

Bedford Road Lower School

Newsletter February 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

It is my pleasure to announce that Mrs Felice and Mrs Roffe have had their babies!

Mr and Mrs Roffe's baby is called Hannah and Mr and Mrs Felice have named their baby Beatrice.

All Mummies, Daddies and babies are doing well and our very best wishes go to both sets of new parents!

As I type this, I am looking out at snow on the playground. It is very rare that the school should need to close in the event of snow. Always assume that school is open as normal. **Should there be exceptional circumstances which enforce a closure you will be notified by text and there will also be a notification on the Bedford Borough website:**

www.bedford.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Mrs Gould
Headteacher

Clothing for winter weather!

Please remember to send your children to school with a hat, scarf, gloves and a warm coat. Where possible the children will play outside and it's more fun outside when you are warm and cosy.

You may also like to bring your child to school in a pair of outdoor boots / wellingtons on particularly wet and snowy days. If your child comes to school in boots, they will need to bring their school shoes in a bag to change into in school.

Please be reminded that school uniform is flat, black school shoes. Trainers may only be worn for sports lessons and should not be worn as an alternative to school shoes.

Internet Safety – staying safe online

If you were unable to make the parent workshop last week, we have a number of information handouts from the session. If you would like a handout, please call into the school office to collect one.

The information is also going on the school website on the **e - safety** tab.

www.bedfordroadlower.org.uk

You will also find lots of useful links and information here which will help you to keep your children safe online at home.



Term Dates for your diaries:

February

13th February – Last day of half term
23rd February – Back to school after half term

March

16th March – Class Photos
23rd March – Brain Smart Day! (More details to follow)
27th March – Last day of Spring term

April

14th April – Back to school after Easter holidays

Building news!

The first stage of our building work has begun with the arrival of a storage container next to our school car park!



The office staff will be packing up and moving boxes to a temporary office at the end of next week (just before half term). Please bear with the ladies in the office at this time. School uniform will not be available to buy between Monday 9th February and Monday 2nd March.

If all goes to plan, the temporary office will be open straight after the half term break. The temporary office will be accessible through the door next to the Foundation Stage play area gate (at the front of the school).

The builders will be moving on to the school site just after half term. Once the building work begins, both pedestrian entrances at the front and the back of the school will remain in use but diversions will be put in place to access the school playground.

During the building works the school car park will be closed. The unused tarmac area near the school building will be fenced off and used as a temporary car park for staff cars only. Staff cars will be accessing the temporary car park via the Bedford Road vehicle access gate until 8.35am. In order to ensure that pedestrians remain safe as they enter school, the front and back pedestrian gates will not be unlocked until 8.40am.

Please be reminded that there will be no access to bicycle and scooter racks after half term.

Parents and carers accessing Charlie's Club will find that the route to the Before and After school club building remains the same. However, there will be a controlled crossing through the building site to get along the path. This may take a little longer than normal, so please allow plenty of time. When picking up from and dropping off at Charlie's, there will be no access to the car park and children must be accompanied and supervised by a parent / carer at all times.

Please do not park anywhere in the road leading to the school car park. Parking here not only causes great congestion, but it also poses a great danger to our parents and to our children arriving at school on foot.