

Newsletter



Spring Term

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26th January 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying their learning and growing in confidence as the year progresses. Rabbits and Squirrels have already shared their topic experiences with the whole school in our Friday sharing assemblies. Squirrels class told everyone what they had learned from the Zoolab visit and Rabbits class were very proud to show and talk about their mini-beast and spider pictures. I was very proud to see that they all spoke confidently to a large audience; a great achievement for the youngest children in the school.

All of the children are now having regular outdoor learning sessions at the Church field or Shocott Spring. These sessions in the outdoor environment, as well as being great fun, develop physical skills, promote team work, build self confidence and support the children's learning about the natural world. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing, including wellies, in school so that they can fully participate in these great opportunities. Thank you.

Karen Headland

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. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you will be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence. Many thanks.



Diary Dates

30th January—Rabbits height and weight screening

31st January—Coding club after school until 4.30pm

2nd February—Forest themed mufti day and cake sale

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

7th February—Library Van

7th February—Last Lunchtime Sports Club

7th February—Last Coding club after school until 4.30pm

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

7th March— Parent Consultations 1.30-7pm for Hedgehogs, Rabbits, Squirrels, Badgers & Otters



Nut Allergies

Can we remind you not to send nuts into school with your child under any circumstances. **This does include: peanut butter sandwiches, cereal bars and any other product that contains nuts.** We do have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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. Many thanks.

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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.



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.



Payments to school

From September any payment made to the school by cheque for trips, preschool fees, and clubs please make payable to **Bedford Borough Council**. School dinner cheques are still made payable to Caterlink. Please also ensure all fees to Caterlink are in a separate envelope to any other fees that are due to the school, as we cannot separate the money in school for dinners. Many thanks.

Caterlink

We have been asked by our school dinner provider Caterlink to remind you that all payments for school dinners need to be made in advance. Please send payment in in a named sealed envelope with your child's name, class and the date the dinner is for. Many thanks.



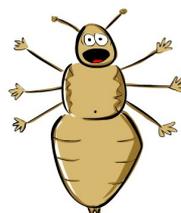
Can we just remind you that any amendment or booking to before or after school club care needs to be made directly through Dawn til Dusk. We cannot book your child in please call them on **07833207070** or **01234 930505**. Many thanks.

National Bug Busting Day—31st January 2018

The aim on national Bug Busting Days is to find all the head lice and zap them in one fell swoop. This stops them from circulating endlessly.

Why take part on Bug Busting Days?

Because informed, united action stops head lice from circulating endlessly. Combing wet, conditioned hair with a Bug Buster comb is a reliable detection method even when very few lice are present. Thoroughly wet lice stay still, dry or damp lice move quickly away from disturbance evading detection. If you require any further information you can call 01908 561928 Bug Buster Helpline.



This Newsletter's Values Awards!



This weeks awards go to : Luca, Aiden, Reuben, Ashton, Lauren, Ethan, Rosie H, Vinnie.

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