

Bedford Road Lower School

Dear Parents and Carers

Decoration Day took place last week and the classrooms are now looking very festive! Thank you to all of the helpers who came in on the day. We couldn't have managed without you!

The children in Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 are busy rehearsing their Christmas shows. We all look forward to welcoming you in to see the performances.

We have lots of fun activities to look forward to as we head towards the end of term including our Bake Off Sale, Christmas parties and Christmas Art competition. All of our Christmas activity dates are listed later in this newsletter. Please do take a look to make sure that you don't miss out on anything!

Have a great December!

Mrs Gould
Headteacher

New Staff Members:

Mrs Felice and Mrs Roffe will be leaving us soon after Christmas to go on maternity leave. We wish them all the very best.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Horgan and Mrs Maslen who will be teaching in Willow and Ash after Christmas.

Christmas Cards

If your children would like to bring Christmas cards to give out in school, these can be brought into school from Monday 8th December. The cards must all be posted in the school Christmas Post boxes. Children in school then take it in turns to sort and deliver the post! In order to ensure that all cards get to the right children, please make sure that the envelopes are addressed with the recipient's name, year group and class.

Christmas Raffle

The PTFA will be selling tickets for the Christmas draw in the playground this week. Tickets will also be coming home for you to buy. There are some fabulous prizes to be won, so please do try and buy some tickets.

The draw will take place in the school hall after school on Wednesday 17th December.

The Christmas Art competition entries will also be on display for you to view at the same time. Entries for the Art competition need to be handed in to class teachers by Monday 15th December.

New Parent Governors

Following my request in the last newsletter I am pleased to tell you that two new governors have been recruited.

Mrs Caroline Cozzi and Mrs Milena Resanovic joined the governing body with effect from 1st December.

Term Dates for your diaries:

December

8th Christmas post boxes open!

8th pm KS1 (Yr1 & 2) Christmas performance

9th am KS1 (Yr1 & 2) Christmas performance

10th pm FS Nativity

11th am FS Nativity

12th Christmas Bake Off competition and Bake Sale after school

17th Carol Service Kempston East Methodist (Year 4 parents welcome)

19th Last Day of Term

January

6th Back to school – new term starts



Building news!

I promised that I would share more news of our building project as soon as I had it. Having hoped for a January start, we are now looking at a start date in February and completion close to May half term.

During the building works, the school office will be relocating to the front of the school. The Hive, along with the storage area behind it, is being reconfigured to make a temporary administration office. The entrance to the office will be through a door at the front of the school that is rarely used at present. All visitors to the school will be encouraged to come in via the Bedford Road entrance during the building works as there will be limited access via the car park entrance.

Unfortunately, there will be no access to the cycle racks until the new build is complete and for this reason we will not be issuing new bike permits until a new location for the racks has been found. We will let you know exactly when access to the bike racks will close. Permits that have been issued for the Autumn term will continue to be valid for the first few weeks in January (and until the bike racks are removed).

Plans are also underway to ensure safe access to Charlie's club and the Children's Centre whilst works are in progress.

Please be assured that you will be notified in advance of the works, exactly which entrances will be in operation and at which times. I know that the works will cause some inconvenience to us all, but our absolute priority will be to keep everyone safe whilst it is going on. I do hope that you can bear with us during the 8-10 week building time. More information will follow after Christmas!



School Uniform Reminder

Please remember that our school uniform colours are grey, bottle green, white and black. Please ensure that when buying tights/socks for use as school uniform that you stick to these colours.

Tights and socks with patterns and bright colours should be saved for weekends and special occasions and not worn for school.

Children must wear flat, black school shoes and trainers may only be worn for sports lessons.

Please also ensure that hair clips, bands and scrunchies are small, neat and tidy.

Watches and Jewellery

If your child is able to tell the time, they may wish to wear a watch to school. Please ensure that the watch is named.

Children should not wear jewellery to school; if children have pierced ears they should wear a simple stud. Children are asked to remove these or cover their earrings for PE. Rings, bracelets and necklaces are considered too dangerous for many school activities and children will be asked to remove them.

