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Newsletter 11 – Summer Term

2nd July 2021

A message from the head.....

Firstly, I would like to thank the families who have supported the children that are self-isolating at home this week. The support the children have had at home has been amazing and the quality of the work produced has been excellent. If you need further support at home please get in touch with your child's class teacher, Emma our family support worker or Mrs Preece our SENDCo.

This week it was sports day for Nursery & Reception and it was so lovely to see them taking part and enjoying themselves. The year 1 & 2 sports day has been postponed to Thursday 15th July.

And finally a reminder that on the last day of term – Thursday 22nd July – all children need to be collected by 1.30pm. There are no Afternoon Clubs or After School Clubs on that day.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Please join me in welcoming Jacob, Morire & Keelan who joined us this week in Year 1.



COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Since March 2020 we have been using a system called Capita In Touch to communicate with parents via email.

In February, In Touch was acquired by new independent owners and are no longer part of Capita.

As a result, from 1st July 2021 parents will receive school emails from 8223024@simms-communications.co.uk. We recommend that parents add this email address to their Safe Senders list to ensure the continuation of communication from the school.

MAKING PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

The system you use to make payments to school and book your child's school lunches is changing names. From 26th July SIMS Pay will be known as Pay360 Education Payments.

- The way you make payments will remain the same - you'll just notice a different logo (Pay360 by Capita) on the log in page and in the portal.*

This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under

[parents/letters home/2020-21](#)

Autumn Lunch Menu

Covid Cases at school

Y6 Leavers' events

Class Photos

e-Scooter (from Beds Police)

Y2 – End of Universal Free

School Meals

REC – Fabulous Finish

arrangements

Y4 – Grafham Info pack

REMINDERS

Moving House?

Don't forget to notify the school office if you move house, we will need this to ensure Home Learning packs are delivered correctly should the need arise.

We also need any new telephone numbers for emergency contacts.

Medication in School

Any medication kept in school must be collected from the classroom teacher on the last day of term.

Any uncollected medication will be disposed of.

Covid test results

Please can all test results both positive and negative be sent to COVID@gdps.uk as soon as you receive them. Many thanks

- The link to log in will be updated to pay360educationpayments.com.
- When you make a payment, you'll notice the details on your card statement will show as 'Pay360*Great Denham (rather than 'Capita*Great Denham).
- We would recommend that you add the new email address noreply@pay360educationpayments.com to your contacts/safe senders list to ensure the emails are not marked as spam.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Art Competition

Key Stage 2 took part in the annual Art Competition this term which is sponsored by the Bedford Rotary Club.

This year's winners are :

1st place - Laila

2nd place - Luka

3rd place - Aydin and Micah



Vaccinations available for everyone aged 18 and over (both doses)

First dose vaccinations available for those aged 18 and over – getting vaccinated is the best way to protect ourselves, our families and will help us get back to doing the things we love. The second doses are now being given 8 weeks after the first dose, and are critical for long term protection against the delta variant. First and second dose appointments can be booked [online](#) or by calling 119. Slots are available at Bedford Heights and several local pharmacies. Details of the latest walk-in sessions (no appointment needed) are available [here](#).

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 12th July** – Reports sent to parents
- **POSTPONED until SEPT Mon 12th – Tue 13th July** – Rec & Y1 – Hearing tests
- **Tue 13th July** – Transition picnic lunch
- **RESCHEDULED Thu 15th July** – Year 1 Sports Day
- **Wed 21st July** – Year 6 Leavers' Celebration (children only)
- **Thu 22nd July** – 9.00am – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- **Thu 22nd July** – Last day of term

ALL CHILDREN COLLECTED BY 1.30PM

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- **Tue 7th Sept** – Year 1-6 return to school

Nursery and Reception children have been given their start dates separately

Our attendance winner this week is Andromeda with 99.3%.



After School Club Worker

We are recruiting for a new member of staff for After School Club to start in September.

