



## Newsletter March 2018

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*'Living God's Love, together we flourish'*

### A message from our Senior Leadership Team:

This term has, so far, been a busy one with all sorts of things happening at school. The children are immersed in their learning and have been producing some wonderful pieces of writing and really developing their problem solving skills and reasoning in Maths.

There have been a number of sporting events which we have attended, and our children have performed brilliantly. We entered our first Bedfordia event, with our Cross Country Club - Many, many thanks to Miss Wintle, Mr Roderick, Mrs Oakhill, Mrs Cook and Tristan Cook for their efforts with the club. It has been brilliant and very muddy! Some children have played Badminton at Bunyan Sports Centre, tackled the opposition in Tag Rugby, led by Miss Harber and Mr Beacon. 30 Year 5 children have been trained as sports leaders to work alongside our Sports Ambassadors. They have already led Foundation Stage in different activities and will be running more sessions in the near future for other year groups.

Most classes have now been on an external sports festival trip, if your child's class hasn't yet been to a festival, they will be going in the coming months.

Our afterschool and lunchtime clubs have been well supported and many children have had the chance to take part in something. If your child has not yet attended one of our free clubs - please look out for the next letter and get them signed up!

We have also had a visiting artist in to work with Year 4 and hope to have Mr McGregor from Bedford Modern in later in the year to do some clay work again. Our music teachers continue to be very busy, we have a super number of children who have extra music lessons and are learning to play an instrument. If your child is interested in taking up an instrument, let us know and we will put you in touch with the music teachers to find out more.

Foundation Stage have had a great 'Fish, Chips and Knickers' Day which was great fun and saw the children becoming keen biologists - finding out all about fish and their innards! Before cooking the fish and trying a whole range of species.

E-safety week was hugely successful, we had an excellent session from Jennifer from NEOTAS who taught the children about social media, how to enjoy these things but keep themselves safe from harm at the same time. This was a valuable session, which gave children clear information and also an opportunity to ask questions. Our thanks to Jennifer and her team who gave her the opportunity to come into school. Mr Roderick has done a lovely display in the foyer and we hope to offer parents an E-Safety evening in the future.

Year 5 have had a super first 6 months, they are working really very hard and have made great progress. They are a lovely year group who have good partnerships and work well as a team. We are seeing the children mature and become more able to deal with friendship issues and social concerns independently. Staff are always on hand to support children and as parents, you are always welcome to make contact with teachers to discuss any concerns you may have. A list of methods of communication has been included in this newsletter.

Thankyou. Mrs Morrall, Mrs Hall and Mrs Lee.

## !! Parent Consultations IMPORTANT !!

Consultations are coming up soon. Tuesday 20th 3:45 - 6:30pm. Wednesday 21st 1:30 - 4pm and Thursday 22nd 3:45 - 6:30pm.

We are going to be using our online payment system 'Tucasi' to take the bookings for slots.

When you log on to Tucasi ([www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)) you will see a tab at the top 'Parents' Evening' Click on this and a selection of slots will be available. The system will show you which slots are available and which have already been booked.

The system will go live on TUESDAY 6TH MARCH at 3:30pm. If you have not yet registered for Tucasi - you will need to do this first. Please speak to Mrs Mulholland if you have any problems, she is very happy to assist you . Thank you.

## *PTFA Events*



### MOTHERS' DAY

Many thanks to our PTFA volunteers who are hard a work this week doing TOP SECRET Mothers' Day things... It is wonderful to see so many parents willing to give their time to help our children with something so special - THANKYOU ALL!

### SCHOOL DISCO

There is a Sparkle Disco coming up soon - Thursday 15th March

Year 1 and 2 3:45pm - 4:30pm (Children will stay with teachers from 3:30 - 3:45)

Year 3, 4, and 5 4:45pm - 5:30pm

The price for a disco ticket is £1.50 (including a drink and a biscuit)



A letter will be coming home soon, please send the reply slip and £1.50 back as soon as possible for catering purposes.



