



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 20th September) Lunch Menu – Week 1

15th September 2021

Actions following notification of a positive Covid case in school

Like many schools, we have now had our first positive cases of Covid in children since the start of the term. We wanted to share with you our processes and expectations in response to this so everyone is aware of what we will do, and what we will ask parents to do, to help reduce the risk of further infections.

Once we are notified of a positive case in a child or staff member we will immediately ascertain who any close contacts of this individual were. If a child in class is positive, this will usually be those sat on the same table, anyone else located within 2 metres of their seat, any close friends in other classes they may have spent considerable time with during play or lunchbreaks and children in any clubs they may have attended within the last 48 hours.

The parents of these children will be contacted as soon as possible. We know this may be just before or after drop-off in the morning but we would want to let parents know as soon as we have the information so action can be taken. Staff will be alerted to catch parents on the playground if notification was sent late.

Anyone who is identified as a close contact is being asked to take a PCR test as soon as possible to identify if they are positive or negative. We are asking parents to please do this and keep their child at home until they get the results. Once a negative PCR has been received, the child can return to school. We then ask parents to be extra vigilant of any symptoms of Covid over the next 10 days and get further PCR tests if needed. You might consider regular LFT tests to help reassure you that your child remains negative, and not asymptomatic, over the following 10 days.

The request to take a PCR removes the need for children to isolate for 10 days following contact with a positive person and allows us to keep classes open to most children. We would only need to close class bubbles if we were to have a significant number of positive cases in children and/or staff associated with that class. We will liaise with PHE about how to proceed in that situation.

Current government guidance details the actions people need to take following contact with a positive person. Self-isolation is not required if a person is:

- fully vaccinated,
- under 18 years of age
- part of a vaccine trial or
- unable to have the vaccine due to medical reasons

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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

Friday 5th November
F1 & F2 School Photos

Contact details

Please can we remind you to make sure all your contact details are up to date.

Please log in to your 'Sims Lite' app to check what we hold on our system and please double check your ParentMail details too.

We may need to text, email and telephone you so it is essential that your details are correct and up to date.

All close contacts should be asked to obtain a PCR test as soon as possible.

The guidance details other actions that these people can take to help reduce any further infection:

- limit contact with people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- wear a facemask in enclosed spaces and where you cannot maintain social distancing
- limit contact with anyone who is critically extremely vulnerable
- take part in twice weekly LFT testing

If a person we identify as being a close contact does not fall into any of the above groups, they are still required to isolate for 10 days from the first symptoms or the positive test result of the individual.

Staffing remains an ongoing challenge, with individuals needing to take PCR tests and await results before returning to school to help keep themselves and others safe. We continue to work in Year Group bubbles, to ensure we limit the mixing of staff as much as we can, however, if we get to a point where we are unable to cover staff absence in a particular class, we may have to move to remote learning for a short time, until we can provide an appropriate, safe provision for them in school.

We will send a 'warn and inform' letter to the year group that a positive case is identified within, so you are all aware of this. Please be aware that any close contacts of that person will be notified separately.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate this new pathway through the required response to a positive case. I am sure you will understand everything we do is in the best interest of the children and staff, to help everyone remain healthy and safe.

Menu

We wanted to let you know that, from time to time, we may vary some items on the menu. For example a vegetable change from beans to peas. This is because our suppliers are struggling with deliveries post Brexit, lorry drivers and supplies of certain ingredients.

We will always try and make minimal changes and are planning the best we can. Allergies remain a key priority for us and these will always be robustly checked. Thank you for bearing with us.

Can we encourage you to discuss meal selections with your child as many of the children are unaware of what they are having each day and are sometimes a little surprised. The current menu can be accessed via our website and new menu options will be coming soon via ParentMail.

Finally, we are aware that some of the children are not so confident using cutlery and we kindly ask that you support your child at home to develop their cutlery skills, this will help them when dining at school.

Parking

We have received calls this week from residents regarding parking on both Ambleside and Ingram Avenue.

Please remember to be considerate when parking around the surrounding area and ensure you are not blocking driveways or preventing potential Emergency vehicle access.

For those parking on the slip road in to the school please be aware that there is a newly designated disabled parking space. This is for a resident on this road and should not be used. People parking in this space are liable to be fined by Bucks Council.

Vacancies

We currently have the following positions available within the school:

Two Teaching Assistants

Two Lunchtime/Midday Supervisors

Nursery Apprentice

If you would like more information about these roles, or are you interested in applying, please go to the Vacancy section of our website, link below:

<https://www.bedgroveinfantschool.co.uk/about-us/vacancies>

Scooting on Site

There was an incident reported this week of a child being knocked over by a another child riding a scooter on the school premises. Please can we remind you that children must not use their scooters or bikes while on the school grounds.

