



Summer 5
Newsletter
July 2018

End of Term Fun!

We have many things coming up to fill the end of term with fun activities for the children! Don't forget to check the diary section and any notifications on the APP to keep you fully informed.



End of Year Results

The children have made great progress in their learning this year and achieved amazing results.

88% of Foundation 2 children achieved a 'Good Level of Development' meeting the Early Learning Goals for the Prime Areas and Reading, Writing and Maths. The 2017 National percentage was 71% so we are significantly higher than this.

94% of Year 1 children achieved the Phonics Screening pass mark. Last year the National percentage was 81% and the school achieved 82% so we have improved on both of those results also.

95% of the Year 2 Phonics Re-take children achieved the pass mark. With last year's National at 92% and the School at 88%, these results are very pleasing.

Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 data is also very impressive with the children making great progress this year.

% of children	Working at Expected Level	2017 National
Reading	84	76
Writing	81	68
Maths	88	75

% of children	Working at Greater Depth	2017 National
Reading	32	25
Writing	16	16
Maths	29	21

National 2018 results are not published until the Autumn however, with the improvement on last year's results, we are confident we will have comparable results in all areas and exceed in many. The children and staff are to be congratulated on their hard work to produce these results!

Parent Survey Feedback (Part 1)

Access via the Back Gate: We have discussed the tarmacking of the small triangle of grass immediately outside the gate with AVDC and are in the process of getting quotes to widen the pedestrian access gate to improve the flow of foot traffic through this space each day. Hopefully it will be completed by the start of next term!

Notification of Events: We have already made some plans for the new academic year and added some dates to the diary list here. A full list of plans will be sent to parents in September to enable you to book them in your diary.

Open Sessions: There will be at least three of these next year, one each term initially. The Mother's and Father's Day sessions were appreciated by many who attended and so will return next year with anyone who is free to visit being able to attend, even if they do not fit the given criteria! We will be changing the format slightly by holding just one session during an afternoon, to remove the need to book a space in advance and enable you to get the date off work ahead of time knowing you will have a space. Unfortunately, we do have to stick to the one parent per child rule as there will potentially be 30 adults in each room but this means that the children will all have their adult there at the same time and not be upset during the session they are not. The sessions will run from 1.45 to 3.00, with children going home with their parents, eliminating need for sad goodbyes part way through the day!

SEN Provision and Communication: Miss Grant, our new SENDCo, will be organising an 'Afternoon Tea' early in the Autumn Term to meet the parents of children on EHC plans and those with additional support for their learning, to begin to build a strong relationship with parents so she can ensure we are all continually working effectively to meet the needs of the children. Mrs Thomas has already met with Miss Grant to share information about the children in preparation for handing over the role at the end of term.

More feedback in the End of Year Newsletter!

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor role in the Dining Hall to support the children with their lunches. This could be part time for 3 days a week or full time. The hours are 11.30 – 1.30. Please speak to Mrs Rundle in the office or email office@bedgroveinfant.co.uk for an application form.

End of Year Reports

Your child's formal end of year report from the class teacher comes home today. This is a comprehensive document detailing their progress and attainment over the year. Please read this report and then sign and return the slip enclosed to show you have read it, adding any further comments if you chose to. Teachers have worked hard to make these reports comprehensive updates on how your child has worked this year. If you would like to discuss anything following this report, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher via the home/school diary.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th July

End of Year Reports sent home
Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th July

F1 Education Visit Days Out
Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th July

PTA End of Year Parties F2, Y1, Y2.

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th July

Year 2 End of Year Shows 9.30am

Monday 23rd July

Whole school Beach/Water Fun Day!

