



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

After Half Term (w/c 1st November) New Lunch Menu – Week 1

20th October 2021

Governor Update

Our Governing Board is currently being led by Acting Chairs, Sue Quirk and Rachel Albrighton, as our previous, Chair of Governor, Chrissie Green, has had to step down from this role. We thank Chrissie for her support for the school in the role as a Governor for over seven years and as Chair for the last four.

At our next meeting, on November 4th, we are looking to appoint a new Chair for the board and will update parents on this when we can.

We had our first face-to-face Governor meeting last week for nearly two years, and it was really good to see our members in person and discuss our plans for the year with them.

Details of our Governors can be found on our website, if you would like to familiarise yourself with who they are.

Staffing Update

Miss Thurkettle, who has led Lion Class for this half term, will be staying on with us as a teacher for the coming year. Miss Thurkettle will work closely with Mrs Perrottet to support an effective handover of Lion class to her capable hands. She will then work across the school for the remainder of the Autumn term, supporting where needed. We are delighted with how well Miss Thurkettle settled into the school and look forward to her working with a range of children over the coming weeks.

After half term we welcome Miss Cousins to the F2 Support Staff team. Miss Cousins has a vast amount of experience as a Teaching Assistant in schools and we are looking forward to her joining our team. Miss Cousins will support the children in Shark Class initially, and across the Year Group as needed. Mrs Shaw will work alongside her for a few weeks before moving to Y1 to support the learning of children across the classes.

Parents Evening

Thank you for your recent feedback regarding Parents Evening.

On Friday 4th November at 4pm Parents evening slots will go live on ParentMail for you to book. We will be offering a maximum of 15 10 minute face to face meetings per class and these will be on a first come, first serve basis. The remainder of appointments will be telephone calls and can also be booked via ParentMail.

Please book either a face to face appointment or a telephone call, not both.

Diary Dates

Thursday 21st October
FoBIS Lasagne Takeaway
Collection 2.30pm-3.30pm

Friday 22nd October
Deadline for submitting menu
choices

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

Monday 8th November
INSET Day - Bedgrove Jnr Sch
New Menu commences

Tuesday 16th November
F2 Parents Evening

Wednesday 17th November
Year 2 Parents Evening

Thursday 18th November
Year 1 Parents Evening

Friday 17th December
School Closes for Christmas
Closing at 1.30pm

School Photos

Children in F1 and F2 will be having their school photos taken on Friday 5th November.

If your Year 1/Year 2 child missed their school photo on 15th September and you would like them to have theirs taken please notify the office so that they can be added to the list.



Parking



We are currently receiving daily emails regarding parking on Ingram Avenue, and in the last 3 days alone we have received 5 emails! One resident has stated that it is the worst it has ever been!

Parents are parking on grass verges, blocking residents driveways, generally parking inconsiderately and in an unsafe manner. Residents are encouraged to report any vehicles that are parked poorly.

Please find below the Travel Plan Promise that all Parents/Carers agreed to when joining Bedgrove Infant School. We would encourage you to consider these promises when travelling to and from school.

TRAVEL PLAN PROMISE

I will try to walk to school as much as possible but if I need to travel to school by car

- I will try to make time to walk to school if possible, or simply park further away from the school entrance and walk the rest of the way
- I will comply with UK parking regulations and not cause an obstruction by parking on:-
 - a) yellow zigzags
 - b) grass verges
 - c) junctions (or opposite)
 - d) corners of roads
 - e) footpaths
 - f) roads opposite other vehicles
- I will not park down the slip road to the entrance of the school as I understand it is difficult to turn around without causing disruption to other drivers, pedestrians, and local residents
- I will not park or drive into the staff car park without seeking permission from the school
- I will always park sensibly with consideration to local residents, pedestrians, and other drivers



Increase in common childhood infections

The UK Health Security Agency have issued a letter regarding the increase in common childhood infections. They are writing to reassure families that whilst there is an increase in cases, the management of infections remains the same.

The letter has been attached for your reference.

FoBIS Christmas Raffle

Are you able to donate anything to this year's Christmas Raffle? All donations are so gratefully received. If you can make any donation at all please contact FoBIS by email to friendsofbedgroveinfant@gmail.com. Thank you!

Morrisons Good to Grow

We have registered for the Morrison's Good to Grow scheme.

If you shop at Morrisons you can collect 1 token for every £10 you spend in store or online. These can then be donated to us and used against gardening equipment for the school! For more information click [here](#).

Vehicle Damage

We have been contacted by a very honest parent whose child has accidentally swung their car door in to another car.

This happened in the park car park yesterday morning, Tuesday 19th October, at around 8.40am. The vehicles were parked in the spaces adjacent to the park fence and the damage would be to the vehicles rear passenger side door.