Application forms can be found at the bottom of the website page.

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

F1 have had an excellent week and coped very well with their full hours. The children have been busy exploring all the different areas and getting used to the routine in F1. We have been very impressed with lunchtime and their independence.

This week we have focused on the children's listening skills and have spent lots of time practising this through a range of different activities such as listening to stories, playing circle games and talking to each other whilst eating a snack in small groups. We will be focusing on this skill for a number of weeks in a range of different contexts.

Pick up times

F1 - Please remember we have two pick up times for F1 at the end of the day. It is either 3.05pm or 3.30pm. If you would prefer the earlier time of 3.05pm, please contact F1, otherwise we will assume your child will be picked up 3.30pm.

If you pick your child up at 11.30am, we are now going to have one collection point. All children, regardless of whether they are in Meadows or Treetops, will be picked up at Meadows gate at 11.30am.

Coats

Can we please ask that your child practises recognising their coat and has a go at putting it on by themselves. This will really help them to become more independent when accessing the outdoor area.

F2

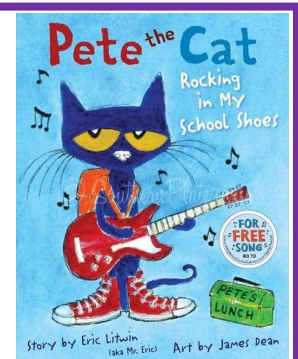
We have been very impressed with how the children have settled this week.

We have introduced 'Dough Disco' to our school day and the children are really enjoying this fun activity.

We have also begun 'Talk4writing', which is an interesting way of learning about stories in depth. Our story this week is 'Pete the Cat, Rocking in my School Shoes'.

The children have loved looking at this story and also learning the song, which is available on Youtube.

Just a reminder that we start PE next week, w/c 20th September, and children are asked to come into school in their PE kit every Thursday please.



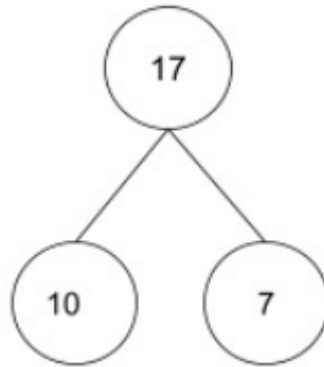
Y1

What have we been doing?

Our 'EPIC' topic this term, 'Awesome Autumn', has begun and we have had so much fun!

Our week has been based on the story 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert; we have been sequencing the story, describing the different settings (meadow, lake, river) and we even created our very own 'Leaf Man'.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value. To help us partition numbers to 20, we have been using the part whole model (see below).



Things to take note of:

On Friday, your child will be coming home with their new reading record. You will see what colour reading book your child is reading in the front and this will be updated when we feel they are ready to move up to the next level. It is important children can read their current book band fluently and can understand what they have read (meaning of words/ comprehension) before moving up. We will hear all children read at least once every other week.

You will also see a collection form in the children's reading records, please can you fill this out as soon as possible. Thank you.

Your child will be coming home with a seesaw login on Monday 20th September. Photos of the children completing 'Get Active Maths' will be uploaded onto Seesaw, in addition to any practical work completed in class. Please let us know if your login doesn't work so we can address this as soon as possible, thank you.

Y2

A huge thank you to the Year 2 parents for supporting our visit from Perform. The children really enjoyed it and are really engaged in our Fairy Tales topic.

This week we started going through the story of Little Red Riding Hood and the children are sharing ideas about what it would feel like to walk through the woods.

In Maths, the children have started using iPads for their work on place value and are developing their ICT skills well!

Please can we remind parents to always send a coat in with children, just in case it rains. Thank you!

Open Days - 2022

- Communication from Bedgrove Junior School for Year 2 Parents

Applications for a Junior School place will be opening very soon. We understand that choosing the correct setting for your child to transition in to Junior School is an important one.

We are pleased to share that we will be running open mornings for parents/carers to come and get to know more about Bedgrove Junior School and all that we have to offer. The open mornings will be slightly amended with COVID measures in place to keep our staff and pupils safe, however we hope that by offering the opportunity to visit the school, this will support you in making your decision.

The open mornings will run on the following dates and will run from 9.10 - 10.30 (approx.) - please report to the main reception where you will be shown to the school hall.

Thursday 23rd September

Friday 1st October

Thursday 7th October

Thursday 14th October

Parents/Carers should book a session by contacting the school office (office@bjsjlt.co.uk or 01296487973). Parents will not be allowed to turn up and attend a session without booking in advance.