



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 19th July) Lunch Menu – Week 3

16th July 2021

Nearly there...

We are almost at the end of another unusual year and I think you should all congratulate yourselves on getting this far. It has been a challenge for everyone but the children have shown their amazing resilience and bounced back at each bump along the way.

Well done to all parents for supporting them throughout the year, whether they were in school or remote learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continuous commitment to providing a safe, secure space for the children no matter what the situation was like beyond the school gates. The high quality remote learning on offer when needed has been recognised and appreciated by many parents and has helped the children to maintain a link with the school even if they were not able to come in. This has been another challenging year for them all and they all deserve the holiday we are looking forward to starting next Wednesday afternoon!

I sincerely hope that you and your families stay well and safe over the break and take the time to make the most of the holiday time. We look forward to welcoming families back in September and wish any of you who are moving onto new schools the very best as you start that new adventure.

Take care everyone.

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 1st September
Inset Day

Thursday 2nd September
School re-opens

Eid

At the moment it looks like Eid is most likely to be Wednesday 21st July, which is the last day of term.

Please can you confirm whether your child will be absent from school on that day, so that we are aware and are then able to authorise their absence.

End of Term

Thank you to all the parents who shared such positive comments about their child's end of term reports. The teachers really enjoyed reading those.

A HUGE thank you to FoBIS for organising the Year Group Parties for us. All the children and teachers enjoyed these, immensely. The Magic Show recording, party games and food were all perfect for each class and the teachers liked spending this special time at the end of the year with the children in their own classes.

Sport's Factor

Today is the last day that James will be leading PE sessions with the children, and we are sorry to see him leave us. We have benefitted from his energetic teaching over many years and will miss hearing his well-known catchphrases ringing out across the school.

We thank James for all he has done for the children and staff during his time with us and wish him well with his work with other schools next year.

Thank you James.

Year 2 Leavers

It is always a surprise when we realise we have to say goodbye to our Year 2 children – how on earth did they get from F2 to Y2 so quickly, surely they should still be running around in the F2 area for a few years yet?! We are incredibly proud of all of the children for their resilience and positive attitudes throughout their schooling and know that they will continue to flourish in their Year 3 classes due to this. We will miss them being around but wish them the very best at their new schools. Their teachers will be very lucky to have them.

Y2 have been busy making End of Year Shows for you all and these will be shared on their Seesaw Journals at 4pm today. Look out for them, I am sure they will make you smile ... and maybe cry!

September Plans

We will obviously be tracking the situation regarding Covid throughout the holidays and will have prepared for a return based on how things are looking both locally and Nationally. Please be mindful of communication about this being sent at the end of August, if needed, to alert you to any changes to how we will be returning next term.

Some things put in place over the last two years will remain as they work well.

We will continue with drop-off and collection at each Year Group area- Y2 playground for Y2, Y1 playground for Y1, F2 back doors for F2 and F1 gates for F1.

We will continue with children coming into school in their PE kit on PE days- these days should be shared with you already and you will be reminded of them in September!

The gates will open at 8.30am for F1 and 8.45am for a soft start for the rest of the school, closing at 9.05am. The gates will then reopen at 2.55pm for the 3.00pm dismissal for all classes- if we need to stagger this slightly still, we will let you know which two classes in each year group will come out slightly later to help avoid congestion.

Well Done Ambassadors!

Well-done to all of our children who have been nominated as Ambassadors this year for being super role models at all times. For those of you who are moving to new schools we wish you well and know that you will continue to uphold the Values and Purple Power of Bedgrove Infant School.

For those of you who are returning, we look forward to seeing you again in September and discovering who else will join you in becoming a Bedgrove Infant School Ambassador. Well done to you all!

Year 1

Elephant Class - Hafsa, Zak

Giraffe Class - Ali & Gabriella

Hippo - Devyn

Rhino Class - Jimmy, Benas

Year 2

Lion Class - Alice, Ayaan, Anushka, Aiden-Ryan, Deeptha & George

Jaguar Class - Sasha, Amelie & Ryan

Leopard Class - Elsie, Ben, Noelle & Sully

Tiger - Larsen, Thomas G, Ridhima, Okalo & Alex

Theatre Train

Theatre Train will be holding Performing Arts classes for 4-18 year olds every Saturday in the School Hall. Please see attached poster for more information.

Bedgrove Scarecrow Festival 2021

Following the success of last years Scarecrow Festival the organisers have arranged this event again to take place from 30th July - 4th August.

Please see attached poster for details on how to get involved.

We look forward to seeing your creations!



