



Spring 2 Newsletter February 2019



Winter continues...

The cold weather continues into February so please be aware of hazardous playgrounds and footpaths as you arrive in the morning. We do our best to make access to the site safe however, common sense is also required to reduce slips and falls. Please remind children to walk carefully and to avoid any obviously slippery surfaces such as the Monkey Bar safety area. Children remain your responsibility until the whistle blows so please take care.



Emergency Closures

Please be aware that if we have to make the very difficult decision to close the school due to bad weather for the health and safety of all of our children, parents and staff, we will send an email to you all on Parentmail, notify Bucks CC so it appears on their website, place a message on our website and app and the local radio stations should announce the closure also. We liaise closely with the Junior school so both schools should make the same decision. **Please note that Grover Club will also not be open if the school is closed.**

Donation Feedback

Following your kind donations after the Christmas performances we have had very appreciative responses from the charities we gave to. Bucks Family Network have chosen to spend their donation on providing a special workshop for children in our school which was an unexpected outcome for us. We really appreciate the kindness of all of our parents and families to these charities.

Staffing Update

Mrs Bucka has settled well into F1 as their new Teaching Assistant and Mrs Abdullahi has been getting to know Hippo class during her first week with us here.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Purnell this month following her maternity leave. Mrs Purnell will be teaching in Rhino class on Thursdays and Fridays each week to enable Miss Grant develop SEN provision across the school.

Extended Hours

Do you need additional child care either end of the school day?

We run our own before and after school club called **Sunflower Group** from 8.00-9.00am and then 3.00-4.00pm at £3.00 per child per session. Spaces are bookable via Parentmail.

We also have **Grover**, onsite extended hours provision, who have spaces for children from 7.30-9.00am and/or 3.00-6.30pm. They also offer breakfast and dinner. They can be contacted via Dawn Carter on 07879 876 830 Grover runs throughout the school holidays so if you need child care or respite, please do get in touch with Dawn.

Polite Reminders

Thank you for considering the roadworks in Ambleside and either parking elsewhere or leaving earlier to arrive on time.

We have found that traffic around that areas is not as bad as we had anticipated and it is issues further afield that are impacting on travel to and from school. Please remember that the back gate has to close at 9.05am each day for safeguarding purposes so if you usually use this gate and are running late, please drive round to Ingram Avenue to park and use the front entrance to drop your children off.

Please remember that the playground equipment should only be used with staff supervision and not by children before or after school.

Please check at home for any reading books that may have been misplaced. We are missing a few from our selections!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st February

*Year 1 Phonics event for Parents
2.15-2.50*

Monday 4th February –

Multi-Cultural Week

Friday 8th February

Multi-Cultural Mufti Day

Friday 15th February

*FoBIS Lasagne Take-Away
Collection 2.45-3.15*

*School Closes for Half Term at
3.00pm*

FoBIS Half-Term Science Challenge

Monday 25th February

Children return to School

Tuesday 26th February

FoBIS Committee Meeting 7.30pm

**Wednesday 6th March and Thursday
7th March**

Parent Evenings

Friday 22nd March

FoBIS Easter Mufti Day

Friday 29th March

Mother's Day Open Afternoon

FoBIS Easter Bingo Evening

Friday 5th April

*School Closes for Easter Holidays at
1.30pm*

FoBIS Easter Smarties Challenge...

Wednesday 24th April

Children return to School