



NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term is in full swing and we will soon be starting our Christmas countdown!

You will see from the dates listed here that we have lots of fun activities planned for the children to take part in during December. Rest assured they will still be working hard too!

For me this term has been different from any other Autumn term at Bedford Road, as I adapt to life as a dog owner! It has been wonderful to see and experience the many positive aspects to bringing a dog into school and I look forward to this continuing as Elsie gets older. I won't pretend that it has been all plain sailing though, as I am sure any of you who have had a puppy will understand. I am pleased to say that she seems to know that at school she must behave herself; at home is a different matter entirely!

I have posted a little update about Elsie at the end of this newsletter.

Mrs. L. Gould



KEY DATES

29th November - Decoration Day
2nd December - PTFA Film Night
4th December - Open classroom
5th December - FS performance 2:15 (for adults only)
6th December - FS performance 9:30 (small children welcome)
7th December - Christmas Fair 10:00 - 12:00
9th December - KS1 performance 2:15 (for adults only)
10th December - KS1 performance 9:30 (small children welcome)
11th December - FS & Y1 Christingle
11th December - Christmas dinner
16th December - Fabulous Finish
17th December - Y2-6 Carol Service
19th December - Christmas parties (pm)
20th December - Mufti/Xmas jumper day
20th December - End of term
7th January 2020 - Brain Smart Day

NO CLOSURE

Further to my letter earlier this month, this is a reminder that school will be **open** on the 12th December, as the school will not be used as a polling station on election day. We have been informed that this is on a trial basis and will keep you updated about future dates.



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES ON OFFER

At Bedford Road, we are very keen to support our families both in and outside of school hours. You will have noticed over the past year, that there have been a range of activities available for your family to attend at weekends. These are arranged by Mrs. Williams and the PTFA with the intention of making everyone feel welcome. It would be fantastic to see more families attend these events, as at times, numbers have been low. If you have any ideas of events you would like organised, please speak to Mrs Williams (she can usually be found at the school gate in the morning!)

47 EXPERIENCES

The school team worked together earlier in the year to create a 47 experiences booklet. Our school curriculum is designed so that the children will get a chance to tick off many of these 'things to do' as part of their learning throughout their time here, but we would love to see the fun and enjoyment that you have at home too!

It would be fantastic to see any photographs of activities you may have undertaken and you can return the experience slips to school.



GAMES LIBRARY

Mrs Crocker runs games library every Friday after school in the hall. This is a free of charge service to allow families to borrow different games and play them at home. Please pop in and see what is available.

If you have any board or card games you wish to donate, these will be gratefully received.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Name: Mrs Hubbard-Jones

Role: Assistant Headteacher/Juniper Class Teacher and Pupil Premium Lead.

Hobbies include: Socialising with friends; having fun with my children; being an excited mummy football fan and enjoying film nights!

Why I think that Bedford Road is the best place to work:

Firstly and most importantly, being a child's second teacher (and working with their first teacher; you!) is the most satisfying and rewarding job there ever was. I have been a teacher for over ten years and enjoyed every single one spent in a range of schools across the county and with a range of different age children from all walks of life. Having said that, undoubtedly, Bedford Road Primary School tops the charts; it contains the most dedicated and hardworking teachers, and fun, energetic and eager-to-learn children. Continuing to be part of the 'Bedford Road Journey' and particularly the transition from a lower school to a primary school is nothing short of an absolute pleasure. I particularly enjoy watching and encouraging our year 6 children be the best that they can be and helping them to get ready for their exciting onward journey to secondary school. In my recently acquired role as Assistant Headteacher, I consider myself very lucky to have lots more opportunities to work with everyone across the whole school, getting to know the children and supporting Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Williams in striving to ensure that all of our children are reaching their full potential.

Most memorable moment in school:

A child once overheard a conversation I was having with my teaching assistant about being cold and really fancying a hot chocolate with marshmallows. The next day, one of my class members, after explaining to his parents that 'Miss Hubbard NEEDED one' brought in a flask full of hot chocolate with a side of marshmallows and squirty cream! Such kindness and so yummy!!

ELSIE

Elsie, our school dog is now almost 6 months old. Although she is growing quickly, she is still a puppy and for this reason she is only spending a limited amount of time in school. Whilst she is still training (and teething) the children are not allowed to have any physical contact with Elsie, but I am sure they will have told you about seeing her around school.

Elsie regularly makes visits into the classrooms to see what everyone is doing and the children absolutely love to see her. Elsie is doing very well with her training and she manages to stay very calm when she needs to (unless she sees a leaf she can chase!).

Elsie spends a lot of her time in my office in her large playpen. She likes it when staff come to see her for a cuddle and a fuss in the mornings and she loves to play with her toys but she also likes to have a well earned rest there too.

The children keep asking when they can stroke Elsie and I am hoping that by February next year, this will be able to start. I will closely monitor her progress and keep everyone informed.

Thank you all for your support and for making Elsie feel so welcome when you see her.