

Newsletter



Spring Term

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29th March 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have now reached the end of another very busy term and we are proud to see that the children are making great progress. Our end of term celebration includes Pupil of the Term nominations from teachers and I know it is always a very hard decision for them to make!

I have enjoyed another Postcard Picnic with those children who have received a well deserved postcard home this term. It is a lovely occasion for me to chat with the children whilst indulging in some yummy treats with them.

As you may have noticed, work has started on our new school build with various different contractors and equipment now on site. Any increase in cars parking locally will impact on the residents; with this in mind, could I please remind you to park considerately in neighbouring roads and not block any driveways. This is a very exciting time for us as we move towards our expansion and we hope that the building work can proceed as smoothly as possible for all concerned.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very Happy Easter.

Kind regards

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.



29th March—Last Dance club after school performance at 4.15pm

29th March—Last day of term before Easter break

10th April—PTFA fun in the village hall 2-4pm

16th April—Teacher training day school closed to all pupils

17th April—First day back to school for all children

17th April—Payment in full due today for all children going to Caldecotte Xperience

25th April—Coding club starts for Badgers class 3.30-4.30pm

25th April—Drop in for 'Senco Surgery' please book an appointment with the office

26th April—Dance club starts after school 3.30-4.30pm

7th May—Last after school reading club for year 6

14th May—KS2 SATS week



Attendance

Well done to Otters for this week with attendance of 98.4% Attendance target for the whole school is 98%, currently the whole school's attendance is 95.9% this has dropped significantly the last few weeks.



Postcard Picnic

Well done to : Ethan, Isaiah, Charlotte, Mateusz, Luca, Elizabeth, Toby, Annie, Layton, Freddie B, Imogen, Mia.



They were sent a postcard this half term. Mrs Headland has shared a picnic with them this week to celebrate their achievement. Well done to you all.

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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.

Parking Reminder

Can we remind you **not** to park under any circumstances on the yellow lines outside of school. This is both dangerous and illegal. There is parking available in the church car park and at The Bell. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.



Email addresses



We are sending school letters out by email. If you haven't added an email address to your Parentmail account please do so, can we also ask you to check your emails regularly for information. Many thanks.

School uniform

Important Information

If you need any school uniform you can purchase directly from Josens on the Harpur street in Bedford. We are currently unable to buy online through Tesco's, we will let you know when this service becomes available again. Many thanks.



Our after school provider is running themes nights during the next term. If you would like your child to attend please contact them on 07833207070 or 01234 930505 to book a place.

Monday 23rd April - Bouncy Castle Disco

Wednesday 2nd May - Cooking

Tuesday 8th May - Army Theme Night

Wednesday 16th May - Cooking

Thursday 24th May - Archery Theme Night

Fundraising update



Sponsored spell: Thank you for your support with the sponsored spell we have raised a staggering £649.30 which will be going towards purchasing new books for the school.

2nd hand book sale: Thank you for supporting the 2nd hand book sale we raised £43.81 which will go towards buying new books for the classrooms.

PTFA News



Just want to say a big thank you to all of you who have supported us this half term. The disco was enjoyed by all and raised £23.00. Also, a massive thank you to those of you who donated eggs and bought tickets for the hampers they looked lovely and we raised £81.00. All monies raised are going towards equipment for the new school.

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