



# Purple Press

## Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 13th September) Lunch Menu – Week 3

8th September 2021

### Welcome back!

The new term has been a delight, as the children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled so well into their new classes. Every time we see them they are happily engaged in their work, playing with their friends and listening to the adults. They have quickly adapted to any new routines and even the very first assembly for Year 1 in the hall was a huge success! We are so very proud of them all.

Our new children in F1 and F2 have been coming in for their visits and initial sessions and most are enjoying being in their new classrooms. We are supporting those who are finding this change a little daunting and will work closely with parents to ensure they can settle in quickly.

We have had a few changes to staffing for the beginning of term. Mrs Newman, a HLTA in Y1, has moved to a role in another school. Mrs Best will now be the TA in Lion Class. Mrs Maulkerson is expecting a baby in December. She will now not be the Lion Class teacher. Miss Thurkettle will now take on this role.

Miss Marsh has joined us as an EYFS Trainee Teacher in Whale Class. This means we have four trainee teachers across the school, helping us to support the children in class as well as ensuring we can impact on the development of new teachers wishing to join the profession.

Mrs Francis and Miss Rogers have joined our kitchen team this term. Mr Archer remains on long term sick and Mrs Titterrell moved onto a new venture at the end of last term so Mrs Britton is now supported by her new team. We continue to send Mr Archer our best wishes during his recovery from illness.

### Individual School Photos

The School Photography Company will be coming in on Wednesday 15th September to take your child's school photo.

Your child will bring home a slip with a QR code on the same day to allow you to order this, should you wish to.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform this day. Please note, these are individual photos only.

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 15th September**  
School Photos

**Tuesday 21st September**  
Year 1 Vision Screening

**Thursday 23rd September**  
FoBIS AGM Meeting  
7.30pm - 9.30pm

**Friday 22nd October**  
School Closes for Half Term

**Monday 1st November**  
INSET Day

**Tuesday 2nd November**  
School Re-opens

### Thank you!

On behalf of all of the staff who received gifts from children and parents at the end of last term we would like to say a massive THANK YOU! Your generosity overwhelmed us again and the staff were both delighted and humbled by their monetary vouchers. This was incredibly kind of you. These alongside other gifts shared at the end of term really touched the staff. They all feel very Proud to be Purple and your tokens of thanks just added to this!

## School Reminders

**Drop off/Collection** - Please remember that our classroom doors will open at 8.45am for you to drop off your children and lessons start promptly at 9.00am. Please ensure your child is in school before 9.00am so they can be ready to learn with the rest of their class. Our gates close at 9.05 and anyone arriving after this time will be missing the start of their lesson and recorded as late in the register. Please allow time for you to get to your child's class before 9.00 when coming to school each day.

We finish lessons at 3.00pm and will dismiss the children from their classrooms following this. Two classes are planning to dismiss at 3.00pm and two at 3.05pm to try to reduce crowding. If you have more than one child in school, please plan to be in the playground for your dismissal time of your youngest child and then go to collect the others. Staff will start to recognise who is collecting more than one child and be prepared for this. Children not collected by 3.10 will be brought to the Office for parents to pick them up.

F2 parents will drop-off and collect at the classes opposite the Junior School field. Please can you be mindful of the Junior school children who may be using this during their PE lessons at the end of the day as they do not finish until 3.25. Please try to keep the pathway clear for parents to pass to and from the other playgrounds. We will monitor congestion along here as the term progresses.

To help the Class Teachers with end of day handovers we are asking that all parents/carers complete the attached form listing those authorised to collect their child. We are also asking that you provide a "keyword" (password) for them to use on collection to increase security. Click [here](#) to complete the form.

**Car Park** - We would like to remind you that the car park is for school employees only and parents/carers are not authorised to use it. This applies to times outside of school hours including the use of Grover Club. Please park away from the school in a safe and respectful manner.

**Clothing/Property** - Please ensure that all items of clothing and property are clearly labelled with your child's name to help any lost items be reunited as quickly as possible. This is a particular problem in Year 2.

**Equipment** - A gentle reminder that children should not use any of the playground equipment during drop off or collection. The equipment is for children to use during the school day while supervised by staff.

**Contact Details** - Please remember to keep us informed of any changes to your contact details, i.e change of address. You can do this via Sims Lite or by contacting the school office.

### PE Days

Please find below the PE days for each class group:

**Monday: Leopard Class/ Lion Class**

**Tuesday: Giraffe Class/ Hippo Class**

**Wednesday: None**

**Thursday: Elephant Class/Rhino Class and all F2 classes \***

**(F2 will start their PE on 23rd September)**

**Friday: Tiger Class/ Jaguar Class**

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the days specified above.