Tuesday 24th July

School Closes at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays

Thursday 6th September

School starts for the Autumn term

Thursday 10th September

Meet the Teacher

Drop-in 3.00-4.00

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th October

Curriculum Objective Events for all Year Groups

Friday 12th October

Open Afternoon for Parents 1.45-3.00

Foundation 1 News

We have had a fantastic year in F1 and so much has happened! The wall came down! We made our Nursery even bigger for children to enjoy freeflow activities throughout the whole building. We have enjoyed many trips to the Spinney throughout the seasons, cooking activities, the Christmas Concert, Easter Bonnet Parade, Sports Day and the Waddesdon Manor trip will be the perfect way to finish a wonderful year! If your child is attending F2 in September, please visit the F2 website page or the app over the holidays so you are aware of what to expect next year.

Thank you from the F1 team.

Year 1 News

With our final half-term in Year 1 well under way the children have learned lots about Aylesbury and the surrounding areas. They have identified both physical and human geographical features and have used this knowledge to design their own islands. Our Epic writing has been based on the work of Roald Dahl and in particular the books "James and the Giant Peach" and "The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me". The latter tells the story of three animals a giraffe, a pelican and a monkey who join together to form a window cleaning company. This week the children have been thinking about jobs that different animals could do e.g. an elephant car wash and creating persuasive posters to promote their business. Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue to look at the stories of Roald Dahl but will begin to turn our attention to transition with a number of activities to support the children in their move to Year 2.

In Maths, we have recapped on time and money and are now focusing on the four mathematical operations $+$ $-$ \times \div . We will be working on missing number calculations and simple one-step problems and challenging the children to identify the operation that is being used. We will also be extending their thinking by posing mathematical questions and asking the children to solve them by drawing pictures. For example, five friends each have an odd number of grapes. They have more than 20 but less than 30 altogether. How many grapes do they have each? To support your child in their learning please practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables with them. This will help them to become fluent and therefore more able to apply their knowledge.

Finally, the Year 1 team would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all their support this year.

Foundation 2 News

The children had a lovely time on their transfer day and have all come back positive and excited about Year 1. The Year 1 teachers have asked you to support your children to practice writing their numbers to 20 as well as the letters of the alphabet with correct formation – guidance sheets can be found on the school website. Please also continue to read with them, choosing a variety of texts such as poems, stories and non-fiction. This term in F2 we continue to apply the children's maths knowledge, creating lots of problem solving activities both within and outside the classroom. In literacy we are refining the children's writing skills ready for the move to year 1, focusing on applying their phonics to write simple sentences. We have been talking about lives in the past as well as looking at our local area and considering changes made by man and through nature.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year. We have had a fantastic year with your children, and it has been a joy to watch them all develop and grow. Wishing you all a wonderful summer break and best wishes as your children continue with their school career. With best wishes and continued thanks, The F2 Team.

Year 2 News

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks! We had a great time out at Whipsnade Zoo, with good weather and with (most) of the animals happy to put on a show. Then another busy week with Sports Day and a fantastic day out at Aylesbury High School for their annual International Day. International Day was incredibly well organised and both fun and educational and we'd like to thank everyone at AHS who worked so hard to give us such a great experience. On all these trips the children proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school, with excellent behaviour and contagious enthusiasm! Finally, this week the children dealt with their transition days with great maturity. I know both their new and old teachers were incredibly impressed with how they comported themselves in their new schools. It is at this time of the year when we can clearly see the remarkable amount of growing up the children have done over their time in Year 2 and we are very proud of them all.

Looking ahead, we are currently preparing our end of year show, Pippa and Pete Save the Planet. We are rehearsing and preparing ready to impress everyone on the 19th and 20th of July. We will have tickets ready for our show next week. Alongside this we have continued opportunities to link up with Bedgrove Junior School. We will be visiting next week to watch their Year 6 end of year show (and hopefully pick up some acting, singing and dancing tips) and the following week we have arranged a sporting extravaganza linking with both Bedgrove Junior School and The Grange. Finally, we would just like to thank you for all your support this last year. We hope you all have an amazing summer holiday and we wish all the children luck in their next big adventure.

The Year 2 Team