

# Bedford Road Primary School

## Newsletter April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have been having fun playing on the field at lunchtimes. Let's hope that we have a lovely summer with some really good weather and we can continue to enjoy our fabulous grounds.

Lots of wonderful work is taking place throughout the school this term.

Year 2 received a visit from the Urban Safari team. The children got to meet a wide and varied array of animals to start their topic on Feather, Fur, Skin and Scales.

Year 1 held their stunning start this week and had an 'explorer's' day.

Year 5 have been learning about inspirational people. Lots of local people have volunteered to come into school to talk about their lives, their jobs and the community work they do.

If you are using the remind app you will hopefully have been receiving lots of lovely updates from the class teachers.

In other news, the Borough Council have installed safety cameras outside of the school gates. These are to take action against the illegal parking on school 'keep clear' zigzag lines. Please be aware that if you park on these lines and the camera captures your vehicle, you will receive a fine through the post. Going forward it is hoped that this will improve safety around our school entrance.

Mrs L Gould  
Headteacher

### **Appointments**

Please try to make routine doctor / dental appointments outside of school time. Children miss valuable learning time when they are taken out during the school day.



Are you sending someone else to collect your child? If you are, you must let us know! For safeguarding reasons we will not let children go with anyone else unless we have been notified in advance.

### **Teachers2parents text message service**

You may have noticed that texts from school now come from a different mobile number each time and that the message comes with a verification code. When you click on the message, you will be taken to a verification screen confirming that the sender of the message is genuine. This has been introduced by teachers2parents for additional security.

You may wish to search for and download the teachers2parents app for free. The app will send notifications of any messages sent and it stores messages that you have received.

Calendar Dates for your Diaries:

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 PGL Residential
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closed Staff Training Day
7 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed Bank Holiday Monday
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 trip to London
14 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Meeting for parents of new starters in September 2018
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term Break
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 trip
30 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fayre
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Sing On
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 trip
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term

**Fundraising**

In February we held our Shine Bright, Wear Bright day to raise money for the children’s mental health organisation CHUMS. You raised £158.60, so thank you very much for supporting this worthwhile cause.

**As the weather (hopefully) continues to improve, please make sure that your children come to school with named sunhats and sun cream.**

**P.E Kit**

As we move into the final stages of becoming a full primary school, we are introducing a uniform PE kit.

From September children will be expected to wear black shorts and white t-shirt for PE.

For the colder months and for some outdoor PE lessons, children will be allowed to wear a black tracksuit or joggers and black sweatshirt.

We do have a school tracksuit with a logo that can be ordered. Full details of these can be obtained from the school office.

The PTFA will soon be sending out their very own newsletter with details of events that are coming up. In the meantime I would like to thank the PTFA for their hard work and also thank all of you for supporting our fundraising events.

**Message from our Parent Governor :**

I am very proud to share with you that our Foundation Stage teachers were recently asked to share and model their excellent practice of deconstructed role-play, at the Bedford Borough Early Years’ Conference.

Congratulations to Mrs Sainsbury, Mrs Pacey and all the team in Foundation Stage. Our thanks go to them for all their hard work.

Mrs Cozzi (Link governor for Foundation Stage)



Some of the lovely animal visitors from Urban Safari!