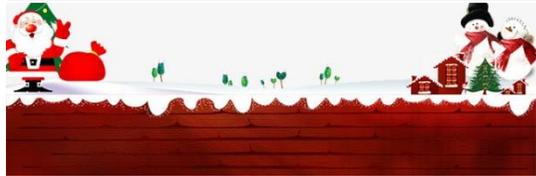


Autumn 6 Newsletter December 2018



Christmas Time!

Christmas is approaching fast and the children are full of excitement for their upcoming performances. Please be aware that, following GDPR training, we have been advised not to give out class lists to parents for Christmas card or party invitation writing. If parents need to know who is in each class, it is suggested that each class nominates a parent representative who all other parents can choose to give their details to who can then collate a list of names for each class to share with everyone. Thank you



Advertising

Linked to GDPR, we have many requests through the year to forward details of local events to our parents using the emails you have shared with us. We are not sending these messages to you, due to data sharing permissions, but will always add links onto our Useful Information page on the school website. We will then remind parents in newsletters to check this page regularly to see what has been added. If companies would like us to put leaflets in your child's book bags, we always ask for a donation to the school for this privilege. We thought we would let you know of these arrangements.

Polite Reminders

We continue to have comments from local residents about inconsiderate and illegal parking by parents around the school. Please make sure you are not blocking driveways, are aware of pedestrians crossing around you and patient during the busy start and end of the day times. Parking is possible at the Jansel Square shops and a little further out, with a School Patrol Crossing person to help safely cross Bedgrove/Camborne Avenue. Please consider this when driving to school to avoid the bottle necks of Ingram Avenue and Ambleside.

Thank you

If you arrive after the gates have closed at 9.05am, you will need to use the main entrance to bring your child to school. Please make sure you sign in the late book to register your child's name and the time they arrived as this is part of our Registration process.

Staffing News

Goodbyes: Miss Hay is leaving us at Christmas and Mrs Stacey has chosen to resign her position due to ill health. We wish them both well for their new roles in the new year.

Hellos: Mrs White (no relation to Mr White!) joins us in January, as the new F2 Year Group Leader and will share the teaching of Turtle class with Mrs Perrottet. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Ansley have joined our Midday Supervisor team in the Dining Hall and Ms Clarke is our new First Aider at lunchtimes. They have all settled into their roles really well and are very welcome to the team.

We are currently advertising two new Teaching Assistant positions, hopefully to start in January.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 5th December. The menu choice that day is a Turkey Roast so with crackers and Christmas music this will be a very festive lunchtime! Staff will be joining the children in the Dining Hall for lunch as well.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th December
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 6th December
F1 Movie Night 2.45-3.30pm
Turtle Class 'Drop-in' to meet the new team 3.00-4.00

Friday 7th December
Christmas Fayre 3.00 – 5.30pm

Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th December
FoBIS Christmas Discos (Y1, Y2, F2)

Christmas Performances
11th and 12th December 9.30am- F2 Nativity
13th and 14th December 9.30am- Year 1 Christmas Show
17th December 9.15am- F1 Christmas Concert
1.15 – 1.45pm Lion and Tiger Classes
2.15 - 2.45pm Leopard and Jaguar Classes

Tuesday 18th December
School Panto 1.30pm for F2, Y1 and y2

Wednesday 19th December
School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm
Wednesday 2nd January 2019
School closed for INSET day

Thursday 3rd January
Children return to school

Parent Evening Feedback

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parent Evenings. Thank you for completing your data collection sheets to help us update our records. We were appreciative of the feedback some parents left for us on the 'post-it note' boards. We understand that the data sheets may have distracted many from leaving us their thoughts and ideas with us and we will consider how and when we do this next year. Accompanying this newsletter is our response to these comments, each one individually answered. We hope this provides all parents with an understanding of how the school functions and what we are doing to support developments.

Governor Update

During the Parent Evenings I met with two current Governors, Sue Quirk and Simon Maples, and led a detailed tour of the school to show them how the classes are set up, share details of teaching within each year group and to look for evidence of actions towards this year's School Learning Plan objectives. Simon and Sue completed a thorough report of our tour which has been shared with the Full Governing body and were very complimentary about what they saw and heard. I also met with two parents on these evenings, who have expressed an interest in becoming a School Governor. The role of the Governor is very important in the strategic leadership of a school and it is vital to have a range of people with various skills and experiences involved so we can utilise these to move the school forward in the most effective and efficient way. Details of our current Governors, along with minutes of our meetings, are shared on the school website. Please contact Chrissie Green, our Chair of Governors, on governors@bedgroveinfant.co.uk, or myself, if you would like to discuss this role further.

Christmas Show Tickets

You should have received an email detailing times for the Christmas Concerts for Foundation 1 & Foundation 2, Year 1 & Year 2. This also included the dates for collection of programmes and tickets. If you have not received this email, please speak to Mrs Headley in the school office.

Friends of Bedgrove Infant School Movie Nights

Many thanks to the FOUR F2 parents who helped look after 86 F2 children on their movie night and to the FOUR Year 1 and 2 parents who supported 168 children by themselves on their movie night. Without these kind parents giving up their own time to look after all of your children for these extra treats we would not be able to offer them after school. Please be aware of all the hard work that goes into arranging events like this when you are critiquing the school and FoBIS.

Playground Etiquette

We are hoping to get the back gate widened to help with flow of parents in and out at busy times of the day. Until that point, can we please try a 'stay to the left' system where you enter or leave on the left hand side? With the hedge cut back there is a little more space so this may help the system to work. Please remember to tie up your dogs to the side fence in the Spinney, rather than next to the gate, as some children are wary of them and worried as they walk past them. We are in the process of fixing the damaged playground and should have this back in action shortly. Please can we remind parents to wait behind the yellow line and try to leave the aisle free for children to get to and from the classes easily. Thank you

Potato Babies for Children in Need

Both the children and the staff loved this activity! There were amazing creations across the school and such thoughtful care given to the 'babies' such as going to crèche during play and lunch breaks so they were safe and looked after and seeking medical attention when they had a tumble onto the floor!

Here are a few photos of the creations, including crèche facilities and a home for them to live in!

