

Summer Term

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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 2 had a wonderful experience last week when the Birds of Prey centre came to visit last week; the children met a Hawk, an African Owl, a Barn Owl which flew over their heads and a Kestrel which the children were able to hold using the falconry glove. How exciting for them!



The children have been enjoying their Science based outdoor learning week and using our amazing grounds for planting and exploring. Eagles class were busy creating habitats for minibeasts, supporting the development of the natural environment. They worked collaboratively to create bug houses, frog friendly areas and as well as planting seeds which they are going to look after. Owls and Wagtails have been bird spotting around the school grounds, looking for signs of nest building and creating their own.

Kingfishers class shared their knowledge about bees in assembly today, identifying different species, creating bee friendly areas in school and writing their own bee poems. Well done for their confidence with presenting!

As we near the end of term and the academic year, we are preparing for lots of exciting events including sports day and, of course we are looking forward to Arts week and showcasing the children's work in our very own fabulous art gallery. I hope that we can see you all at some or all of these events.

Thank you very much to everyone who made kind donations to our bereaved family. Your contributions have been handed over and the family are very appreciative of your generosity-thank you.

Following my letter regarding the change to the school hours, thank you for your responses, all of which the Governors are now considering. I will update you as soon as I have any further information.

Mrs Headland

Request from PTFA—Uniform

If you have any uniform at home which you no longer require, the PTFA would be very grateful for your donation. Please drop it into the school office at your convenience. Thank you.



Diary Dates

- 4th July—Art Week
- 11th July—Sports Week
- 12th July—Sports Day Yr R 9.30am
- 12th July—Sports Day Yr 1 & 2 1.15pm
- 13th July—Sports Day Yr 3-6 1.15pm
- 14th July—Pupil reports
- 19th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
- 22nd July—Last day of term



Attendance

A big well done to Owls AND Eagles class this week with 98.9% attendance and Kingfishers last week with 98.7%. The whole school attendance is 95% but we are aiming for 98%!



Sunflower Competition Time!

During Science Week, your child brought home a sunflower plant for you to continue to grow at home. I hope you have had lots of fun growing your sunflower plant.



It is now time to see how tall they have got!

If you would like to enter your sunflower into the competition, please send a photo of your child standing next to their sunflower and the height of the sunflower in meters/centimeters to

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The date for entries will close on 7th July and prizes will be given out in assembly to the winners in each key stage.



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Head Lice

There has recently been several cases of head lice in school. Can you please check your child's hair regularly, as well as the rest of the family, and treat if necessary.

There is no need to keep your child away from school but please ensure that all children with shoulder length or long hair is tied up neatly for school as this helps to stop head lice from spreading. Thank you.



Books received with your help.

Further to our recent fundraising events we are delighted to be able to share with you our new books as follows:

Preschool



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



2022/2023 Term Dates

August 2022		September 2022		October 2022		November 2022	
1		Mon	5 12 19 26	Mon	3 10 17 24 31*	Mon	7 14 21 28
2	Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Tue	6 13 20 27	Tue	4 11 18 25	Tue	1 8 15 22 29
3	Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Wed	7 14 21 28	Wed	5 12 19 26	Wed	2 9 16 23 30
4	Wed 3 10 17 24 31	Thu	1* 8 15 22 29	Thu	6 13 20 27	Thu	3 10 17 24
5	Thu 4 11 18 25	Fri	2 9 16 23 30	Fri	7 14 21 28	Fri	4 11 18 25
6	Fri 5 12 19 26	Sat	3 10 17 24	Sat	1 8 15 22 29	Sat	5 12 19 26
7	Sat 6 13 20 27	Sun	4 11 18 25	Sun	2 9 16 23 30	Sun	6 13 20 27
8	Sun 7 14 21 28						
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December 2022		January 2023		February 2023		March 2023	
10		Mon	2 9 16 23 30	Mon	6 13 20* 27	Mon	6 13 20 27
11	Mon 5 12 19 26	Tue	3* 10 17 24 31	Tue	7 14 21 28	Tue	7 14 21 28
12	Tue 6 13 20 27	Wed	4 11 18 25	Wed	1 8 15 22	Wed	1 8 15 22 29
13	Wed 7 14 21 28	Thu	5 12 19 26	Thu	2 9 16 23	Thu	2 9 16 23 30
14	Thu 8 15 22 29	Fri	6 13 20 27	Fri	3 10 17 24	Fri	3 10 17 24 31#
15	Fri 9 16 23 30	Sat	7 14 21 28	Sat	4 11 18 25	Sat	4 11 18 25
16	Sat 10 17 24 31	Sun	1 8 15 22 29	Sun	5 12 19 26	Sun	5 12 19 26
17	Sun 11 18 25						
18							
April 2023		May 2023		June 2023		July 2023	
19		Mon	1 8 15 22 29	Mon	5* 12 19 26	Mon	3 10 17 24 31
20	Mon 3 10 17 24	Tue	2 9 16 23 30	Tue	6 13 20 27	Tue	4 11 18 25
21	Tue 4 11 18 25	Wed	3 10 17 24 31	Wed	7 14 21 28	Wed	5 12 19 26
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25	Sat 8 15 22 29	Sun	7 14 21 28	Sun	4 11 18 25	Sun	2 9 16 23 30
26	Sun 9 16 23 30						
27							
28	Key:	* First day back after break	Term Length				
29	Bank Holiday	# Last break before break	Autumn = 72 days	Spring = 59 days	Summer = 64 days		
30	School Holiday		Total = 195 days				
31	Proposed PD Day		Less 5 PD days = 190 days	PD Days: 1 & 2 Sept, 31 Oct, 3 Jan + 17 Apr			
32			Total teaching days = 190 days				

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.



Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

Website

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

