

# Newsletter



## Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed another couple of really busy weeks and made the most of the bright weather to use the Church field as much as possible for lunch times and outdoor learning sessions. As Autumn sets in further we want to continue this, therefore please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. Thank you.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival next week and hope that you are able to join us. Any donations of produce will be given to Bedford Day Care Hospice who provide care to local people with life limiting conditions.

As the school continues to grow we are hoping to recruit new members to our PTFA. Previously our children have benefitted from a reading den, laptops, money envelopes and hi viz bands purchased with the funds raised. Please come and join us on Wednesday 11th at 9am in the school hall to find out more about it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen Headland

### Fundraising updates

The raffle held at the end of last term to raise money for Bedford hospital sensory garden in memory of Ollie Game raised a total of £108. Thank you to all who bought a ticket.



### Sainsbury vouchers

Thank you all for the vouchers we were very pleased how many we collected. We managed to buy some PE equipment and cooking utensils for the children to use in school.

### Macmillian coffee morning

Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to the coffee morning. We are pleased to announce that we have raised a grand total of £254.90. Thank you everyone you are amazing.

### Diary Dates

**11th October 9am-** PTFA –AGM all welcome to attend

**11th October— 10am** Harvest—Tea & Biscuits 10.30am-Harvest service Rabbits & Squirrels

2pm—Tea & Biscuits

2.30pm- Harvest service Badgers & Otters

**12th October**—Last Dance club after school until 4.30pm with a performance at 4.15pm

**17th October**—Parent consultations Rabbits, Squirrels, Badgers & Otters 1.30-7pm

**17th October**—Last after school sports club

**18th October**—Parent consultations—Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Badgers & Otters 8.45-11am

**18th October**—Library Van

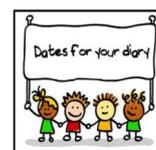
**18th October**—Last lunchtime football club

**20th October**—Parent consultations Hedgehogs 9.10-11am

**20th October**—Last day of half term

**30th October**—Teacher training day school closed to pupils

**31st October**—First day back to school for all pupils



### Attendance

Well done to Otters this week for their 98.9% attendance and to Rabbits last week with 98.6% attendance. Well done.



### Parent Consultations

Please do book your appointments asap as there are limited spaces available. The teachers are looking forward to meeting you all to discuss your child's progress. Thank you



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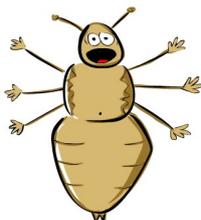
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### National Bug Busting Day—31st October 2017

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.

### 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. Many Thanks.

### Old style £1 coins

The old style £1 coins cease to be legal tender from 15th October so as a school we will no longer be accepting them from this date. But we will be collecting them for Children in need. Many thanks.



### Christmas Cards & Gifts

Your child has been busy designing their Christmas card, they have now been sent off for printing and we expect the proofs and order forms to be returned to school the early part of next week. Please then ensure all orders are returned back to the school office by 18/10/17 noon for ordering unfortunately no orders will be accepted in school after this time. Thank you.

### Parentmail

Please can you update parent mail if any details have been changed. Please also update the school if you have moved, changed your telephone number etc. Thank you.



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