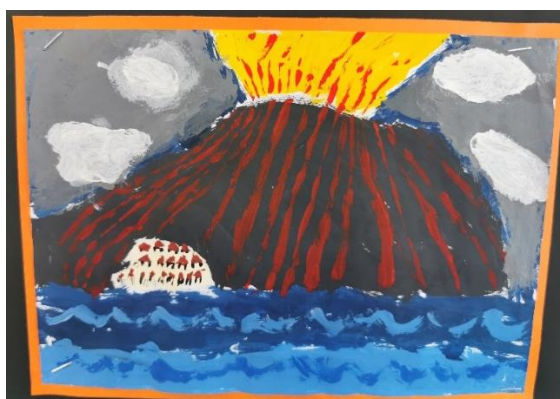
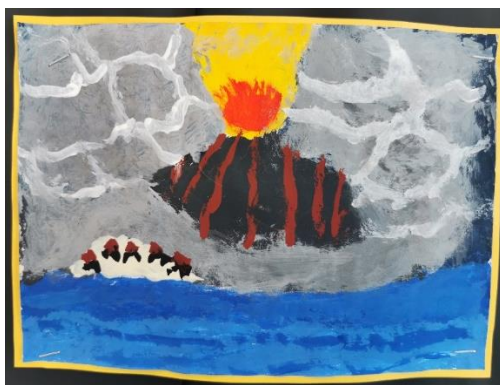
Monday - Thursday 3.00-5:30pm

Further details of the vacancy is on our [school website](#)

YEAR 4 UPDATE

Year 4 have had an explosive return after the half term break, as we have been exploring volcanoes in depth! We now understand how volcanoes occur and where they are located. We are quite the experts now!

We have focused specifically on Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii and the famous eruption in 79AD, reading the beautiful 'Escape from Pompeii'. In Art, we have been looking at the illustrations used within the text and developed the skill of layering when using acrylic paint. What a wonderfully talented bunch of artists we have!



Stars of the week

Little Stars: Freya

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Kieran, Tucana – Gerasim, Orion – Zack, Aquila – Aleya, Pavo – Isla, Cygnus – Zoe, Volans – Luke, Delphinus – Cleusia, Serpens – Poppy, Andromeda – Tyler, Pegasus – Aaima, Perseus – Alice, Auriga – Anayah, Vela – Aamani, Lyra – George, Lacerta – William, Circinus – Courtney, Phoenix – Olly.



Values:

Cassiopeia – Bella, Tucana – Indiana, Orion – Parker, Aquila – Morire, Pavo – Cairo, Cygnus – Paloma, Volans – Anna, Delphinus – Marwa, Serpens – Joey, Andromeda – Raihan, Pegasus – Ismail, Perseus – Amy, Auriga – Kiann-Marie, Vela – Niamh, Lyra – Hamza, Lacerta – Marco, Circinus – Cansu, Phoenix – Zayaan.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Nursery – Roxy

Reception – Leo, Madeleine & Jaxon

Year 1 – Freya & Sebastian

Year 2 – Eleni & Eloise

Year 3 – Thabile & Ethan

Year 4 – Saheim & Sabil

Year 5 – Ethan

Year 6 – Amari

Sports Update

Reception

We were blown away by the tremendous amount of determination shown by the children during sports day. They competed in their family teams to win as many points as they could whilst running, throwing and jumping. The standard was very impressive and the events were enjoyed by all. Well done to all of the children, you really are all stars!

Congratulations to our winners - Ventus, 2nd Terra, Joint 3rd Aqua & Ignis.



Nursery

Our nursery children also took part in their very own sports day too. They all joined in with 5 activities which included some more traditional events; teddy bears picnic, egg and spoon race, sack race, throw a bean bag and an obstacle course. They all tried so hard and it was the highlight of our day to see their effort and enjoyment. Well done Little stars!

Upcoming events

Year 1 and 2 sports days - Thursday 15th July

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

PLAYERS WANTED U9 Girls

Our U9 Girls are looking for new players for next season.

