

Bedford Road Lower School

Newsletter January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

It is my pleasure to announce that Mrs Llewellyn has had her baby. Mr and Mrs Llewellyn's baby is called Eva. Everyone is doing well and our very best wishes go to the new parents!

We have had our first snow of the winter and I am pleased that it came and went on a Sunday. However, we need to be prepared in case it snows on a school day. 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 a flat, black school shoe. Trainers may only be worn for sports lessons and should not be worn as an alternative to school shoes.

Two – Tier School Structure Changes.

I am very pleased to report to you that, at a meeting of the Governing Body on Monday 18th January 2016, Governors agreed that Bedford Road Lower School will extend its age range from a 4-9 years Lower School to become a 4-11 years Primary School. The change will be implemented in September 2017. In September 2017, year 4 children will have the option to remain at the school and become a new year 5. In September 2018, year 5 children will remain and become a new year 6.

Thank you to those who completed and returned a consultation response. The Governors report on the outcomes of the consultation is now available to read on the school website.

It is hoped that the building of our new classrooms will begin in December 2016. I will keep you informed of progress towards this.

Reminders:

Please remember to update changes in telephone numbers with the office so that we can contact you.

Also, if somebody different is collecting your child or they are going home with another child, please remember to tell the adult on the door in the morning.

And finally, if you are having to take your child out of school for an appointment, please bring their appointment card/letter with you. Thank you.

