



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 22nd November) New Lunch Menu – Week 3

17th November

Safeguarding Update

We have four Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) at Bedgrove Infant School responsible for leading on all aspects of safeguarding in school and responding to any child protection or safeguarding concerns linked to children, parents or staff.

Our DSL are Miss Lawrence, Mrs Sim, Mrs Lee and Miss Grant. Please contact any of these staff if you have any concerns or questions about safeguarding. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Sue Quirk.

All staff undertake regular training on safeguarding, including recognising signs of child abuse, understanding their child protection responsibilities and the procedures to be followed in school.

Reminders to parents:

Your children remain your responsibility until you deliver them to the drop-off area for their year group and see them go into class. They are your responsibility once they have been dismissed to you by staff at the end of the day. Please make sure you ask your child to remain close to you as you move across the school grounds and leave the site, to ensure they are safe and you know where they are.

Recently a child lost sight of their parent and left the Junior School grounds to look for their car. Infant School staff saw the child was unattended and accompanied them back to safety, where their parent could collect them. School staff are on at the main gates to support school safety however, as they are unable to match each child with each parent when large groups of people leave together, they cannot know who is leaving unattended or with an adult close by. We will remind children in school to stay on site with their parents and not leave without being with them; please can you do this at home too, to reinforce the importance of this.

School gates are closed at 9.05am in the morning to ensure lessons can begin in a safe environment. Drop-off can take place between 8.45am and 9.00am to help with flow of parents and children coming into school. Please use the main entrance to bring your child into school in the morning if you are going to arrive after 9.00am to help us safely lock all school gates by 9.05am.

Disclosures to staff: sometimes children open up to school staff about things that have happened to them at home or that they have seen on television. When staff are concerned about anything they are told, they will share this with DSL using our CPOMS recording system. Class teachers may be asked to contact parents to discuss what the child has said in school to help us understand the context behind the comment. This is part of our responsibility to support the children and raise any possible child protection concerns.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th November
Y2 Parents Evening Face to Face

Thursday 18th November
Y1 Parents Evening Face to Face

Friday 19th November
Children In Need Day Mufti

Tuesday 23rd November
F1 & F2 School Photos

Wednesday 24th November
Flu Immunisations F2 –Y2

Monday 6th December
F1 Christmas Party
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 7th December
F2 Christmas Party 3pm - 4pm

Wednesday 8th December
Christmas Themed Lunch
Y2 Christmas Party
3.00pm - 4.15pm

Thursday 9th December
Y1 Christmas Party
3.00pm - 4.15pm

Friday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day

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

Staffing Update

We currently have a number of teachers and support staff who are unwell and unable to be in school. This has impacted on the adults in some classrooms and the running of face to face parent meetings for some classes. Please be aware that this is the current climate we are operating in and we are doing all we can to ensure we can safely provide onsite education for all classes. Should the levels of staffing reduce dramatically, we may have to move to remote learning for classes, but we are doing all we can to avoid this. We just wanted parents to be aware that classroom staff may be different and rearranged at short notice, to ensure we have an appropriate number of adults in each room to support learning.

Christmas Events

FoBIS are currently organising Christmas Parties for year groups to enjoy at the end of term. We are planning for these to take place in classes so that we can operate these under whatever the Covid guidance may be that is in place at the time.

The dates for the parties are below:

F1 - Monday 6th December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

F2 - Tuesday 7th December, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 8th December, 3.00pm - 4.15pm

Year 1 - Thursday 9th December, 3.00pm - 4.15pm

The cost of the party is £7.50 per child and is available on the ParentMail shop. The deadline for this is Friday 26th November so if you would like your child to attend their party please make sure you complete this before then.

Children can come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their party, regardless of whether or not they are attending the party.

Christmas Shows are being planned by each class; singing of carols, telling of jokes, nativity plays. We will record these to share on Seesaw journals during the last week of term. We have been sent guidance from the Local Authority about restrictions that would need to be in place to offer live shows and these make it unfeasible for us to operate. We have also had to cancel some face to face parent evening meetings this week due to sickness and Covid and we would be worrying every day in the run up to Christmas that our plans to perform to you would have to change. We will be concentrating on practising these knowing they will be recorded, so all parents and family members can share in the enjoyment of them at home.

Parents Evening Appointments

Please be vigilant when planning to come into school for your face to face meetings this week. If you are feeling unwell in anyway and/or have had close contact with a Covid positive person within the last 7 days, please do not come into school to meet with the teacher. We can do a phone call appointment instead. We are trying to protect our staff from any further illnesses so they can remain well and are able to come into school. **Children are not able to attend the 'In Person' meetings with you so please ensure you have childcare arrangements in place.**

Children In Need Mufti

This Friday, 19th November, we will be having a 'spotty' mufti day to raise money for Children in Need.

We are inviting children to come to school wearing spots to represent Pudsey and will be asking for a £1 donation.



Please send your child to school with the correct change, Thank You.

Menu Choices

We have received enquiries about changing the selections made for your child's school lunches. We will be offering parents the opportunity to make amendments between 10th - 14th January 2022.

