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NEWSLETTER

Bedford Road Primary School

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parents and Carers,

All the children are continuing to work very hard with their learning. Thank you to everyone who attended the recent learning review meetings. As always, it is a pleasure to discuss your children with you.

As a staff, we are continuing to work hard to enrich the learning opportunities for your children. Foundation Stage have visited the library since Christmas, and year 1 are planning to do the same. There have been a number of visitors to the school and all the children have taken part in marvellous middle activities to celebrate their topic work. Year 5 have also been to the Bedford School Observatory and will be sleeping overnight in the school hall before Easter !

Thank you all for your continued support

Mrs. L. Gould

PTFA FUNDING

The PTFA work tirelessly throughout the year to hold a range of events both inside and outside of school hours to raise much needed funds for the school.

Recently, from the money that you have helped to raise, they have kindly donated over £4,500. This money will be used to develop the Foundation Stage garden, provide resources for the ICT suite and help us to add to our permanent display boards throughout the school. Thank you to you and to the PTFA

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Please can we ask that you try very hard to ensure that your child arrives on time every day to school.

The children can find arriving after their friends uncomfortable and they are losing valuable learning time.

We appreciate your support in advance with this matter.



KEY DATES

Whole school class photos- 25th March

Open classroom - 27th March

Mother's Day Breakfast - 29th March

Y1 trip to Warwick Castle - 3rd April

Fab Finish morning (all year groups) - 3rd April

End of spring term - 5th April

Summer term begins - 24th April

Advance Notice - School closed
Polling Day 2nd May





If you want to know what is happening on a day to day basis in school, please follow us on Facebook. Lots of videos, images and information about school are posted throughout the week.

All classes also have the Remind app, which teachers use to inform you of what is happening in your child's classroom. This is a free app that can be accessed on most mobile devices.

NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

This term we have appointed two new parent governors. Please join me in welcoming Mrs Alison Moore (parent of a pupil in Foundation Stage) and Mr Ross Purves (parent of a pupil in Year 3).

They are both firmly committed to supporting the improvement journey that our school is on and have a wealth of experience and skills which they will bring to our governing board.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU - MRS WILLIAMS

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

Name: Mrs Cheryl Williams

Role: Deputy Headteacher

Hobbies: Reading, walking my two dogs, travelling.

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

I have worked in four different schools over seventeen years and Bedford Road has found a place in my heart, which will always remain! On my first visit to the school, I was amazed by all the faces in the corridor, who were happy to say hello and give me a hug. I still remember Mrs. Gould saying to me, you will always receive a warm welcome at Bedford Road.

I have very much enjoyed becoming more involved with all the parents and children this year in my new role. The mornings are great fun, and it is a real privilege to say good morning to so many children and adults. I have also had the opportunity to teach in nearly every class in the school, as I will cover for teachers who carry out other roles within the school. It is incredible to see the development of children from Foundation Stage to year 6, in such a short period of time, they acquire so much knowledge, through hard work and great learning opportunities!

The staff at the school all want the very best for your children, and it is a pleasure to come to work everyday, and work with a team who all want the same outcome. Teaching is a challenging but highly rewarding profession. and one that I am grateful I have chosen.

Most memorable moment in teaching:

There have been many! One in particular was while teaching year 3, about 14 years ago. The children had been learning about their pulse and how it could be measured. One child had been struggling and was beginning to conclude that he did not have one. All of a sudden, he discovered it, and very proudly announced in a very loud voice, "I am alive, I am alive," while dancing around the classroom!

OTHER NEWS

Football Shin Pads / outgrown uniform

If you have any old shin pads that your child is no longer using, we would be grateful to receive them.

Similarly we are always happy to receive donations of outgrown / good condition school uniform. If you can help, please drop your donations into the school office. Thank you

Bedfordshire Art and Music Festival Entries

We have lots of children performing in the festival this year. This is a big occasion and the children work really hard to practice for their performances.

We are very proud of all the children that take part and this year we also congratulate Mia Williams (Y6) who was placed first in the duologue competition.