goes live next week on [ParentMail](#).
- Monday 30th March, 8:45am and 2:35pm: 2nd Uniform Shop: Set up on the Y2 playground. Subject to weather. Cash payments only.
- Friday 3rd April: Smarties Challenge. Children will be sent home with a Smarties tube of sweets for them to enjoy. The idea is that they fill it with money over the Easter holiday by helping out around the home, or for amazing achievements. We will send an email soon to allow for those parents who wish to opt out.

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