

Bedford Road Lower School

Newsletter March 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a lovely day celebrating World Book Day on Friday last week. The children looked great in their costumes and took part in lots of activities that promote a love of reading. We had some super photos of where children had been 'snapped' reading a book! Thank you to Mrs Chand, our literacy coordinator for organising our book day events.

After school the children in years 3 and 4 had fun at their disco. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this.

Parent consultations are coming up soon and a letter was sent home about this last week. Please sign up for your appointment to meet with your child's teacher. Please do try and come along, the teachers really value this opportunity to meet with you and discuss your child's progress and let you know how they are getting along in school.

Finally, please remember that the school doors open at 8.45am, so please do not leave your children in the playground prior to this time as there will not be staff on duty to supervise them. School starts at 8.55, please ensure that children are at school on time.

Mrs Gould
Headteacher

School Uniform Reminder

Please can you ensure that all children's clothing is named. We can not reunite lost items with children unless they are clearly labelled. Thank you

Eco News

As part of our school's Eco work, lots of children took part in the Spring Birdwatch just before half term. The Big Schools Birdwatch is a great way of getting children engaged with nature and their environment and fits in really well with our Eco Schools programme. Despite the bitterly cold weather the children's enthusiasm did not wane and they were all really excited at seeing over 250 birds, made up of around 16 different kinds.

Bedford Road was recently awarded the Silver Flag status for our Eco work. We are really pleased with this achievement and the Eco committee and Eco club members have enjoyed working towards this accreditation.



Building works

You may have noticed before half term that we had contractors on site digging a large trench along our perimeter fencing. We are having a big electrical upgrade that is due to be completed at Easter.

We are also trying to spruce up areas of the school as and when we have the funds to do so. You will have noticed a new door to the Foundation Stage and Year One block was put in over half term. There will also

be new doors installed at the entrance to the hall corridor and to the hall itself in the next few weeks.

In order to improve the safety of sending children home from Foundation Stage, the area around the exit door from Mrs Sainsbury's class will be having some new fencing. This should be in place before Easter.

Dates for you diary:

10th March – PTFA Magic Show for FS, Year 1 and 2 (3.15pm – 4.30pm)

11th March – SRE meeting for parents of Year 3 and 4 (6.30pm)

12th March - Place of Safety Performance for Key Stage 2 (in school time)

Week beginning 24th March – PTFA sponsored ‘bunny hop’

25th March & 26th March – Parent Consultation evening – see sign up letter

31st March – Class Photos (in school time)

31st March– PTFA Easter Bonnet competition – see PTFA letter

4th April – Last day of Spring Term

22nd April – First day of Summer Term - children back to school.

22nd May – **School Closed for Polling Day**

Gripping Yarns – Place of Safety Performance for Year 3 and 4.

Keeping children safe when using the internet is of upmost importance. In order to highlight the positives as well as dangers associated with the use of electronic communication (mobile phones, email, internet, chat room, instant messaging and social networking sites) we have arranged for the children in Key Stage 2 to watch a performance by the Gripping Yarns Theatre Company. The performance will take place in school time and will enhance the e-safety education that is delivered in school.

School Meal Survey: Foundation Stage and Year One parents.

If your child is currently in Foundation Stage or Year 1, the Government has decided that your children will be entitled to free school meals from September 2014. In order to help our catering company plan for the possible increase in school meals uptake, they have asked us to distribute a survey for you to complete. The survey was sent out to Foundation Stage and Year One parents last week and we would be grateful if you could complete and return this as soon as possible. Thank you