Our PE kit consists of:

- White round neck T-shirt
- Black shorts
- White socks
- Black tracksuit (Autumn and Winter)
- Trainers

### Class Email Addresses

**F1**

[Nursery@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Nursery@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

**F2**

[Turtles@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Turtles@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Dolphins@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Dolphins@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Whales@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Whales@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Sharks@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Sharks@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

**Year 1**

[Hippos@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Hippos@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Giraffes@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Giraffes@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Rhinos@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Rhinos@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Elephants@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Elephants@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

**Year 2**

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[Jaguar@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Jaguar@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Tigers@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Tigers@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

[Leopards@bedgroveinfant.co.uk](mailto:Leopards@bedgroveinfant.co.uk)

## Open Days - Reception 2022

We are pleased to be able to, once again, hold open days for Reception 2022 new starters. The scheduled open days are listed below at 4pm—5pm from the Year 2 playground:

Wednesday 29th September

Wednesday 13th October

Wednesday 10th November

Groups are limited to 30 people and we therefore ask that you to book your visit by emailing the [school office](mailto:office@bedgroveinfant.co.uk) on office@bedgroveinfant.co.uk. We ask that a maximum of 2 people attend per family to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to visit.

To promote a COVID safe environment all adults will be required to carry out a Lateral Flow Test prior to the visit and will need to present a COVID pass on arrival. We also ask that face coverings are worn during the visit.

During the open day you will receive a Welcome Meeting from Miss Lawrence, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Please follow the links below to our virtual tour. We would recommend watching these prior to your visit:

[Reception \(F2\) Tour](#)

[Whole School Virtual Tour](#)

If you know of anyone that is interested in applying for a school place for September 2022 please share this information with to them.

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

## Through the Purple Periscope



F1

It has been lovely to meet all the new F1 families. Children have enjoyed the settling in sessions and getting to know their new environment and friends. Just a few reminders, please label all clothing and provide a water bottle each day. For those that do not have book bags can you ensure that your child's bag is small enough to fit in a drawer. Our gates are open at 8:30 prompt. If they are closed, please take your child to the school office. Pickups are 11.30, 12.30 and 3.30 depending on what hours you are doing.

We do have an early pick up of 3.05 but we do need to know in advance if you wish to pick up at this time. Seesaw letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks with further information on this.

Unfortunately the Admissions form that was sent to parents to complete was missing key information that we require on our system. We are therefore asking all parents to complete a form confirming who has parental responsibility for your child and what their relationship is to them. We require this information to set up all parents/carers on ParentMail and without this you may miss important information. Click [here](#) to complete the form. Please can you complete this as soon as possible.

F2

The F2 team are really proud of how the children have settled and are getting used to the new routine. They are doing really well at lunchtime and have amazed us with how independent they have been with their eating. Please can we remind you that the water bottles are filled with just water and that everything is labelled. PE starts on the 23rd September and children need to come to school in their PE kit. If you have any questions, please email the class email address or speak your teacher at the door.

Unfortunately the Admissions form that was sent to new to Bedgrove Infant School parents to complete was missing key information that we require on our system. We are therefore asking all parents to complete a form confirming who has parental responsibility for your child and what their relationship is to them. We require this information to set up all parents/carers on ParentMail and without this you may miss important information. Click [here](#) to complete the form. If your child is new to Bedgrove Infant School please can you complete this as soon as possible.

Y1

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We are so impressed to see how well the children have settled into their new routines and the expectations of Year 1. We just have a few reminders to take note of:

- Giraffe and Hippo children to come into school in PE kits on Tuesdays
- Elephant and Rhino children to come into school in PE kits on Thursdays
- Water bottles to be filled with water and labelled

We are looking forward to starting our new topic 'Awesome Autumn' next week which will begin with the story 'Leaf Man'

You should have received information via ParentMail regarding Vision Screening for you child at the end of July and again this week. If you would like to opt your child out of this you can do following the instructions of the email. This will be carried out on Tuesday 21st September by the school nursing team.

Y2

The Year 2 children have settled back into school very well. In Maths we have been looking at partitioning and for Epic we have started our Fairy Tales Topic. The children are looking forward to our fairy tale workshop on Thursday!

Just a reminder that PE for Leopards and Lions is on Mondays and for Jaguars and Tigers is on Fridays. Reading records will be sent out in the coming days so please do have a look inside and fill out the collection information.

We are incredibly pleased to welcome Mrs. Plenderleith in Jaguar class and Miss. Mowlem in Tiger class as Trainee Teachers!

Spanish Club and i-Rock Classes began this week and seemed to go very well. We are hoping to be able to start an after school Sports Club and will send more information if we are able to arrange this.

We are having a particular problem with unnamed cardigans, jumpers and water bottles in Year 2. Please can we ask that you clearly label all of your child's belongings to ensure they don't become lost property.