



Newsletter

Spring Term

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31st January 2020



Dear Parents,

As promised, Jo Roberts from the Forest of Marston Vale returned to school last week, with a team of volunteers to help all of the children plant trees. It was a fantastic couple of rather muddy days which the children and staff really enjoyed. We are looking forward to nurturing the trees and watching our own forest grow and develop.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Bondon, who went on maternity leave at Christmas, has had a baby girl and all is well.

I appreciate that this is a bad time of year for viruses and germs spreading however it is important that your children come to school every day unless they are really unwell. We are able to administer prescribed medicines such as anti-biotics if you complete a form from the office. If your child has an upset tummy they should be kept at home for 24 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. Rest assured, if your child becomes unwell at school, we will call you to collect them. Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact details for you, many thanks.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete the Ofsted Parentview questionnaire- I receive a notification when someone has submitted one. At present I only have 7 and therefore I am unable to analyse the results! It only takes a few minutes and we do value your feedback to help us to make this school the best experience for your child.

Thank you.

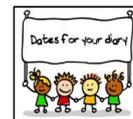
Karen Headland.

Attendance

A big well done to Owls and Woodpeckers last week with 99.3% attendance and to Kestrels this week with 100% attendance. Whole school attendance is 95.9% but we are aiming for 98%!



Diary Dates



3rd February- Ninja Academy today until 4:30PM.

3rd February- African Drumming club today until 4:30PM (KS1)

4th February- Dance club today until 4:30PM.

5th February- Ninja Academy today until 4:30PM

5th February- African Drumming club today until 4:30PM (KS2)

5th February- Library Van.

6th February- Gymnastics club today until 4:30PM

6th February- Choir club today until 4:30PM

10th February- Last Ninja Academy today until 4:30PM.

10th February- Last African Drumming club today until 4:30PM (KS1)

11th February- Last Dance club today until 4:30PM.

12th February-Last Ninja Academy today until 4:30PM

12th February-Last African Drumming club today until 4:30PM (KS2)

13th February- Last Gymnastics club today until 4:30PM

13th February- Last Choir club today until 4:30PM

14th February- Last day before half term break.

24th February- First day back after half term break.

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Payments to school

Please can we remind you to put the correct monies in a named sealed envelope for any payments that you are making to school. We are unable to give change.



Many thanks.

Reminder—Holidays in term time

Any unauthorised holidays 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.



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.



Car parking

Thank you to everyone who uses the main school parent parking, however there are some parents using the front car park and side streets. Please use our 200 space car park so that we do not park in the local streets and upset our local residents. Please do not park in the disabled bay unless you have a blue badge.



Many Thanks

PRESCHOOL.

If all of Cherry class could fill in their 'me books' and return them back as soon as possible please.

If parents have any planting tubs, metal sauce pans, lids, ladles, spoons etc, guttering, garlic presses, potato mashers, old keys and padlocks, old maps and milk or bread crates laying around we would be really grateful to have them to use in preschool.

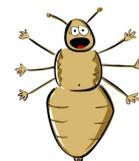


National Bug Busting Day—31st January 2020

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.



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