



End of Year Newsletter July 2018

Class Names Competition

Thank you for all your ideas for naming our classes, there were so many to choose from! Here are our Year Group Themes for next year:

F1- Woodland Animals

F2- Ocean Animals

Y1- Savannah Animals

Y2- Rainforest Animals

We are keeping the individual class names a surprise for the children in September!

Teaching Assistant Changes

We will be sad to be losing some of our Support Staff at the end of the year due to changes in staffing across the school. Miss Foulkes, Mrs Haque, Miss Akhtar, Mrs Dunn, Mrs

Brooker, Mrs Cavanagh will all be moving on to new roles in other schools. Mrs Webb will also be leaving us this term. We thank them for all of their hard work for us at the school and wish them well in their exciting new positions.

We have three new faces in the Support Staff team: Mrs Shaw will be joining us as a TA in Foundation 2, Mr Stray as an HLTA working across the school and Mrs Grove will be working within the Inclusion team.

Happy Holiday to You All

This year has flown by and I can't believe we are at the end of the Summer term already! Thank you for all of your support for your children, their teachers, the SLT and the School as we embarked on this new era. We have had a highly successful year that has culminated in happy, 'loving learning' children, amazing results, promotion for staff and positive feedback from both parents and professionals from outside the school.

Parent Survey Feedback (Part 2)

E-Safety- 50% of parents were happy with the e-safety information received from school for both themselves and their children, 15% were not happy and 35% didn't know. We will be reviewing our e-safety lessons for Year Groups in September and plan for an Information Event to support parents in their knowledge of this vast and developing aspect.

School App- this has been a huge success and is greatly appreciated by an overwhelming majority of parents. We are developing this further next year with Year Group Blogs that teachers can update regularly for parents, removing the need for a weekly Bits and Bobs, as the information will come to you directly on the Blog and/or app. Please make sure you have downloaded this to your phone or tablet so you don't miss out!

Staff Changes- some parents have shared their concern over the number of teachers leaving this term. Many of these teachers have only taught at Bedgrove and, in order to develop their careers further to secure possible promotions in the future, they need to have experience in more than one school. Two teachers have already achieved promotions in their new roles and four will be working in different year groups to develop their experience further. Although we will be sad to see these teachers leave, their departure also gives the school the chance to develop with new ideas and expertise from experienced staff from other schools who will bring exciting practices with them.

Paper Copies of Letters- it has been suggested by many parents to revert back to paper copies of letters when a reply is required from parents such as open session and parent evening bookings. We are looking at developing ParentMail to allow us to do bookings through this but other communications that ask for you to reply may now come to you in paper copy to support the flow of information between home and school.

PTA developments- some parents have suggested that stronger links could be forged with parents, the PTA and the school. We are already in talks with the PTA about exciting new developments for next year...please come along to the AGM on September 18th to find out more and be part of the decision making from the beginning. We are very proud of our PTA who work tirelessly to raise money in support of the school and are keen to see what else we can do together.

Wider Curriculum Opportunities- some parents have asked for developments to the clubs, performances and parent opportunities we currently offer- we are already working on new ideas shared with us by the new staff- please watch this space...

Praise for the School- some of the many positive comments shared by parents: we get very good feedback at parent evenings, having staff on the gate makes it easy to share worries and get answers. The School is ever improving which is a credit to staff and SLT. We have nothing but praise for the staff.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback with the school. We look forward to seeing what the new academic year brings us from September.



Dates for your Diary

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 13th September

Meet the Teacher

Drop-in 3.00-4.00

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th October

Curriculum Objective Events for all Year Groups

Friday 5th October

Open Afternoon for Parents
1.45-3.00

(Date changed from 12th)

Donations

Thank you for your kind donations at our Year 2 Leaver's Performance.

We raised:

Guide Dogs: £85.50

School Resources: £99.96