



## General Information

### Party Invitations

Teachers are happy to give party invitations out for children's parties but can you please make sure that the surnames are included on the envelopes and the class. Children themselves, are very good at knowing the class their friends belong to so this should not present a problem.

### Morning drop off

A member of staff will be on the playground from 8.50am and children can then go to their class lines. All classes will be led into school by their teacher or teaching assistant at 8.55am. Just to remind parents that until 8.50am children are their responsibility.

Whilst mentioning the playground there was an incident involving one of our Infant School children riding a scooter on the Junior School playground, whilst waiting for a sibling. Scooters must not be ridden on either school playground, they are busy and accidents will and have happened. Please make sure scooters are not used on school grounds. Thank you.

## Celebrations Assembly

This will take place **Monday 6th February** starting at 9.15 a.m. Please bring any trophies, medals and certificates to your class teacher and make sure that each item is labelled with your **child's name and class**. Frequently the same medals are awarded to children **so please** make sure these too are clearly labelled with a sticker, on the back. All awards must be brought into school by **3.00 p.m. on Thursday 2nd February**. If your child wishes to perform and their coach or tutor is willing to say anything about the activities in which your child is involved, then please let Mrs Wreglesworth know. If younger siblings attend Celebrations Assembly please appreciate that the event can be prolonged, depending on the number of awards to be given out, and we would ask that they remain as quiet as possible.

## P.E. Kits

The year groups are reviewing the PE kit needs of the children, within the year group to support parents in buying plimsolls and trainers at the right time, being aware of how quickly children's feet grow. The Autumn Term was particularly warm and dry in which case trainers were not needed as much as expected. In the current economic climate we are aware that no one can afford to buy kit that is not being worn.

## A request

Foundation children are desperately in need of scrap paper for drawing etc. Should you have any connections with companies who may be off loading old computer paper etc. it would be gratefully received. A recent donation was ideal, thank you. Also, Foundation 1 are looking for voile. Should anyone have any contacts with soft furnishing shops with end of roll off cuts, again, we would very much appreciate contributions.



## Absences

There are some unpleasant viruses causing a range of flu symptoms such as high temperature, sore throats, sickness and tiredness. Please air on the side of caution if you have any concerns.

## Olympics 2012

As the school prepares for the Olympic Games, which will form a large part of our second half, Summer Term topic, we would like to invite children to take part in a competition. With this letter you will find a competition form, asking your child to design and name a 'Bedgrove Mascot' like 'Mandeville', the official Olympic Mascot. We have a small sample picture of Mandeville on the sheet but if you Google him, you will be able to look at other images.

We are asking for an entry fee of 50p to cover the cost of a cuddly Mandeville prize for the overall winners, one in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), with runner up prizes for a child in each year group. The winning design will be submitted to a Sculptor who is coming to the school in the Summer Term. Kevin Harrison is a long standing colleague of the school and has made things like totem poles, the story chair and the mural on the front entrance of the main school building, with the children. He will be coming again this year to make a large mural in our main school hall and this will include a wooden representation of the Bedgrove Mascot. There will be additional forms on the website should you wish to print them off and make more than one entry.

## Open Mornings

**(Not applicable to Nursery (F1) as parents do have the opportunity to stay in for 20 minutes at the start of every daily session and we do not want to unsettle these much younger children by having parents in for extended sessions)**

Please read the enclosed letter explaining our Open Mornings, due in March. We are inviting parents into school to see their child experiencing a typical morning in class, so that you can see for yourself how the core curriculum is taught. Please complete the forms as soon as possible and return to the class teacher. We would appreciate your support with this as it is a new event and will no doubt have 'teething problems'. There are a lot of potentially interested parents to consider in a school of this size. Thank you.

## Sincere congratulations

Heart felt congratulations go to Mr David Mitchener and his wife Justine who are now very proud parents of a baby girl born on Monday 16th January. The baby's name is Hebe and she was 7lb 2oz. Both mother and baby are fine and dad, extremely excited!



## Dates for Spring Term 2012

Tuesday 24th January	'Drop In and Discuss' Morning 8.00am—8.30am
Tuesday 24th January	PTA Coffee Morning 9.00am
Friday 3rd February	PTA School Uniform Shop—AM
Monday 6th February	Celebrations Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 7th February	Parents Evening (Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2) 3.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 8th February	Parents Evening (Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2) 3.00pm-8.00pm
Thursday 9th February	PTA Hot Dog Day
Friday 10th February	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00pm FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 20th February	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SECOND HALF TERM AT 8.55am</b>
Wednesday 22nd February	PTA School Uniform Shop—PM
Thursday 23rd February	PTA Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm
Friday 2nd March	PTA School Uniform Shop—AM
Friday 2nd March	PTA Adult Evening
Sunday 11th March	PTA Indoor Car Boot Sale
Monday 12th March	'Drop In and Discuss' Afternoon 3.00pm—4.00pm
Tuesday 13th March	'Drop In and Discuss' Morning 8.00—8.30am
Friday 16th March	PTA Mufti Day (Anything related to Easter)
Monday 19th March	Open Morning for Parents 9.10am—11.45am
Tuesday 20th March	Open Morning for Parents 9.10am—11.45am
Wednesday 21st March	Open Morning for Parents 9.10am—11.45am
Wednesday 21st March	PTA School Uniform Shop—PM
Friday 23rd March	PTA Easter Bingo 6.00pm—8.00pm
Monday 26th March	PTA Mini Marathon
Wednesday 28th March	PTA Bags 2 School— Collection
Thursday 29th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 29th March	PTA Pizza Day
Friday 30th March	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 16th April	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 17th April	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS AT 8.55am FOR THE SUMMER TERM</b>

Date of next newsletter Monday 6th February 2012