



# Summer 1 Newsletter May 2018

## Where is Summer?

The beautiful weather we were graced with on return to School after the holiday has sadly not lasted! We are hopeful of a return shortly but until then, please make sure your child has a coat and jumper in School to help them keep warm and enjoy the outdoor environment as much as possible.



## Sun Safety Policy

Following the short spell of hot weather, we have reviewed our rules regarding sun screen and have devised a new policy to reflect this. A copy of this draft policy is included with this newsletter so you can see what we will be doing as a School to help keep the children safe in the sun. The main change is that we will **allow children to bring in their own sun screen, in a named bottle, to reapply themselves during the day if you feel this is necessary.** This may not apply to all of the children as a long-lasting sun screen, applied before school, may be enough protection for some. We can only allow **roll-on or spray** containers in School, **not creams**, as these are the easiest for children to use themselves. **Staff are not permitted to apply sun screen** and can only supervise the children to do this by themselves. Named bottles of roll-on or spray should be placed in your child's Book Bag.  
Please support us by teaching your child to do this at home with both sun screen and other lotions so they apply the correct amount and learn to rub it in properly each time.

## Values Competition

We will be sending out details of an exciting competition for the children linked to our School Values. We would like the children to design new logos for each Value which can then be turned into Mosaic Masterpieces! Start thinking about what you could draw to be able to enter – your design could be the winner!

## Summer Term Dates

Please keep an eye on the calendar on the website/app for events happening this term- it is a busy one! Times for events will be confirmed closer to the day but make a note of the dates in your diaries so you know what is coming up.  
**Father's Day** sessions, on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**, are for dads or another male relative to come into school to join in with arty activities either in a morning or afternoon session.  
**Sport's Day** will take place on **June 26<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June will be our back up if it is wet on the Tuesday! F1 Sport's day date still to be confirmed.  
All children will move to their new classes on our **Transfer Days**, on **July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** with Open Classes from 3.00-4.00 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, for parents to meet the teacher and see their child's new classroom.  
Further dates will be shared on Bits and Bobs throughout May and in the next newsletter in June.

## Lunchtime Liaison Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a new Lunchtime Liaison person to complete the admin for lunch orders, lead the team of Midday Supervisors and co-ordinate the lunchtime provision in the Dining Hall. Further details about the requirements for this role can be found on our school website. If you are interested in this role, please contact the Office for an application form.

## Dates for your Diary

- Monday 7th May**  
Bank Holiday Monday
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
Class Photographs
- Friday 11th May**  
PTA Bottle Mufti  
PTA Summer Fayre 3.00-5.30pm
- Monday 14th May**  
Key Stage 1 SATs Week
- Monday 21st May and Tuesday 22nd May**  
Year 1 Trips
- Friday 25th May**  
School Closes for Half Term at 3.00pm
- Monday 4th June**  
INSET DAY- no children in school
- Tuesday 5th June**  
School opens for Summer Term 2
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Father's Day Open Sessions (times tbc)**
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 2 Trips
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Sports Day for F2, Y1 and Y2**

### **Inclusion Update**

At Bedgrove Infant School we emphasise a holistic approach to learning by focusing on all aspects of a child's experience, including emotional resilience. We therefore have a dedicated 'Snug' in which we provide bespoke nurture support for children across the school to help children engage with different aspects of themselves as individuals. As a school we are aware of the challenges that our pupils will have to face in the modern world and the mental well-being of all our pupils is of paramount importance.

In 'The Snug' we have a private area for meeting with parents or professionals, a small classroom and a 'soft' room for children to work in small groups or have a quiet space to talk or reflect.

Mrs Borg, our Child and Family Liaison Worker runs small weekly individual or group sessions which focus on helping children to build their confidence and develop a healthy self-identity through games, fun activities and social interaction with their peers.

Mrs Borg also works individually with children who are experiencing emotional or social difficulties; this can either be in the 'Snug' or in the classroom environment.

Mrs Borg is trained to deliver ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) sessions, nurture groups, support groups for Forces children, emotional and pastoral support for adoptive children and parents plus support for emotional and behavioural issues. One-to-one nurture support gives children the opportunity to talk about their feelings and concerns and to develop strategies that can help them cope with difficult situations.

As part of the services that the Snug can provide we can offer advice and support for children and parents who are facing issues and difficulties or as a link towards other professionals; either for children and parents individually or together.

As part of the provision that we provide we are focussing on the mental well-being of children within the school and currently offer mindfulness and yoga sessions as part of our curriculum.

Mrs Borg is available in school should you wish to discuss any concerns that you are having with your child's emotional or behavioural needs. This may be support provided in the classroom or advice regarding strategies that you feel would benefit you within your home setting. All matters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If, as a parent you would like to discuss any concerns that you are experiencing that you feel are impacting on you and/or your child please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see Mrs Borg.

### **Initial Teacher Training (ITT)**

The five trainees currently training with us on our specialist Early Years course are working very hard in their final placements. All of them are on track to gain qualified teacher status by the end of this term. We have, so far, recruited another seven trainees for our course commencing September 2018 and are very pleased that one of them will be placed in Foundation 2 at Bedgrove.

Delivering ITT enables us to work with partnership schools within and beyond the local area which has a positive impact on the children in school, as we have an ongoing opportunity to draw upon and demonstrate highly effective approaches to teaching and learning.

If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about the course we offer, further information is available on the school website or alternatively contact Mrs Lee via the school office email.