Reminder of New Classes - September 2021

Please see below the new classes for September:

Foundation 1 to Foundation 2

New Class	New Teacher
Shark	Miss Stanley with Miss Addington
Dolphin	Ms Ahmad with Miss Martin
Whale	Miss Harrison with Ms Banbury
Turtle	Ms Neville with Mrs Wayte

Mrs Shaw, our Higher Level Teaching Assistant will oversee all F2 classes

Foundation 2 to Year 1

Current Class	New Class	New Teacher
Turtle	Hippos	Mrs Evans with Mrs Alford
Whale	Rhino	Miss White with Miss Shaheen and Mrs Ward (2days) and Mrs Warwick (3days)
Dolphin	Elephant	Mrs Atkinson with Miss Webb and Mrs Madgwick
Shark	Giraffe	Miss Grant and Mrs Banks with Mrs Rajan

Mr Stray, our Higher Level Teaching Assistant will oversee all Year 1 classes

Year 1 to Year 2

Current Class	New Class	New Teacher
Hippo	Tiger	Mrs Glanney with Miss Henderson and Mr Nixon and trainee teacher, Miss Mowlam
Rhino	Lion	Mrs Maulkerson with Mrs Newman
Elephant	Leopard	Miss Rosewell with Mrs Gough and Mrs Richardson
Giraffe	Jaguar	Mr Aziz and Mrs Purnell with Mrs Best and Mrs Grant and trainee teacher, Mrs Plenderleith

Staffing Changes

Mrs White will continue as our F1 teacher, working closely with our EY Practitioners to continue developing our outstanding Nursery provision.

Mrs Hudson and Miss Cash will join the F1 team as our new EYFS apprentices next year, supporting our Early Years Practitioners Miss Wadsworth, Miss Turner, Mrs Frost and Miss Cairney. We welcome Miss Stanley to our F2 team. Miss Stanley is a newly trained Early Years teacher and is looking forward to working with the amazing staffing team here at BIS. She started with us in June, so has plenty of time to get to know the school and children. HLTA Mrs Shaw will oversee all F2 classes.

Ms Neville joins us as a newly trained teacher, having successfully completed her training here with us this year. Mrs Banks is returning following her maternity leave. She will be teaching Wednesday to Friday in Giraffe Class. Miss Grant will lead the teaching on Monday and Tuesdays and then support our SEN provision across the school when not in class. Both Mrs Banks and Miss Grant will be involved in transition activities in school to get to know their class. HLTA Mr Stray will oversee all Year 1 classes.

We welcome Miss Mowlam and Mrs Plenderleith to Y2 as Trainee Teachers. They will be in class Monday to Wednesday this term, attending training sessions at Ashmead on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Moore-Patrick will be leaving us at the end of this term, following the return of Mrs Banks to school. We wish her all the best for her next teaching position. Mr Dancer will also be leaving us at the end of July, following the end of a fixed term contract.



Through the Purple Periscope

F1

F1 had a great time at their Sports Day on Friday. We were all very impressed with how hard they all tried and how much resilience they had. We have posted a little video montage on SeeSaw so please take a look.

This week has started off with the F1 party. The children had such a great time and really enjoyed dancing, having a go at the limbo and watching the Magician. We can imagine there were some very tired children on Monday evening!

In Phonics this week we have had a go at 'oral segmenting'. We used different objects and counted how many sounds we could hear in each word. We used words like d...o...g and counted three sounds.

We have had lots more pirating fun this week, making pirate ships, walking the plank outside and with treasure maps. We are looking forward to having some more pirate fun in the sun as it gets warmer.

F2

In F2 this week we have been introducing the concept of money to the children in our Maths sessions, learning about the value of different coins and what we use money for.

In our Phonics sessions we have been learning about vowels and consonants and recognising them in different text.

We had a great time at our F2 party, playing lots of games and had lots of fun watching Simon says Magic.

We will be doing an 'All about Me' transition sheet ready to give to our new year 1 teachers.

Can we remind parents that we are collecting in reading books this week for the summer holidays, and we won't be sending anymore home.

Y1

After sadly watching England just miss out on the Euro 2020 trophy, we decided to celebrate how much the team achieved to start our week.

We then began learning about and retelling the story 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We changed all of the settings in the story and used our amazing bank of adjectives to describe them. We had spooky haunted houses, magical castles and frightful forests! Towards the end of the week, we have been retelling our own version of the story to our classmates.

In Maths, we have been recapping all of our learning this term. We have been focusing on time, capacity, addition and subtraction.

Y2

The children in Year 2 have been working very hard on their end of year plays and they are excited for you to see them on Seesaw. We were so proud of all of the children for the amazing singing, acting, dancing and narrating they all did!

Our end of year parties were very successful. The children enjoyed playing fun games provided by FoBIS and watching a spectacular magic show!

Please remember to send a bag for life in next week, if you haven't already done so, for the children to bring home their books.

We hope you all have an amazing weekend and look forward to seeing the children for the last few days.