



## Autumn 5 Newsletter November 2018

### Data Collection Sheets

Each year we need to ensure we have the correct contact information for your children. We have data collection sheets for each of your children that need to be checked by yourselves, updated if necessary, then signed and returned to school. To ensure this can be done in a safe manner, reducing the risk of a breach of data with sheets being lost or mislaid, we will be handing these out at the Parent Evenings.

As you arrive or after your appointment, please make sure you come and see us to review your form. If it is correct, you just need to sign it there and then leave it with us. If you are able to update it on the evening, you can do this and leave it with us. If you do need to take it away, please return it the next day with the correct information on it. Please use a sealed envelope to do this as the information is personal to you and your child.

Thank you for your support with this process.

### Welcome to Autumn Term 2!

Where is this year going? I cannot believe it is already November - apart from the fact that it is now so cold and very autumnal! Please make sure your child has a warm coat in school each day and that any hats, scarves and gloves are clearly named as we know how easy it is for these things to be mislaid!



### Parent Evening Appointments

Parents of children in F2, Y1 and Y2 should all have received a hard copy of a letter about our Autumn term parent meetings on **November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please return this form as soon as possible, and by **3.30 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the latest**, so the teachers can arrange the appointments for their classes and let you know your times. **Please remember to send back a letter for each of your children to their own class teachers so they know what day and time you would like.** Teachers will then confer to ensure meetings for siblings do not clash and we would like to let you know as soon as we can so you can arrange child care.

**We are not able to offer a crèche for these meetings and children are not able to join you in the hall.** Please book Sunflower Group using Parentmail if your appointment is between 3 and 4 on either day or make alternative plans for your children if it is not during these times. Thank you

### Stakeholder Engagement

During the Parent Evenings Mrs Sim, Mrs Lee and myself will be present to gather any feedback from yourselves on any aspects of school. Please have a think about anything you would like us to know, positive and constructive feedback, so we can continue to develop the school. Some of the School Governors will be joining me on the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November for a tour of the school and an update on what we are doing this term. They will also be around to talk to parents so please come and say hello.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

*Parent Evening for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents  
3.15 – 7.00pm*

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

*Parent Evening for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents  
3.15 – 5.30pm*

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Fayre 3.00 – 5.30pm*

#### Christmas Performances

*11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am- F2 Nativity*

*13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am- Year 1  
Christmas Show*

*17<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am- F1 Christmas Concert*

*17<sup>th</sup> December Year 2 Carol Concerts*

*1.15 – 1.45pm Lion and Tiger Classes  
2.15 - 2.45pm Leopard and Jaguar Classes*

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

*School Panto 1.30pm*

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

*School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at  
1.30pm*

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

*School closed for INSET day*

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

*Children return to school*

## Foundation 1 News

In F1 the children have been having great fun in maths. They have all been introduced to the first five Numicon shapes and have responded really well to our fun activities based around each 'number of the week' with the 'three' missing crown jewels, Pirate Pete's favourite number 'four' treasure hunt and our fire fighter climbing the ladder to 'five'.

We are focusing on their physical skills both gross and fine motor. They have loved the dough disco; manipulating playdough in their fingers with dance moves to music. We are planning to have an open session for you to come and observe some of these activities. Further details to be confirmed. The stories of the week focused around the children's interests are working extremely well. It is great to see the stories influencing their play and them beginning to use some of the story language.

## Year 1 News

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable half-term. The children have a busy and exciting few weeks coming up, we shall be going on a 'Reindeer Hunt' and finding out about reindeers.

We will also be beginning to organise and practice our Christmas show, so please keep your eyes peeled for updates on the app and blog!

So far, we have been learning to partition numbers in Maths using Numicon and next week we shall be using Dienes to do this. We have found out about Guy Fawkes and the 'Gunpowder Plot' in Epic, along with firework safety. Hippo Class are taking part in the Linking Project and will be linking with Ibstone School over the next coming weeks. The children are excited to learn more about their new friends at Ibstone!

Finally, well done to the children who took part in the multi-skills festival at Turnfurlong Infant School this week. Not only did a Bedgrove team win - but all children followed instructions and tried so hard! All children were so sensible walking to Turnfurlong on a wet and windy day which was fantastic.

Thank you from all the Year 1 Team.

## Foundation 2 News

We hope you had a wonderful break. The children have settled back into the school routines really well. We are very impressed!

Here is a snap shot of some of the things we have recently been learning.

**Physical Development:** PE sessions with Nathan are continuing and we are beginning to learn the formation of letters in Funky Fingers

**Communication and Language:** Listening games and retelling what they have done on the half term break

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** Learning about firework safety and coming up with our classroom rules

**Literacy:** Looking at rhyming words and making puppets

**Phonics:** We have now set the children into groups. So children will be focusing on developing their skills with appropriate support and challenge

**Maths:** Learning 'one more' and measurement such as: height, length and weight

**Understanding the Word:** Investigating and exploring Autumn and acting out occupational roles. We had a visit from a real Police Officer! Thank you to Mr Albon-Massey a parent of a child in Turtle class for coming in to talk to us about his job and showing us some real Police equipment

**Expressive Arts and Design:** Playing musical instruments and exploring large construction

## Year 2 News

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break and, like us, are recharged and ready for a new half term.

Our new topic for this term is called P-P-P-Pick up a Penguin, a perfect topic with which to welcome the cold weather. Through this topic we will be studying Antarctica and the life cycle and behaviour of everyone's favourite flightless bird, the penguin. We will study the penguin's habitat, diet and behaviour through our science lessons and display our newfound knowledge by writing non-fiction reports. We will also be writing some adorable penguins stories and creating artwork linked to the world's coldest region.

In maths we will continue to look at all 4 operations throughout this term. As always, your support is hugely appreciated and key areas to work on this half term are the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables and number-bonds to 10 and 20.

We hope you all have a great Bonfire weekend!