



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 7th June) Lunch Menu – Week 3

26th May 2021

Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to the 108 parents who completed the survey this year. We were delighted to read the many positive comments parents shared with us about the school, individual staff members and our plans during this challenging year. Thank you

A Working Party of Governors have met to review all of the responses, suggest plans for addressing any areas arising from the collective replies and create this feedback report for parents.

99-100% of parents either strongly agree or agree children are happy, feel safe and are taught well at this school, which is great to know. Where a parent did not agree, they replied that they did not know.

94% of parents either strongly agree or agree that behaviour is good in school. **1%** disagreed and **5%** did not know.

78% of parents feel that they are aware of what their child is learning. **17%** of parents feel that they are not aware and **5%** said they did not know.

74% of parents feel the school has high expectations for their child. **5%** felt we do not have high expectations and **21%** did not know.

98% of parents would recommend BIS to other parents. **2%** said they did not know if they would.

From the pattern of responses from parents, the Working Party agreed that the fact that a small number of parents shared that they do not know about particular aspects in school should be addressed. From September we will:

Learning: we have already reinstated our regular Year Group updates in the weekly newsletter so you can see what the children have been doing in school and these will continue. We will add details about what a typical day and week in each Year Group should look and ensure medium term plans for each year group are shared with parents each half term, so you can see what we are covering in class.

Our Whole School Curriculum is currently being reviewed by all staff, deeply exploring each subject in turn. As these are completed, Big Pictures of each subject will be shared on the school website and we will alert parents to these.

Diary Dates

Friday 28th May
Half Term

Monday 7th June
Inset Day

Tuesday 8th June
Term begins
Year 1 Vision Screening

Tuesday 15th June
FoBIS 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 18th June
Sibling Photos

Wednesday 30th June
Sports Day

W/C Monday 5th July
'Book Look' Visits

Tues 6th & Weds 7th July
Transition Days

W/C Monday 12th July
End of Term Summer Parties

Wednesday 21st July
End of Term - close at 1.30pm

Spare Clothes

Year 1 are looking for donations of socks, trousers and pants for their spare clothes supply.

If you have any age 5-6 or 6-7 clothing that you are happy to donate please pass to either the class teacher or the school office.

Behaviour: we will update parents on the Behaviour Strategies we use across the school and how we aim to support children who may find particular aspects of school more challenging.

High Expectations: we will provide parents with the learning expectations for their child's year group to ensure all parents know what we are supporting their child in learning in their current class.

We appreciate that our regular opportunities to come into school, look at books, see the classrooms and talk to the teachers have been impossible during the pandemic and will be planning to reinstate these as soon as it is safe to do so.

School Aspects

99% of parents felt they were kept well informed about the School's plans throughout the Covid situation.

98% of parents felt the learning provided during the lockdown in the Spring Term was effective, with **97%** agreeing that the feedback received on their child's work throughout this time was also effective.

82% felt that the phone calls home were an effective way of keeping parents informed about their child's learning during the lockdown period.

When offering suggestions on how to proceed with parent meetings next year, **20%** of parents requested a phone call at a convenient time, **39%** requested a face to face meeting in school and **41%** asked for the school to offer both options.

Of the parents who did not feel that phone calls this year were effective, **72%** have asked for face to face meetings next year, **10%** have asked for phone calls at convenient times and **18%** have asked for us to offer both.

We hope that by continuing with a blended approach next year, offering an opportunity to either come into school, if this is convenient for you, or a phone call at a time that suits the parents, we can ensure that all parents feel that they are kept well informed about their child's progress in school. Please remember that the class emails can be used to make contact with your child's class teacher at any time and do let the office know if you do not get a response from this so we can follow up on your query for you.

66% of parents felt that the online subscriptions the school purchased to support learning during the lockdown were effective. **14%** did not feel they were effective and **20%** did not know. The only comment shared to support why a parent did not know if these were effective mentioned that Bug Club had not been used in school since our return. We have followed up on this with all teachers.

We will also share an update with parents via the School Newsletter about the use of these online programmes so parents can see how they have been supporting children learning both at home and in school during the year.

When discussing the responses to the survey, the Working Party noted that, where parents shared that they disagreed with aspects about the school, they rarely left any comment to explain this further, making it impossible for the school and/or Governors to fully understand how to rectify this for them. Five parents left their names for us to contact them about their survey entries and, when the school has emailed them to follow up on what they wanted to share, all of these parents confirmed they were more than happy with everything the school has done and were happy to leave their names so we knew who they were when completing the survey. We hope that, by identifying the areas where a few parents disagreed or did not know about an aspect, and addressing these as detailed above, we can rectify the concerns these parents have.

It was a pleasure to read the overwhelming number of positive comments parents left about how well their class teachers supported them and their children, how changes to school systems such as staggered times and PE kits on PE days were appreciated and how amazingly the school had been led during yet another challenging year. We really appreciate these and any staff who have been named have been informed of this, to share the well-deserved praise. When meeting to discuss this feedback, one Governor commented how reviewing the survey in detail made them feel 'proud to be part of the school'. We would all like to echo this sentiment- we are feeling very 'Proud to be Purple'!

