

Message from Mrs Bridges

It has a been and busy and exciting term in school for the children with many fun and enjoyable learning opportunities. As ever the children continue to rise to the expectations of the staff, producing some wonderful work. We look forward to sharing this with you at parents evening next half term, on 5th and 6th March.

I am so proud of our children here at Bedford Drive they are such a credit to you all.

It has certainly been a wet and windy end to the half term! I know we are all looking forward to some better weather and lighter evenings as spring arrives.

We look forward to welcoming our children and families back on Tuesday 27th February.

I hope you all enjoy the well deserved break.

Appointment of New Headteacher

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Laura Horton as new Headteacher of Bedford Drive Primary School.

Mrs Horton is currently Assistant Headteacher at St Georges Primary School, Wallasey. She is an experienced, well respected and highly valued member of staff. We are sure Mrs Horton will lead the team in building upon the current successes of Bedford Drive.

Mrs Horton will start her new role on Monday 15th April 2024.

On Monday 12th February we held a 'Keeping up with the Kids' e-safety meeting for parents and carers. It was a great session that gave tips and advice on how to keep children and young people safe online including applications, settings and restrictions to use at home on all mobile and PC devices.

The handouts from this presentation have been sent out on ParentMail.



To celebrate the Year of the Dragon our KS1 children had a lovely time listening to a story about the origin of Chinese New Year.
They even had the chance to dress up in traditional Chinese clothing and wear the lion headdress used at

festivals.

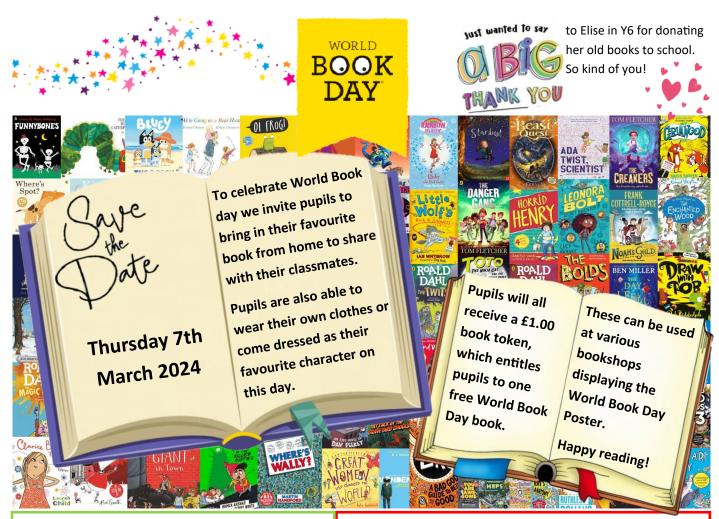




Bedford Drive has signed up to become a hedgehog friendly school so we will be carrying out some special work to gain our accreditation.

Hedgehogs are Britain's most iconic and best-loved mammal but are vulnerable to extinction. We are hoping with your help to make big changes for hedgehogs.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS • NEW

Reverand Eunice & Libby from Christ Church in Higher Bebington came to see us this week. They taught KS1 all about Lent and the children thought about what they might give up during this time. Mr Fisher showed us how to flip a pancake when we discussed Shrove Tuesday! We really enjoy our visits from the church.

Year 4 are looking forward to their trip to the church next term. They will be taking part in an Easter Experience.

We believe all learners achieve their full potential when parents are included and involved in their education. Here at Bedford Drive we are looking for parent/carer volunteers who would like to play a part in creating a Parent Advocate Group.

If you are interested please complete the form on ParentMail by Monday 26th February.





This week we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week 2024. The theme has been

'My Voice Matters' which has been a great way to continue to develop our children's oracy and character strengths. Pupils have enjoyed a whole school assembly, activities and have ended with a 'Dress to Express' day to share their unique characters. Thank you for all donations to the fantastic charity, Place2Be.





This term we have been continuing on our new journey to Implement my happy mind focusing on the 'Character Strengths' module where the pupils have reflected on their strengths that are already strong and how they can strengthen others. We would also like to congratulate our newly appointed Happiness Heroes who have been supporting their classes.

Should I keep my

child off school?



	Until	
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over	
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode	
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.	
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics	
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared	
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started	
Scabies	they've had their first treatment	
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics	

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but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://grco.de/minfec.





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If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 3 on or before the 31st August 2024 and would like to apply for a place in our Foundation 1 Class please pick up an application form from the school office.

Do you know we can offer full-time places? To check if you are eligible for full-time hours please visit childcarechoices.gov.uk and fill out a short questionnaire.

We kindly request that all applications are in by Thursday 28th March 2024 so we can begin the admissions process.

Friday 16th February—school closes for pupils

MONDAY 19TH TO FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY— HALF-TERM

Monday 26th February—INSET Day

Tuesday 27th February—school re-opens for pupils

Thursday 28th March—school closes

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH TO FRIDAY 12TH APRIL—HALF-TERM

Monday 15th April—school re-opens for pupils





Group	% Attend
F1CW	89
F2LH	93.5
F2EW	92.8
1JS	96.6
1CS	94
2RS	94.5
2MD	93.1
3LS	96.4
3FP	93.3
4RS	90.8
4CG	89.9
5MC	90
5JG	95.6
6SL	92
6CS	91.7
Totals	92.9