Please email lunches@bedgroveinfant.co.uk with your changes between these dates, we will not accept any late requests.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an Office Administrator, please head to our website for more details:

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

F1 Donations

We are looking at updating our home corners and mud kitchens on both sides of F1 and would really like the following items to enhance the areas;

- Old hairdryers
- lace table cloths
- old microwave
- bangles
- handbags
- necklaces
- Jewellery boxes
- ladies' hats (not children's)
- men's hats (not children's)



Year 1 Donations

We are running low on boys/girls pants, socks, tights, skirts, trousers in Year 1. If you have any of these items, age 5-6, that you can donate please pass to the class teachers or bring to the school office, thank you!

Purple Partners

If you are interested in supporting the children of Bedgrove Infant School by signing up as 'Purple Partners' to hear children read in school every week please click [here](#) to register your interest by Friday 26th November.

Looking for School Governors

We are looking for School Governors to join our outstanding local infant school. We are keen to welcome community minded people who are outside of our parent and staff communities, a grandparent or active member of the Bedgrove or wider Aylesbury community would be ideal.

Find out more about our Governing Body:

Website: www.bedgroveinfantschool.co.uk/about-us/governors

Email us: governors@bedgroveinfant.co.uk

Teacher Christmas Gifts

We will be giving Parents the opportunity to make donations for Teacher vouchers via ParentMail again this year. This has proved to be a popular option in previous years for both Parents and Teachers as it is an easy and convenient way to offer a gift for those that wish to, and the Teachers really value the vouchers they receive.

Please be aware that there is no requirement to do this, it is an option for those that wish to contribute.

PE Hoodies

Our school uniform provider, PL Schoolwear, have received enquiries from parents regarding PE Hoodies for Bedgrove Infant School.

At present we do not have a branded hoody available, however, if this is something that parents are interested in we can look in to providing this in the future.

We would expect this to cost approximately £16 and would be optional to purchase.

Please complete the form on ParentMail to let us know if this is something that you would be interested in purchasing.

Christmas Jumper Day

To help raise money for 'Save the Children', we are asking children to come to school wearing their Christmas jumper, on Friday 10th December, for a £1 cash donation.

We ask that children wear their Christmas jumper with their normal school uniform please.



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



Through the Purple Periscope

F1

We have spent the final week of our focus story 'Wow, Said The Owl' learning about nocturnal animals. The children have collaged their own owls, made hedgehogs in the playdough area, added spikes to hedgehogs in the funky fingers area and sorted animals in the Maths area.

In Phonics we have continued to distinguish between different sounds and played lots of games that help the children do this. In Maths this week we are looking at groups and using the language 'more, the same and less' to compare the two groups.

We are now on week two of our focus children and have made some great observations of children's learning, interactions and behaviours.

Next week we are starting our new focus story 'Tap the Magic Tree'. It begins with a bare brown tree. But tap that tree, turn the page, and one bright green leaf has sprouted! Tap again--one, two, three, four--and four more leaves have grown on the next page. Pat, clap, wiggle, jiggle, and see blossoms bloom, apples grow, and the leaves swirl away with the autumn breeze.



F2

This week in F2, we have continued our great work in learning new sounds and how we use diagraphs in certain words; the children have been working super hard. Next week we are reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far and learning how to distinguish the different syllables in words.

This week in Maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns and how we can use different natural resources to make our own. The children have also been consolidating their knowledge on using the part, part, whole model and are using these to create some number sentences. Next week we are continuing with patterns and discovering how we can make these more challenging to stretch our learning even further.

We have enjoyed our last week of looking at the story "The Leaf Thief." The children loved looking at the autumnal changes and taking a walk to the allotments so they could explore this outside of their normal environment. Next week we are looking forward to starting a new story, "You Must Bring a Hat!"

During this week, we have been focussing on what the children have learnt so far and are taking observations of this during their play. It is a great opportunity for us to discover what they enjoy, how they enjoy aspects of learning and any next steps we can take to further their knowledge and development. You will begin to see some pictures and captions of what F2 have enjoyed exploring this week on Seesaw, alongside their book looks for parents evening.

Y1

This week, we have been celebrating 'National Nursery Rhyme Week' in EPIC! We have been reciting classic nursery rhymes throughout the week and we have been writing letters to different main characters. We have also been focusing on the signs of autumn and winter and created beautiful pieces of artwork to reflect this. Photos of the children's artwork will be on your child's Seesaw pages.

In Maths, we have been learning about halving. We now know that when we halve a number, we have to make sure we **share** the number out **equally**.

Things to take note of:

Parent phone calls and parent evenings are happening this week. Please remember to check your child's Seesaw page to see some amazing examples of your children's work.

Y2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning more about famous explorers and developing their number skills in Maths.

For our Christmas play we will be sending lines home this week for the children to learn so please can you keep an eye out for them and help the children learn their lines. Can we also have their Christmas play clothes into school by Friday 26th November. Thank you!

For the week of the Christmas parties, Jaguar class will have their P.E. day on Thursday 9th December (instead of the usual Wednesday session). All other classes will have their usual P.E. slot on Tuesdays until the end of term.

Thank you so much to all of the parents who have already donated towards to Amazon list of items. We really appreciate your help! If anyone else is able to help with any of the items left, here is the link: <https://amzn.eu/h3X4BbU>