

Newsletter



Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is great to see that our bike and scooter racks are so well used now. We promote active lifestyles and have undertaken several initiatives with Sustrans and Bedford Borough including Bike-it, scooter and balance bike training and walk to school activities. As a result of this we are very proud to have achieved Modeshift Stars Bronze Award. Well done everyone!



As the weather has turned much more autumnal over the last few days, could I please remind you that all children need to have a suitable coat in school. Forest school clothing is part of our uniform and all children should have wellies and waterproofs in school everyday.

Thank you.



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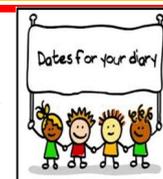
I would like to thank the PTFA team for all their hard work over the last couple of years and look forward to getting some play equipment installed as soon as possible with the fantastic funds raised so far. A decision has now been made for our PTFA to put fundraising on hold at the current time, nevertheless donations will still be gratefully accepted. The AGM is cancelled for this year however a copy of the PTFA accounts will be available during October in the school office if requested.

Attendance



A big well done to Osprey for getting 100% attendance this week. Attendance target for the whole school is 98% and we are currently on 96.2%

Diary Dates



30th September– Roman day for Eagles class

1st October– Parents Phonic workshop 6pm.

2nd October– Library van

9th October—Open morning for children due to start Reception in September 2020 9.30-11am

14th October -Last Ninja Academy after school today until 4.30pm

15th October—Last Dance club after school today until 4.30pm

15th October—Last Football club after school until 4.30pm

16th October—Library van

16th October—Last Art club after school until 4.30pm

17th October—Last Gymnastic club after school until 4.30pm

18th October– Last day before half term break

28th October—Teacher training day school closed to all pupils

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Car parking

Thank you to everyone who uses the main school parent parking, however there are some parents still using the 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.



School Dinners.

Caterlink our school dinner provider has notified us that there will be a slight increase for school meals to **£2.15 from 29th October**. Please can we ask you to put in a named sealed envelope with your child's name and class on. 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. Many thanks.

Library Van.

Trips to the Library van will restart this coming Wednesday please ensure your child has their card in school if they wish to go. Thank you.

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.



PARENT MAIL.

We have noticed that some parents are not receiving messages sent via parent mail. Please can you check your details, and update parent mail if any details have been changed, please also check it regularly as this will be our main source of communication.



Lunchtimes

If anyone has any complete board games, Rubik cubes or puzzles that they no longer use and would be willing to donate, we would be grateful for them for lunchtime use. Please bring to the school office. Many thanks.



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