



# Bedford Road Primary School

Believe and Achieve Together



## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all of our new children and families! It has been a lovely start to the new school year.

I hope you have all had a good summer break, I have been coming to terms with being the owner of a puppy! It has been a fun and interesting time! The children will receive an update on Elsie this week and more news will follow on this.

Your children have come back to school ready to learn and we have seen some super behaviour already. We have streamlined our behaviour rules and we have three expectations. They are:

**Be Kind**

**Be Respectful**

**Be the best you can be.**

I know you will support your children with these. I am looking forward to working with you all in the year ahead.

Mrs. L. Gould

### FOUNDATION STAGE

The foundation stage team and Mr. Rignall have been working very hard over the summer to enhance the foundation stage garden and classrooms. This is an ongoing project, which everyone has contributed to via the funds raised by the PTFA and will continue to be enhanced over the coming year. We were also lucky to have support from a community team from McDonalds during the summer. The staff would be very grateful for any of the following items to be used in the continuous provision: Dressing up clothes, pots and pans, cooking utensils, natural objects, lego, toy cars and trowels. Thank you for your support.

### WEBSITE

The new website is now up and running and provides lots of information about the life of the school and dates for your diary. You will also find curriculum information for your child's year group and online copies of key letters, which are sent home. This is being regularly updated to provide all families with the most up to date information.

Our Facebook page also helps you to keep up to date with what is happening in school on a day to day basis. Logon and 'like' us!



### KEY DATES

**PTFA coffee morning - 12/09**

**Year 6 Ancient Greek Day - 12/09**

**PTFA coffee afternoon - 20/09**

**FS and year 1 play in the park - 21/09 (11am - 12pm)**

**Year 5 Aylmerton meeting - 23/09 (3:20pm Elder class)**

**FS parents evenings - 24 & 25/09**

**Open classroom - 25/09**

**McMillian Coffee Morning - 27/09**

**October Value - Simplicity**

**Harvest - 01/10**

**Individual photos - 7/10**

**Learning review meets - 8 & 10/10**

## CATERLINK

Caterlink are now using an online system to make payments for schools meals.

Unfortunately, there have been Borough wide issues with the new system, which has resulted in some frustration and delay for families.

Caterlink have been working to resolve the difficulties and all families should now be able to access the new login system via their Bedford Borough sign in page.

## BIRTHDAY SWEETS

It is kindly requested that sweets are not given out to celebrate birthdays in school. This is part of our commitment to being a healthy school. Small packets of raisins or other dried fruit is welcomed and can be given to the children to eat during their playtimes.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**This is a continuing feature of our newsletter. As part of our commitment to improve parental engagement we thought we would include an 'all about me' section. In each newsletter we will introduce you to another member of staff!**

**Name:** Mrs Chand

**Role:** Year 2 teacher, KS1 English Lead and KS1 TLR

**Hobbies:** I love to be active and especially love running in the wind! Weird, right?! I'm strictly a fair-weather runner however and 5k is my limit at the moment! As an adult, I took up Taekwon-Do and trained for 14 years. I am proud to say I made it to 2nd Dan Black belt. More recently I began yoga and am loving the challenges it presents. It requires mental and physical strength like the 'growth mindset' we encourage the children to embrace. I have to put this into practice every time I hit the mat! My fellow yogis are inspirational and prove that no matter how old you are, the human body is amazing and anything is possible. In contrast to all this exertion, I also enjoy reading, and photography - my dogs are the stars of many a calendar!

**Why I think that Bedford Road is the best place to work:** Having been a member of staff here for over 20 years must say something about what an awesome place Bedford Road is to work. The biggest contributors to that are of course the children! Everyday is different and the children never cease to amaze me with their positivity and willingness to go on this journey with me, it really is a privilege. The staff here are also a great team to work along side, supportive and absolutely on a mission to do their best for the children in their care. A shared vision is so motivational. I love coming to work and look forward to what each new day will bring.

**Most memorable moment in school:** Over the years there have of course been stand out moments, but nothing beats the look of joy and excitement on a child's face when they "get it" - whatever 'it' may be! I also love the spontaneous giggles when a child is reading and gets the humour - that's when you know they are a real reader and have lost themselves in the text, just brilliant!

## SMOOGA

As you will have noticed, the school has installed two Smooga arenas for the playground. These have been purchased using sport premium funds and allow the children to play ball games in a clearly defined area. The children have been very happy with them and they are proving very popular! They also free up lots of space for other playtime activities.

