



Newsletter

Autumn Term

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20th December 2019

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another really busy term. Since September, we have welcomed lots of new families to our community and some of our year groups are now full. The children and staff have worked really hard and it was a pleasure to give out so many awards in our celebration assembly today. Lots of children achieved 100% attendance awards which is fabulous!

I set the teachers a challenge to nominate Pupil of the Term from their class which I know was difficult for them however the results were:

Oak class-Leonardo

Willow-Joshua

Owls-Stephanie

Woodpeckers-Sam

Kingfisher-Oakley

Eagles-Alex

Osprey-Amelie

Kestrels-Harry

Well done to all of them- a fantastic achievement.

Thank you for your continued support again this year, it is very much appreciated.

The Governors actively support the school and visit regularly -the Chair of Governors visits weekly.

This term 2 Governors have visited classes, and others have looked at Health and Safety and Safeguarding across the school. It was a pleasure to see so many (6 in total) attending the Christmas performances too.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you back to school on Monday 6th January 2020.

Kind Regards,
Karen Headland.

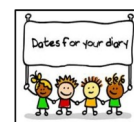
Attendance

A big well done to Ospreys last week with 100% attendance and to Woodpeckers and Ospreys this week with 100% attendance. Whole school attendance is 96.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



Diary Dates

20th December- Last day of Autumn term.



6th January- First day back for all students.

8th January- Library van.

13th January- Ninja Academy starts today until 4:30PM.

14th January- Dance Club starts today until 4:30PM.

15th January- Ninja Academy starts today until 4:30PM.

16th January- Gymnastics Club starts today until 4:30PM.

16th January- Choir club starts today until 4:30PM.

21st January- Parent internet safety assembly 9AM-10AM for all parents.

Parent internet safety.

On the 21st of January between 9:00AM-10:00AM we will be holding a parent internet safety presentation which you are invited to attend. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in please contact the school to book a place, limited spaces available. Please also note that children will not be able to attend this event due to the nature of the content.



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Medicines in school

Please do not send any non prescribed medicines direct with your child into school i.e. cough sweets, pain relief (Calpol), cold remedies etc. We can only have and administer **prescribed medicines where the dose is 4 times a day in school.** Children are not permitted to bring in any medicines in school without a signed parental consent form (available in the



ParentMail.

Please can we remind you to ensure that you have booked your child's place for the Friday afternoon care club if you are a working parent. Also available to book on ParentMail are the afterschool sports clubs.



Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who bought a poppy this year. We were able to raise a grand total of £195.86 which will be going towards the Royal British Legion. Thank you all for your support.



Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and well done to the people who won the hampers, we were able to raise approximately £220 which will go towards school funds.



Car parking

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



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Dawn Til Dusk

For those parents who require wrap around care, Dawn until Dusk are open from 7.30am each morning until 6pm every weekday including Fridays. There is a large variety of crafts, toys, games and outside play each session. A light tea is provided free of charge for those children who stay later. Dawn until Dusk also provide school holiday care at various locations. For more details please contact the club manager Carolyn on 07833 207070.



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.

