



Autumn 1 Newsletter September 2018



Welcome!

Welcome to the slightly delayed beginning of the new school year. Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused by having to close the school yesterday. We hope you all had a great summer holiday and are fully recharged and motivated for a fun filled Autumn term in school.

Class Names

These are the new class names we are using this year. Don't worry - I am sure it will take a while for us to learn them all.

Foundation 1 – Woodland Animals

- Miss Wadsworth - Foxes
- Miss Turner – Squirrels
- Mrs Warwick – Badgers
- Mrs Frost - Hedgehogs

Foundation 2 – Ocean Animals

- Miss Hay – Turtles
- Ms Ahmad – Dolphins
- Miss Harrison – Whales
- Miss Tapping – Sharks

Year 1 – Savannah Animals

- Miss Al-Batehi – Hippos
- Mrs Banks – Giraffes
- Miss Grant – Rhinos
- Mrs Perrottet & Mrs Glanney – Elephants

Year 2 – Rainforest Animals

- Mr White – Lions
- Mr Aziz – Jaguars
- Miss Read – Tigers
- Miss Rosewell – Leopards

School Closure

Just after 9pm on Wednesday evening the Fire Brigade were called to a fire at school. Unfortunately, the large sheds on the Year 2 playground had been set alight and were completely destroyed. We have been extremely lucky with minimal damage to the school building, just needing to replace a window and some guttering. We were advised by the Fire Brigade to have the gas pipe exposed to the fire checked by the Gas company to clear the school as safe to open. We have also had advice from County Buildings and School support teams regarding the safe removal of the debris and making the area affected secure so we can still use the playground with the children.

This is not what we all expected to be doing on the first day of a brand new school year and are very sorry for the disruption caused to your plans as the holiday drew to an end. We are happy to welcome all children to school now and hope everyone can quickly settle into the new term. Thank you for your kind words of sympathy and support. It is very sad that situations like this occur and we are working with the police and Fire Brigade as they investigate the cause.

If anyone has any information about the anti-social behaviour of young people over the holidays, the Police would like to hear about this. Please email them on Natasha.blake@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk as they have not had as many reports as people may think and this may help them to identify who caused this incident. Thank you.

First Day Back

Mrs Sim and I were extremely impressed with the behaviour of all of the children as we visited their classes today. They have come in ready to learn, listen to their teachers and engage in the activities. It was an absolute pleasure to see. Well done everyone.

Midday Supervisor Vacancies to start ASAP.

We have two positions available within our Lunchtime Team to support the children with their lunches. One is for 3 days a week and one five days. The hours are 11.30 – 1.30. Please call the school or email office@bedgroveinfant.co.uk for an application form.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13th September

Meet the Teacher

Drop-in 3.00-4.00

A chance for you to visit the classroom with your child after you have collected them at dismissal. The teachers will be in class to have an informal chat with you about how they have settled in or you can just enjoy being shown the classroom by your child! If you do have any pressing concerns at this time, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th October

Curriculum Objective Events for all Year Groups

During these meetings the Year Group Leaders will share details of the expectations for their Year Group, to help you with supporting your child at home. Further details about times and days for each Year Group to be confirmed.

Friday 5th October

Open Afternoon for Parents

1.45-3.00

One parent for each child will be able to visit during this afternoon to join in fun activities with the children. Places do not need to be booked as all parents will be in at the same time. Put the date and time in your diary now!