Thank you again, for your time in completing the survey and we hope our responses and actions will address any areas of concern you may have had.

Drop off/Collection Times w/c 8th June

8.45am gates open, 9.00am start for all F2 - Y2

3.00pm - Turtle & Dolphin / Elephant & Giraffe / Leopard & Tiger

3.10pm - Whale and Shark / Hippo and Rhino / Lion and Jaguar

F1 times remain 8.30am-3.30pm. Early collection continues if needed, from 3.10pm.

School Crossing Patroller Vacancy

Buckinghamshire Council currently have a vacancy for a School Crossing Patroller. If you are interested please see the attached advert

EU Settlement Scheme

The Home Office has asked schools to remind parents, families, young people and staff that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they, and their family members, may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme.

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme, where you can also find out more information about how to apply before the deadline, 30th June. Please see attached posters for more information.

School Menu - Have your say!

We are pleased to announce we are revising the menu in September ready for a re-launch in October 2021. We want your thoughts and suggestions!

Please take a few minutes to complete the attached survey and have your say on what dishes you like, which you are not so keen on and make suggestions for the future!

Please see the current menu attached for easy reference.

To complete the survey please click here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/L8ycZHNpIj>

We look forward to your replies and suggestions!

Any questions please email lunches@bedgroveinfant.co.uk

School Kitchen Team



Here comes
the sun...



With the weather expected to change please can we remind you to send your child to school with a sun hat and wearing sun cream, when necessary.

Your child can bring labelled sun cream to school in their book bag **if they are able to apply it themselves.**

See what the children have been up to across the year groups as we take a look ...

Through the Purple Periscope



F1

This week we have been learning about syllables. We have played lots of games where we have counted the number of syllables in each child's name and in different objects. This is a great activity to play at home as it really gets the children listening carefully to the sounds in the words.

In Maths we have been looking at 'subitising', this is where the children look at a small number of objects and tell you how many there are without counting. We have done this with dominoes, dice and different sets of objects.

We have been continuing with our focus story 'The Flying Bath', reading the story and getting the children to join in with the repeated phrases. <https://youtu.be/ats3auBZrA8>

We have also had a little move around outside and the children have really enjoyed helping. If you have cut offs of Astro turf or large pieces of carpet that you are willing to donate, we would really appreciate it.

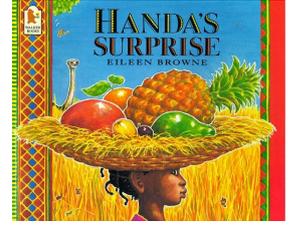
Could we remind parents that children should bring water bottles each day and a raincoat even if it looks sunny. Also toys must be kept at home.

A reminder that the F1 gates will be open for drop off from 8.30am - 8.45am. If you are collecting siblings from other year groups you are able to collect your child at 3.10pm otherwise collection is 3.30pm.

F2

The children are going to be making their own animal orchestra using musical instruments this week listening to 'Carnival of the Animals' by Camille Saint-Saëns.

Continuing with our work on the book Handas surprise, we have been looking at English and African fruit and discussing the differences and similarities. We are practising our number sentences using addition and subtraction.



We hope you all have a lovely half term- we would love to see any special trips or activities you get up to on seesaw! Many Thanks from the F2 Team

Y1

In Year 1, our 'Discovering Dinosaurs' topic is coming to an end! The children's engagement and enthusiasm in this topic has been outstanding!

To end our topic, we used our amazing descriptive writing in a newspaper report. We also practiced our drama skills this week as we took on the role of a news reporter. We travelled back in time to the Cretaceous Period and reported on what we witnessed as the asteroid hit!

In Maths, we consolidated our learning on subtraction and addition. We used number lines to jump forwards and backwards (either in ones or in tens and ones).

Coming up:

Next term our new Epic topic will be 'Animal Kingdom'. We will be comparing different animal groups and learning about different habitats.

PE Days are changing: Tuesday - Elephants and Hippos, Thursday - Giraffes and Rhinos, Friday - All classes.

Our next word list will be live on Spelling Shed on Friday 28th May. If you have any problems with login details please contact the school office.

Y2

We have been learning about Turkey this week and comparing it to the UK. Children have enjoyed learning about food, culture and also being weather presenters for both countries.

In Maths, we have been making progress with multiplication number facts and will move on to division after half term.

PE Days are changing: Mondays- Lions & Leopards, Tuesday - Tigers & Jaguars, Fridays - All classes

Please can we remind parents that children should not be playing on the playground equipment before and after school.

We sent a ParentMail to all Year 2 Parents this week about the option of hot meals at Bedgrove Junior School in September. Please can we ask that you spend a few minutes completing the form so that we have a good understanding of interest.