



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 15th March) Lunch Menu – Week 3

10th March 2021

Welcome Back!

It has been a delight to see all of our children back in school again this week. They have, mostly, skipped in with excitement to see their friends and teachers again.

A few children, who are a little more reluctant to return, are being sensitively supported by staff to help them feel happier back in their classrooms and we are hopeful that they will soon remember how much fun it is here and enjoy being back in school.

School Drop-off and Collection

Please can we remind parents that face masks should be worn at all times when you are on the school grounds. If you are exempt for any reason, it might be helpful for you to wear an 'exempt lanyard' to avoid being approached repeatedly by school staff to remind you that masks are expected.

Please can only one adult come to the playground with their child for drop-off and collection to help us reduce numbers on the school site and support social distancing. If two parents are bringing more than one child to school, please can just one adult accompany each child to their allocated playgrounds to further support this.

Please remember to stick to your given drop-off and collection times and try to arrive promptly for these. We understand it may take a few days to get back into the routine of getting up and out of the house early each morning, but this is very important in supporting the safe movement of parents and children around the school site at our busiest times of day.

Things have, on the whole, worked really well this week; we are just making a few changes to lunch plans to ensure we can get those timings right. We are extremely grateful to all staff, parents and children for working with us to get the school fully reopened to all children so effectively. We are sure we can continue to build on this if we all work together to help keep everyone safe.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

Thursday 1st April
End of Spring Term 1.30pm

Monday 19th April
Summer Term begins

Friday 28th May
End of Term

Monday 7th June
Inset Day

Tuesday 8th June
Term begins

Wednesday 21st July
End of Term

Lockdown Expectations

We would like to remind parents that, although schools have fully reopened to all children, the country remains in lockdown with strict rules about how people behave when outside their homes.

It is with concern that we continue to hear that parents are gathering outside school before and after the school day, speaking in large groups, not socially distanced and without face masks.

We have made so many adaptations to the school's systems to help keep your children and our staff safe when they are with us, it would be an immense shame to have to close a bubble or return to full lockdown again with school closures due to the mixing of children and adults outside of school.

We fully appreciate how lovely it must be to see the parents of school friends and catch up after so long, as we feel exactly the same in school with the staff we have not seen since before Christmas, however, when we are chatting to our colleagues we are doing this at a social distance and wearing masks.

Some adults outside of school are not adhering to these rules and this is worrying other parents, our staff and local residents who are calling us daily to share their concerns.

Bucks County Council has sent a message to all schools asking us to remind our parents of the behaviour we expect from them outside of school to help keep everyone safe. Please help us to help you keep yourselves and your children safe and healthy. Thank you

Return to School Support

Our staff are accessing an effective training module about Psychological First Aid, in preparation for supporting the children in their return to school after an extended break.

This training is free and available for all staff and parents so we thought we would share the link with you, in case any parents are interested in accessing it.

The training covers three main areas and could take you up to three hours.

- How emergencies affect mental health and what you can do to help the children, young people, and families you come into contact with.
- How to recognise the common signs of distress across different age groups and be able to identify who might be at an increased risk.
- PFA will also teach you helpful strategies to determine when people require additional support

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/psychological-first-aid-for-children-and-young-people>

Birthday Treats

Just a reminder that we are happy to allow children to hand out sweets to their classmates when it is their birthday. Parents can bring in the items they would like to share to school **1 week** before the date of handing them out so we can quarantine them. This will reduce the risk of transmitting any germs while allowing the children to continue this birthday tradition. Unfortunately, any sweets that have not been quarantined at school will not be able to be handed out.

They will need to be individually wrapped sweets or chocolates that do not contain nuts of any sort. Teachers will then distribute these as the children leave school on the closest day to the Birthday Child's birthday!

These treats are not eaten when the children are in school.

Thank you

Uniform

We are asking that uniform is worn, however, if you have issues with items not fitting there will be flexibility with this up until the Easter holidays. Children should come in wearing their PE kits on PE days.

Layers are still recommend to ensure children are warm in class as windows will still be open.

FoBIS will be running a second hand uniform shop next week.

Times : 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Y1 and F2 - Monday 15th at the front of school / main office area

F1 and Y2 - Tuesday 16th in the back playground / Y2 playground

Please only attend on the day/times relevant to your year group and please ensure you have CASH for any payments.

Please check FoBIS Facebook page for any updates, Thank you