



Newsletter

Spring Term

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Inspire, Enjoy, Achieve

Week Ending : 1st May



Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a fabulous start to the summer term with the children taking part in a Chinese themed day to introduce their topic. The ribbon dances proved to be very popular, as did the wonderful range of food they were able to sample. These events are really valuable learning experiences as well as great fun! Thank you to the staff and children for making the day a great success.

Last week, the weather was extremely kind to us and the sun emerged just in time for us to have a brilliant open day, to celebrate the new classrooms and playground. The Mayor kindly 'cut our ribbon' as the children released their balloons. It was a magnificent sight for our crowd of onlookers as the balloons floated away to mark this occasion. The event was well supported by parents, carers, representatives from Bedford Borough, Kier and guests from the community. The Times and Citizen have also run a feature on this, so check out page 28 of this week's edition to see the fantastic photos of the day.

This Newsletters Awards!

Well Done to

Golden Awards: Kuba, Vinnie, Toby, Reuben, Hania, Hannah, Sophie, Poppy M, James, Andrea, Kye

Value Award

Values— Caring and Appreciation

Max, Mimi, JJ, Mason, Rosie H, Iogene, Chloe, Ethan, Esten, Annie, Theo and Harry

Mad Science is now advertised at a reduced cost as the school is subsidising it. Please sign up directly with Mad Science.



As from September 2015 the **Government** are raising the level at which a child becomes a persistent absentee. This will be going from 85% to 90% therefore the Education Welfare Service will become involved if and when your child's attendance is at 92% or below for **whatever reason**.

The **Government** are also increasing the schools total target to just under 96.5%. This is a maximum of 6 days absence, per child, per year and this includes absence for sickness. Our current attendance is way below the target at **93.8%**. This means we have had children missing for **484 days** leading to **2904 hours** lost education so far this year.

Swimming Lessons

*Tuesday 2nd June—7th July Swimming Starts for Badgers and Otters at Robinson pool.
More information to follow.*

9th May Spring Fair 1pm—3pm

Thank you for your donations for the bottle tombola and raffle. If you have any further items you can always bring them on Tuesday



Another popular stall is the cake stall. We will be looking for donations of **cakes** either home made or shop bought, to be brought in on the Friday or on the day.

Parent View.

We are asking parents and carers to complete the online questionnaire Parent View. Any feedback is very helpful to us and will also form part of our next Ofsted inspection.



Bags to Schools Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted clothes we managed to raise a fantastic £33.20.



P.T.O. for Term Dates Etc.

Important Term Dates

6th May—Library Van

7th May—Mad Science Club starts and runs for 8 weeks. (Sign up directly with Mad Science)

9th May Spring Fair—Bell PH 1pm—3pm

11th—15th May Year 6 SATS Week

19th May—Otters Trip

20th May— Library Van

20th May—Badgers Class Multi Sports at Kings Oak Primary

22nd May—Class Photo's

25th to 29th May– Half Term

2nd June—Swimming Lessons For Badgers and Otters (for 6 weeks)

3rd June—Library Van

12th June—KS1 Summer Games at Daubeney Academy

17th June—Library Van

1st July —Library Van

8th July—Sports Day Hedgehogs and Rabbits 10am till 11am
Squirrels, Badgers and Otters 1.45pm till 3.15pm

9th July—Transition Morning

10th July—Reports Home to Parents

13th July—End of year disco Rabbits and Squirrels 4.30pm till 5.30pm
Badgers and Otters 6pm till 7pm

15th July —Library Van

15th July—Reserve Sports day

16th July– 1.30pm Cotton End (of the year) Show (Main School Only)

17th July—Last Day of Summer Term

3rd and 4th Sept Training Days

7th September– First Day of Autumn Term



Holiday in term time Guidance from
Bedford Borough Council.

We would like to remind you that we are unable to authorise any holiday in school in school term time for statutory aged children. The council will issue a penalty notice of £60 per child per parent, please note there is no longer a warning issued before hand.



Dinners

Please can we remind you that hot dinners are **£2.15 per child** for Hedgehogs, Badgers and Otters. All Dinners **must be** paid before hand. We cannot order any dinners without payment in advance.

