



# Newsletter

## Spring Term

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**14th January 2022**



Dear Parents and Carers

If I have not already seen you when I have been out on the gates-a very Happy New Year to you!

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school after the festive break, they are all very excited to be back and have started their new topics for this term.

Reception classes of Willow and Oak have started to explore Around the World with a stunning start of an imaginative trip on an aeroplane, with staff as cabin crew and their own passports! On Monday this week Year 1 all began their Famous for more than 5 minutes topic with a Space day and all the children came to school dressed as astronauts, aliens or other characters related to space exploration. They shared some of their knowledge in assembly today when they told us about the astronaut Mae Jemison who flew on the Space Shuttle in 1992 and was the first female black astronaut in space. The children had written lists of what important things they would take to space if they were astronauts and created views of space through portholes in their art lessons as well as making their very own tasty rock cakes. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic and confident the children were in speaking to the whole school-Well done.

Kingfishers class have been looking at the stone age and created their own cave writing and weapons. They told me confidently about why fire and hunting and gathering was so important to them; how people used animal furs to keep warm and during their Forest School session they created their own weapons using natural materials. Eagles class invited me to see their re-enactment of a Roman invasion in the school hall where the children shared their rowing skills, battle cries, beating drums and feelings of fear of invasion-super acting, well done!

Ospreys have been busy with their Victorian topic creating history timelines on the playground to show different events in the life of Queen Victoria and Kestrels have started to look at the events at the start of the outbreak of WW2. All of the children have enjoyed learning outside the classroom as well as their sessions at Forest School which is fantastic to see. Well done everyone, what a great start to 2022!

**Karen Headland**

### School Start Time

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am.

If your child arrives after this time, they will be recorded as late.



### Diary Dates

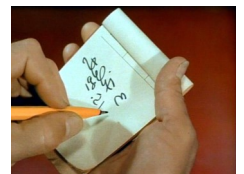
14th February - Half term

21st February - Return to school



### HCL

We are still finding that some Parents / Carers are not ordering their child's school dinner in advance. Please can we ask you to pre-order **all your children's meals in advance via School Grid**. This can be done weekly/half termly. If you need any assistance / a reminder of how to do this please speak to the school office.



### Preschool

For the parents of Preschool children, please be reminded to return your completed yellow funding forms by Monday 17th January.

Any forms received after this date may result in your entitled funding being delayed.





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### Bag 2 School

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all those who supported our Bag 2 School project. All the bags were collected this morning and a whopping 555kg was recorded. We can no longer accept any more bags however we do intend to run the project again next year.



### Attendance

A big well done to Kestrels class last week AND this week with 100% attendance for two weeks on the trot. The whole school attendance is 95% but we are aiming for 98%!



### School Application

If your child is due to start Primary or Secondary school this September, please can we remind you to apply for your child's place by tomorrow (15th January) [www.bedford.gov.uk/](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/)

### 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



### Holiday Club

We are delighted to announce that Premier Education will be running a Holiday Program out of Cotton End Forest School during the upcoming February half term on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Please visit [www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps](http://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps) for booking details



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### 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 may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctors text message or appointment card ,copy of prescription, consultant letter etc.

