



Newsletter

Autumn Term

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6th December 2019



Dear Parents,

We have had another couple of very busy weeks in school and out on trips. Year 5 Osprey class visited Holdenby Hall this week as the fabulous finish to their WW1 topic. The children dressed in outfits of the time and were treated as evacuees for the day. They had to practise hiding for an air raid, made pies and created jokes for the soldiers. Staff at Holdenby made the children very welcome and kept their role throughout the day creating a realistic experience for them.

Our newly formed choir proudly performed some Christmas songs at The Bell last Saturday. Many thanks to the children, Mrs Jeffs and Mrs Cox for their participation.

Year 1 and 2 had the opportunity to perform their Christmas songs they had been learning with Music for Bedford Borough at the Corn Exchange in Bedford this week. We are really proud of how the children behaved and performed, it is a huge achievement for such young children to be able to sing in front of such a large audience. Well done everyone!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas performances over the next couple of weeks. Please book your tickets through Parentmail, if you encounter any problems please speak to Mrs Coe.

We have said a big thank you and a fond farewell to Mrs Barber today who is moving onto pastures new. We wish her well in her new ventures.

Kind Regards,
Karen Headland.

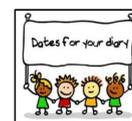
Attendance

A big well done to Kingfishers last week with 97.9% attendance and to Kestrels this week with 100% attendance. Whole school attendance is 95.6% but we are aiming for 98%!



Diary Dates

10th December- Smiley Sam will be visiting the children in school today.



11th December- Library van.

11th December- Last Ninja Academy today until 4:30PM.

12th December- Last Choir club today until 4:30PM.

16th December- Reception Christmas performance at 10:30AM.

16th December- Preschool 2 year old Christmas fun at 2PM.

17th December- KS1 Christmas performance at 10:30AM.

18th December- Preschool 3 and 4 year olds Christmas fun at 2PM.

18th December- Christmas Dinner.

19th December- KS2 Christmas performance at 2:00PM.

20th December- Last day of Autumn term.

6th January- First day back for all students.

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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



Website

For any dates, letters or information that you may have missed, make sure you head over to the school website to find them.

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 after-school sports clubs and the Christmas performance tickets which are limited to 2 per child.



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.

Payments to school

Please can we remind you to put the correct monies in a named sealed envelope for any payments that you are making to school. We are unable to give change.



Many thanks.

School uniform

Our embroidery school uniform providers are 'My clothing' embroidery service online at www.myclothing.com and Marks and Spencers at www.mandsyourschooluniform.com. All you need to do is go onto their website and type into the search bar 'Cotton End Forest School' where all of our uniform is available to purchase. There are samples of clothing from M&S in the school office that you are welcome to view.

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.



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