

Newsletter



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13th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a pleasure to see the children return happily to school after the Christmas break and quickly settle back into their class routines.

Our new exciting topics have already started and this week Year 3 travelled in their time machine to investigate The Stone Age. The children built shelters, hunted for animals, experimented with cave painting and freed food trapped in ice. What a fabulous experience to start the term!

Year 1 had a great Space day to begin their topic of Famous for more than 5 Minutes coming to school dressed in space themed outfits. The children took part in space drills, made rock cakes, created their own space passports and designed spacesuits. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous day.

We are hoping that, as the nasty bugs continue to subside, our attendance at school improves. Please ensure that your children are here on time every day so that they can have a smooth start to their learning and maintain their great attendance records.

Thank you.

Mrs Headland

Attendance in New Year

It is really important that your child has a smooth start to the school day so they can fully embrace the learning opportunities every day; therefore can I remind you to ensure your children are here before the gate closes at 9am. Children arriving for school late in the mornings will have a late mark recorded on our attendance registers and these late marks can result in involvement from the Education Welfare Officer and fines can be incurred.



Diary Dates

- 19th January—Dance Club begins (Yr 1&2)
- 19th January—Menu Change
- 30th January—Vision Screening (Reception only)
- 13th February—Half Term
- 20th February—Return to School

Important Information

Attendance

A big well done to Willows class this week with 100% attendance and Kingfishers last week with 100%. The whole school attendance is 94.2% but we are aiming for 98%!



Leavers Hoodies—Year 6

For those of you that would like to purchase a leavers hoodie you can now do so. Please use the link below This will be active from now until the end of term Friday 10th February. We're hoping to have orders delivered in May.



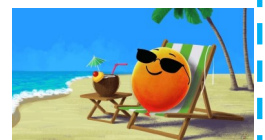
shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/cottonendforest23/

Ink Cartridges Please feel free to bring into the school office any empty ink cartridges and post them in our Recycle4Charity box. We will receive money to go towards school resources and you will be helping the environment.



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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Outdoor Gym Equipment

We are really excited to announce the arrival of our new outdoor gym equipment which offers extra fitness opportunities and promotes physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

Health and wellbeing plays a vital role in the early parts of children's development and setting them up for success.

The equipment will be available to the children during their play times and consists of: Double Air Walker, Double Slalom Skier, Cross Trainer, Arm & Pedal Bike and a Horse Rider.



Gymnastics Club

We welcomed back our after school gymnastics club this week. Hosted by Premier Education, the children had a great time being active, developing their strength, learning new skills and gaining confidence.



Forest School & PE Kits

Please can we kindly remind you all (if you haven't already done so) to send your child's Forest School kit into school clearly labelled with their name.

This needs to remain in school at all times as the children will be doing outdoor learning not just at their weekly Forest School sessions.

They may also need it for break times if the weather is wet etc.



Also, for those who have children taking part in the gymnastics club, please could you ensure their PE Kit is returned to school the following day.

Music Lessons in School



If you are interested in the opportunity for your child to learn to play a musical instrument, we do offer this via:

<https://www.bedsmusic.coop/schools>.

Lessons can be booked either during school time or privately. Please follow the above link for further information.



Can we also ask you to ensure it is named and that it fits the children. Thank you for your support.

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play, explore & discover

Year 1 Alert

Please note that Forest School days are now on Wednesday morning and PE is on a Friday.