### EASTER BONNET PARADE

As part of the Easter Week Celebrations at school, we are having our usual Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 29th March. Please send children to school wearing their Easter creations on the morning of the 29th. You are all welcome to stay for the parade (It will be on the field - and we will open the green gates in the car park for access) The children will be out straight after registration. Our PTFA will be serving drinks and pastries in the hall before and after the parade.

## School Uniform

Please can we remind you about the following:

Shoes need to be black and suitable for school - boots are acceptable in the winter, but they must be black and plain. Ballet pumps / plimsolls are NOT suitable footwear for children to wear in the winter.

Tights: Please do not send your child to school in patterned brightly coloured tights.

Hair bands - Please make sure that long hair is tied up and that hair bands / scrunchies etc are small, plain coloured and not overly decorative. Hair bans with flowers / large bows and glitter / sequins are NOT allowed in school.

Earrings: Children are allowed to wear earrings - they must be small, plain studs. Children also need to be able to remove their earrings for PE - or you need to send some plasters / tape to cover them up if they cannot be removed. Staff are not permitted to remove children's earrings.

Watches: Children are allowed to wear a watch to school. They need to be small, plain and easily hidden under a jumper. Smart watches - e.g. Apple watches are not permitted. If your child wears a fitbit to school, (some Y5 children) please be aware that we take no responsibility for items that are damaged or lost at school.

Please make sure your child is well prepared for the weather. We only stay inside for PE when the weather is truly bad enough not to be outside (E.g. last week) Please make sure your child has set of outdoor kit at all times.

Tracksuits must be navy blue / black - or items from the Price and Buckland Uniform can be worn (Fleeces, tracksuits tops/ bottoms / extra school jumper) We appreciate that getting white trainers is not always easy, we would prefer trainers to be as white as possible, failing this, please get a pair which are plain in colour and not brightly coloured .

Thank you for helping us with this.

Uniform can be ordered online from : [www.price-buckland.co.uk](http://www.price-buckland.co.uk)

## School Dinners for the Summer Term 2018

Dinners are £2.15 a day

Summer Term 1st HT 28 days at £2.15 = £60.20

Summer Term 2nd HT -35 days at £2.15 = £75.25

Whole Term = £135.45

1st HT Fridays only 6 days at £2.15 = £12.90

2nd HT Fridays only 7 days at £2.15 = £15.05

Whole Term Fridays only 13 days at £2.15 = £27.95



## **Dates for your diary**

**6.3.18 Vision Screening EYFS**

**9.3.18 NO GOLDEN ASSEMBLY (Birthdays will be celebrated next time)**

**12.3.18 Book Swap after school (postponed from Book Day due to weather)**

**15.3.18 Year 5 Puberty and Hygiene sessions (School Nurse led - Information to follow)**

**15.3.18 School Discos (Y1/2 3:45 - 4:30, y3/4/5 4:45 - 5:30)**

**19.3.18 - Easter Barn visit - Year 4 Visit 1**

**19.3.18 - Girls Netball @ Lincroft**

**20.3.18 Consultations 3:45-6:30pm**

**21.3.18 Consultations 1:30 - 4pm**

**22.3.18 Consultations 3:45 - 6:30pm**

**22.3.18 - Easter Barn visit - Year 4 Visit 2**

**26th - 29th March - Holy Week (Including Drama club perf. TBA)**

**29.3.18 9:10am Easter Bonnet Parade**

**29.3.18 BREAK UP FOR EASTER**

**16.4.18 TRAINING DAY - STAFF ONLY PLEASE**

**17.4.18 Children back to school**

**7.5.18 - BANK HOLIDAY**

**w/b 28.5.18 HALF TERM**

**8.6.18 SPORTS DAY**

**15.6.18 4pm Miss Barber's Dance Club performance**

**25.6.18 Reports come home**

**26th / 27th / 28th June Consultations**

**4th July 2018 - SCHOOL PROMS (date change)**

**9TH / 10TH / 11TH Transfer Days (11th 3:30 - 4:30 Meet the Teacher events)**

**20.7.18 BREAK UP FOR SUMMER**