If your child will be in School Year 3 or 4 in September and is interested in joining please contact:

Jody Woodfield
07979 817598





With over 80 activities, including team building, sports, arts and crafts, water fun and specialist sessions, they'll have an amazing time, whatever their interests.

Our activities are tailored to the developmental stage of each age group so your child will get the most out of each session. With places booking up fast, you won't want to miss out. If you've not secured your place already, book now!

You can find more information on our website <https://www.barracudas.co.uk/> or give us a call on 01480 467567!

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An exciting range of summer holiday child care activities **for children eligible for income related free school meals** and dedicated sessions **for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities.**

Booking is essential and Free School Meal eligibility will be checked for specific opportunities.

Visit the Bedford Local Offer website for more information:

[**https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/HAFSummer21**](https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/HAFSummer21)

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**Get in touch to book a place for
your young explorer**

By post:

PO Box 1591, Bedford MK42 5DT

By email:

info@countrydays.net

By telephone:

07599336532 / 07938267057

Visit our website:

www.countrydays.net



The Leys Nature Reserve, Pavenham
Road, Felmersham Beds MK43 7EX



Summer Courses 2021

Monday 9th August- 1 day course

Course 1:

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th
August

Course 2:

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th August



*We must teach our children
To smell the earth
To taste the rain
To touch the wind
To see things grow
To hear sun rise and night fall
To care*

Course Programme
Easter & Summer 2021

Country Days is an educational charity
providing outdoor learning in a beautiful
6 acre nature reserve for young people
aged 7-11 in Bedfordshire.



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information about our sponsors.
We are so grateful for their
ongoing support.**

Registered Charity Number 1181833



- Places cost £15 for each two day course.
- If you sign up for two courses, the price is discounted to £25 total.
- £10 for 1 day course Monday 9th August
- Free places for those on free school meals or pupil premium.

Activities

Summer Courses

Monday 9th August- 1 day course
Activities include:

- Sport/den building
- Pond dipping
- Art

Course 1: *Surviving in the Wild*
Activities include:

- Obstacle Courses
- Orienteering
- Adventure challenges
- Bushcraft

Course 2: *Stories of Nature*
Activities include:

- Botany
- Performing Arts
- Storytelling
- Creative Writing

**Visit our website for more
information about all the courses**

Intensive Interaction Parent Workshop

Peter Pan Teaching School Alliance is pleased to offer parents the opportunity to attend a two part free workshop introducing the Intensive Interaction approach.

This workshop will enable you to develop practical techniques to support your child's social communication, emotional development and well-being.

Led by Dr Julie Calveley, PhD, Registered Nurse Learning Disabilities, BSc(Hons) Psychology,
Intensive Interaction Institute Coordinator Course Tutor
and
Anna Cauvin, parent and Team Member at the
Intensive Interaction Institute

the workshops will take place via Zoom on:

**Tuesday 6th July 2021 and
Monday 19th July 2021
1.00pm to 3.00pm**

Each workshop will have a different focus so please attend both

To book please go to

<https://www.peterpanteachingschoolalliance.co.uk/bookonline>

If you require any further information please email
teachingschool@bedfordnurseryschools.com

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contact point

Tel: 0300 555 0606

Email: ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

The Health HUB is a single contact number and email address for our 0-19 school nursing and health visiting teams across Bedfordshire and Luton, with our Community Paediatrics teams and Looked after Children teams keeping their email addresses but moving over to our single contact number. We are aware that this change has affected some more than others but hope that over time all service users and partners/organisations that use the Health HUB will become used to this new way of contacting us.

Since the launch on 1 June 2021 we are averaging around 250 calls per day, and 200 emails per day. Our call centre is manned by four call handlers everyday who take your calls, with our busiest time of the day between 9am and 11am for the phone line.

If you have any suggestions or feedback about that Health HUB that you would like to share with us – please email us: ccs.childrenscommunityhealthhub@nhs.net