

General

Mrs Sim and I had the opportunity to attend a School Leader's Conference last Thursday and Friday where we heard several excellent speakers talking about Surviving and Thriving. We have come back to school with many ideas to action to help us in developing our provision even further. The finale was listening to Simon Weston, the Falklands War veteran, talking about Beyond Survival and facing adversity with strength. This was a humbling experience and one which we will never forget.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Afternoon Tea with the SLT on Tuesday 20th March from 2-3pm.
Please use the main entrance to join us for this event.

If you are unable to make this session, please come and see us during your parent evening visit. We will be around the Dining Room, with focus areas to discuss and cakes to share!

Bedgrove Bits & Bobs 19th March 2018

POLITE REMINDERS

Please remember that there is NO CRECHE for the Parent Evening meetings next week. If you need to book a place in Sunflower Group then you must do this, in advance, using ParentMail. This is for Infant School children only.

Parents will not be able to drop their children into Sunflower Group whilst they go to their meetings if they have not booked and paid for this before the day and children cannot go with you into the hall. Please organise childcare before next week so you are not disappointed on the night.

Please use the main entrance for Parent Evening appointments as the back gate closes at 3.30pm.

Please note that booking forms for next terms Sunflower Club will go live on Parent Mail on Wednesday 21st March for Parents to complete. An invoice will then be generated on Parent Mail for payment of these sessions. Please ensure that all outstanding payments for this term are made as soon as possible before we have to send out payment reminders.

Foundation 1

Please remember that our last day for F1 children will be Wednesday 28th of March. The Easter Bonnet Parade for 15hr AM children will be on Wednesday 28th of March at 11am and the Easter Bonnet Parade for 30hr and PM children will be at 2pm. Please help your children to make their Easter Bonnet Parade hats at home and bring them in on the day with their name inside.

Year 1

"World of Willow" have kindly donated willow cuttings for every child in Year 1 to grow. This will link wonderfully with our Summer Topic "Gardener's World". So that your child can look after their own piece of willow we are desperately in need of jam jars. Please can you send in a jam jar, preferably a tall one, this week so that we can get the cuttings ready for planting when we return after Easter. Also on a gardening note all classes have been entered into the Aylesbury Gardening Society Schools Potato Challenge. The potatoes have arrived and will be ready for planting, under the watchful eye of Mr Wilkins, in the last week of term. The children will be responsible for nurturing the potatoes. In July the potatoes will be weighed and the school with the highest total weight will be the winners. Hopefully one of our four entries will be victorious. From this week, as well as spellings, we will be sending home lists of words for reading. The words for this week are taken from the phonics sound families ai (a_e ay ai eigh a ey) and ee (ee e ey ea ie). Please note that we will not be testing the children on these words and we do not expect the children to learn how to spell them. The words have been provided to help all children to practise their blending skills at home with you and to have exposure to real words that may appear in the Phonics Screening Check in June. We continue to have daily phonics sessions which may be in phonics groups, classes or both. A reminder that spelling books which are sent home on Friday after the spelling quiz must be returned to school in time for the next quiz. Finally, to practise key skills in Maths and English and to encourage children to become more active, Year 1 are using the songs and dance routines on the Super Movers website.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/supermovers>

Foundation 2

Please can we remind you to check your child's diary/book bag regularly for letters regarding events in school. In addition, the newsletter will inform you of dates for upcoming events. It is disappointing for the children if they miss out on events which have been advertised widely. Batteries in the school cameras are rechargeable. If the batteries run out over a weekend and you use your own batteries, please return the rechargeable batteries – ***we have now had 4 sets of these batteries go missing and we do not have the budget to replace these so are unable to send all cameras home.***

After the Easter break we will be looking at 3D shapes so would ask you to send in any packaging you may gather e.g. empty Easter egg boxes, cardboard tubes.

Year 2

Our lovely gardener Mr Wilkins, as part of his renovation of the Year 2 garden, has provided all the children in Year 2 with a young willow stick to grow. These need to be stood in water to encourage them to put out roots, so could we make a request for jam jars to help the willow grow. We will keep these sticks as a living display in our classrooms and watch them grow as Spring, hopefully, arrives.
Thank you as always for any jam jars you can spare.