

Newsletter



Spring Term

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12th January 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2018. I hope you all enjoyed the festive break with your families, it now seems a long time ago! The children have settled back into their learning very quickly and are enjoying their new topics of Minibeasts, Green Planet, Mighty Mountains and Across the Pond.

Rabbits and Squirrels have already had a visitor, Chris, from Zoolab in school to enhance their Minibeast topic. He brought several small animals with him including a corn snake, hedgehog, tarantula, guinea pig and ghekk. The children asked some very sensible questions and learned about the what the creatures eat and their different habitats.

Some of the children in Badgers and Otters are looking forward to taking part in their Bikeability training next week- this will enable them to learn basic cycling skills and use a bike safely.

It has been great to see that our newly installed scooter rack is being put to good use and children are physically active in the mornings-well done!

Reminder-please ensure that your child has a warm coat in school each day so that we can get outside as much as possible. Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support
Karen Headland

Diary Dates

12th January— Deposit and reply slips to be in for Caldecotte Xperience trip
Badgers & Otters class

15th January—Bags 2 School collection

15th January—Bike Ability Level 1 & 2

16th January—Bike Ability Level 2

18th January—School dinner menu change

24th January—Library van

31st January—Last Coding club after school until 4.30pm

6th February—Last Gymnastic club after school until 4.30pm

7th February—Library Van

8th February—Last Dance club after school performance at 4.15pm

9th February—Last day before half term break

19th February—First day back after half term break



Nut Allergies

Can we remind you not to send nuts into school with your child under any circumstances. We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support.



Bags 2 School

Your child has been given a bag for any donations you may have. Please bring in to school on 15th January for collection, you can also use a normal bin bag if you need to. Thank you for your support all monies raised go to the school funds.

Attendance

Well done to Otters last week with attendance of 98.3% and to Squirrels this week with 99%.
Attendance target for the whole school is 98% currently the whole school's attendance is 96.3%.



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Cold weather

Please can you ensure your child has in school on a daily basis a jumper/ cardigan, coat, hat, and a pair of gloves. The children need to be warm for outdoor play. Thank you.



Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Many Thanks.

Parentmail

We have noticed that some parents are not receiving messages sent via parent mail. Please can you check your details, and update parent mail if any details have been changed. Can you also update the school if you have moved, changed your telephone number etc. Thank you.



Reminder—Holidays in term time

Following our letter dated 22nd June 2017 we are making you aware from 1st September 2017 any unauthorised holiday will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines. Should your child be absent from school for more than 3 consecutive days the school will need to be provided with medical evidence to support their absence.



Envelopes

Can we remind you that all money being sent into school needs to come in a **sealed envelope** with your child's name, class, amount and what the money is for. It does not have to be in a money envelope any envelope will be fine providing it contains the above details. The school can no longer supply money envelopes, the supplier we used previously doesn't stock them anymore. Many thanks.



Can we just remind you that any amendment or booking to before or after school club care needs to be made directly through Dawn til Dusk. We cannot book your child in please call them on **07833207070** or **01234 930505**. Many thanks.

Clothing

Please can we remind you to ensure all clothing; hats, gloves, scarves, shoes etc that your child wears in school or pre-school has your child's name on it. Many thanks for your help.

Fundraising update

Thank you for your support with the Smiley Sam visit before Christmas. We collected £42.20 for Keech Hospice. They have sent their sincere thanks to you all.



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