



Newsletter

Spring Term

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Dear Parents/Carers

Last week Badgers class proudly presented their robot models to the rest of the school in assembly. It was lovely to see how hard the children had worked at home to create these masterpieces—well done to everyone who participated.



Look out for more photos on our website.

We have enjoyed a fantastic Book Week with the children and staff dressing up on Monday as good or bad book characters from stories. Some outfits included Harry Potter, Cinderella, Spiderman and the BFG to name a few. Our sponsored book flip and puppet making activities were also very popular with the children. Many thanks to Mrs Russell for organising this fun-filled week.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our consultation sessions next week where we can discuss your child's progress and how you can support them at home.

Karen Headland

Attendance

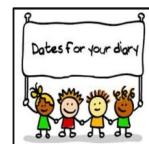
Well done to Rabbits this week for their attendance of 98.7% and to Squirrels last week. Charlie Bear goes to Rabbits this week. Well done Rabbits.

Money Envelopes

In the past we have been able to distribute to children money envelopes for school money use, i.e. dinner monies, trips etc. Unfortunately our supplier no longer produces them, so we are no longer able to supply them. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. However please ensure that monies come into school in a named envelope with a description of the payment enclosed on it, if you would prefer to use a money envelope then we are aware that Wilkinson's, Poundstretcher and other local shops do sell these very reasonably priced. Many Thanks

Diary Dates

6th March—Parent Consultations Rabbits, Squirrels, Badgers & Otters 1.30pm -7pm



7th March—Parent Consultations Squirrels, Badgers, Otters 8.45am –11am

8th March—Library Van

10th March—Badgers sports Bedford Academy (Letter to follow)

10th March—Computer Club after school for KS2 until 4.30pm

13th March—Science Week

15th March—Pre School Parent Consultations 9.10am—11.50am

16th March—Pre School Parent Consultations 9.10am—11.50am

17th March—Sports Relief

Josens our school uniform provider

Will be closed from 27th February until 10th March. If you need school uniform in the mean time you can still order from www.clothingattesco.com/icat/embschoolwear. Thank You.

Vacancy—Cleaner

We are looking to appoint a cleaner as soon as possible to join our committed team. If you are interested in applying for this position or if you know someone who may be interested please refer to the school website for more details. Thank You

Sainsburys Vouchers

We are now collecting Active Kids Vouchers in school, if you have any please send in with your child for them to put in the box in reception which will then go towards new cooking and sports equipment. Many thanks for your support.



This Newsletter's Values Awards!

Li Yin, Morgan, Toby L, Olivia W.

Healthy Eating School

Please turn over for our school policy for maintaining our Healthy Eating ethos in school. As a reminder we can not have any items in school containing nuts under any circumstances as we do have a child that has a severe allergy to nuts in school. Thank you for your continued support.

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School Lunches

Children may have a school lunch or bring a healthy packed lunch. Hot meals are prepared by Caterlink and brought to us daily just in time for lunch to ensure that all food is hot and enjoyable. Hot meals currently cost £2.15 per day. Universal Free School Meals are available for children in Rabbits and Squirrels classes. Free School Meals (FSM) are available to all children whose parents receive the relevant benefits. You can speak to Mrs Coe in the office or apply online through the Bedford Borough website www.bedford.gov.uk/education_and_learning/education_grants/free_school_meals.aspx

Packed Lunches

We have a child in school with a nut allergy, therefore please do not send your child with nuts or items containing nuts.

We are committed to being a "Healthy School" and

Packed Lunches should be placed in clearly named box or bag and should ideally include:

- At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day (e.g. apple, banana, cucumber, baby sweet corn, carrot, raisins etc. not fruit winders)
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel) every day
- Oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day
- dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day
- a treat such as small cake may be included but we do not encourage snacks such as chocolate bars or sweets.
- a drink such as fruit juice, squash or water. Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school.

Snack

All children in Hedgehogs, Rabbits and Squirrels are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable at morning break, under the government '5 a day scheme'. Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to bring fruit or a healthy snack from home, not fruit winders. All Children under 5 in Hedgehogs and Rabbits & FSM children are also entitled to free school milk. Parents may order school milk through our milk provider Coolmilk at www.coolmilk.com/parents

As part of our healthy eating ethos we also encourage children to drink water and we provide each child with a named water bottle.



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