The vehicle was described as a Grey 2019 Audi, potentially an A4. If you believe it was your car that was damaged please contact the school office as they would like to get the vehicle repaired.

PE Lessons

F1 will be doing Gymnastics
Thursday - all classes

Year 1 will be doing Dance.
Mondays - Giraffe and Hippo Classes
Friday - Rhino and Elephant Classes

Year 2 will be doing Multi-skills.
Tuesday - Tiger, Leopard & Lion Classes
Wednesday - Jaguar Class

Children need to come in to school wearing the correct PE kit on their PE days.

Our PE kit consists of:

White round neck T-shirt

Black shorts

White socks

Black tracksuit (Autumn and Winter)

Trainers



Jewellery, including earrings, are not to be worn in PE lessons. Where earrings cannot be removed, they should be made safe by taping over the earrings front and back. Tape should be applied at home as staff are not able to do this in school.

On PE days, long hair needs to be tied back.

Helping Hand Service

Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand service will be providing support to Buckinghamshire families this October half term to ensure those in need are able to get food on the table and receive other essential support required.

In addition, they are working with the local Voluntary Community Social Enterprise organisations, which includes food banks, community fridges and hot meal initiatives, to ensure there is a breadth of services available.

Residents can also visit <https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/> to find out what is available in their local area.

We strongly encourage families in Buckinghamshire to seek support by contacting the Helping Hand team on 01296 531151.

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

Through the Purple Periscope

F1

We have continued the focus story 'Pete the Cat, I Love My School Shoes'. We have been learning about story sequencing and have had a go at putting the pictures from the story in the correct order on a story map.

Thank you for sharing all the lovely pictures and videos on Seesaw. If you do anything exciting over half term it would be great to see some more pictures and videos added. We would also love some more Autumn items such as conkers and leaves. If you go on a walk over half term could please collect some for us.

Reminders

Can we ask that the children do not bring toys into school. We are finding it tricky to fit book bags into their drawers because of the amount of keyrings some children have got. Can we ask to limit keyrings to one per bag.

F2

This week we have been looking at Autumn Songs and Poems. The children have enjoyed learning about our story 'The Colour of Us' and we have been talking about our heroes for Black History Month, these included Marcus Rashford, Saka, Stormzy and Rosa Parks.

In phonics, we have introduced the sounds g, o, c and k. We sent home reading books last week, they will be changed at least once a week once they have been read and a comment has been written in the red book.

After half term, as the weather turns colder, we ask that children come in with coats and the necessary clothing- please can all of this be named to minimise losing anything! After the holidays, the children will be drawing and writing about what they got up to, we look forward to hearing all about it. Have a great half term!

Y1

What have we been doing?

In EPIC this week, the battle between Supertato and Evil Pea continues! Evil Pea has been very mischievous again ... he tied poor Carrot to a bush! We have created our own WANTED posters and have been using our amazing 'writers toolkit' to write beautiful sentences (1. Say your sentence 2. Letters and Sounds 3. Capital letters 4. Finger Spaces 5. Punctuation 6. Check your sentence).

In Maths, we have been using our addition and subtraction skills to solve challenging word problems. We have been using the following rules to help us work out how to answer the problem:

Tom has 12 stickers in his collection. At the shops, he buys 4 more. How many stickers does he have altogether?

1. Read the word problem
2. Highlight the important information
3. Think about what sign we need to use (+ or -)
4. Write out your number sentence

Work out the answer

Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, we have been talking about the importance of being proud of who we are, what we look like and our heritage. We have introduced the children to inspirational black people who have made a difference in the past and present.

Things to take note of:

- PE days will be changing after half term. Giraffes and Hippos will be having PE on Monday afternoons/Rhinos and Elephants will be having PE on Friday afternoons
- The cold and wet weather is coming so please make sure your child has a coat in school

Y2

In Year 2 we have finished our retelling of Jack and The Beanstalk. The children have done so well in their writing!

In Maths the children have continued to work on number lines to practice subtraction. We are looking forward to our Fairy Tales celebration day on Friday and cannot wait to share the activities with the children.

On 8th November, Year 2 are having an Explorers WOW day to introduce our new topic. Children can come dressed as an explorer and we challenge them to bring some information about their explorer and a bag of things they believe they might need if they went on an expedition.

Fairy Tale Mufti: To celebrate all the great work our children have done this half term we will be having a mufti-day on Friday 22nd October. Children are allowed to dress up as their favourite fairy tale characters for that day and will enjoy a number of activities based on our topic throughout the day. This will include making their own fairy tale movie trailer on the iPads!