



A message from the Head...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term! I do hope you had a lovely and restful break. The children are enjoying being back in school enjoying this wonderful weather!

On Wednesday, I was fortunate to spend the day and evening at Grafham Water with many of our Year 4 children, it was an absolute pleasure to be with them and watch them show such courage and determination with the activities! A huge thank you to Mrs Plant for organising such a fantastic trip. We are currently in the process of organising the same residential for our current year 3 children (April 2023) and our current year 2 children (April 2024) – we do hope you will consider this amazing opportunity for your child, if you have any questions about it please do attend the meeting next week or get in touch with me.

Please remember that now the summer term is here, children should be in their summer uniform which is polo shirts or summer dresses. This means they no longer need to wear a shirt and tie.

This week we welcome two new members of staff, Mrs Pope (teaching assistant, year 4) and Miss Burroughs (Andromeda class teacher). As well as this, a warm welcome to Hudson (Vela class), Harriet (Delphinus class) and Willamena (Little stars).

Denise Burgess
Headteacher

Online Safety

National Online Safety this week:

What parents need to know about adverts on social media (see poster attached to email).

As the volume of advertising we're exposed to has mushroomed in recent times, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has some top tips for helping young people identify less obvious adverts on social media.

If you haven't signed up to National Online Safety already, please take advantage of this brilliant resource by following the link [HERE](#)

This week's letters home

Reception to Yr6 – SRE at Great Denham

Year 5/6 – Rainforest letter

Year 5/6 selected - Ramadan fasting

Year 2/3 - Grafham meeting

Year 5/6 girls - Cricket

Year 5/6 boys - Cricket

Year 5 - Multisports festival

Communications Survey

Thank you very much to everyone who took the time to fill in our communications survey before the Easter break. We will take all of your feedback in to consideration to help form our processes and make them work better for you all moving forward.

Diary Dates

Monday 25th April - Year 2 local walk

**Thursday 28th April - Reception writing workshop
4:30pm**

**Thursday 29th April - Reception writing workshop
9am**

Thursday 29th - Reception swimming (Orion)

YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 2

Year 2 are back and ready to learn all about London! We came in to the classroom and were met by a rodent rat that came with a letter. He explained that no one is coming to visit London anymore because of Covid and that he wants our help to try and get more people back to the capital.

He then explained that in order for us to learn about London we must step back in time to 1666. We looked at what London was like 400 years ago, the jobs people had and the houses they lived in. We were then tasked with building our own Tudor houses. After this, we went in to our class bakeries on Pudding Lane and we made bread using an old recipe. We finished the week off by learning about how London was burnt to the ground and we re-created this together and burnt down our Tudor houses we made!

It was pretty amazing to see the houses burning and feel the hot fire, this is what real learning is all about!



SPORTS UPDATE

Next week's Sports Events

Monday 25th April

Year 5 Lyra
Multi-sports festival
9:45am-11:45am
Biddenham

Tuesday 26th April

Year 5 Vela
Multi-sports festival
9:45am-11:45am
Castle Newnham

Tuesday 26th April

Year 5&6
Cricket league match
3:30pm-5:30pm
Westfield

Wednesday 27th April

Year 4&5
Netball training
3:15pm-4:15pm
Great Denham

Thursday 28th April

Year 6
Rouder's league match
3:30pm-5:30pm
Livingstone

Thursday 28th April

Year 4&5
Football training
3:15pm-4:15pm

Year 4 – Grafham Water Fun



Awareness days and religious festivals

Saint George's Day – Saturday 23rd April 2022

Ramadan – Friday 1st April to Sunday 1st May

Covid Update

Please take note of the latest government guidance for children at school:

My child has symptoms of a respiratory infection should they be in school?

Children or adults with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

Children or adults who are unwell and have a [high temperature](#) should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- *a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste*
- *shortness of breath*
- *feeling tired or exhausted*
- *an aching body*
- *a headache*
- *a sore throat*
- *a blocked or runny nose*
- *loss of appetite*
- *diarrhoea*
- *feeling sick or being sick*

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

My child has had a positive COVID-19 test result what should we do?

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people **for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can**. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Please note, we no longer expect parents to provide evidence of a negative test result before returning to school.



Our 10 Year Anniversary – 9th September 2022

We are letting you know now to give you plenty of time to make alternative arrangements. This date marks the 10-year anniversary of our school being open and we will be hosting celebrations for ex pupils and staff on the afternoon that day. The children in school will enjoy celebrations in the morning as well. If you have older children who attended GDPS please share the flyer with them and ask them to put the date in their diary - we would love to see them and show them how the school has changed over the years as well as share memories with them!



Autism
BEDFORDSHIRE

Parent/ Carer Workshop

The First Steps to Supporting an Autistic Individual, and those Pursuing a Diagnosis

Monday 16th May 2022 | 6:30pm - 9pm

£5 per person

This will be a relaxed session, specifically for parents and carers of children who are undiagnosed, newly diagnosed, or going through the diagnostic process. The session will consist of a talk on Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), an opportunity to hear from and share with other parents and carers, and gain information about local support and services.

LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE

To book:

- ☎ 01234 214871
- ✉ enquiries@autismbeds.org

zoom
Online training

The training will be online, using Zoom. Once booked on, we will provide you with the details to join.

The poster features a yellow background with a green and red circular graphic on the right side containing photos of children. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.



Parent/ Carer Workshop

Sensory Processing & Autism

Thursday 5th May 2022 | 9:30am - 12:30pm

£15 AB Members / £20 Non-AB Members

This workshop provides you with the opportunity to explore and understand:

- The impact of sensory processing differences on the lives of autistic individuals
- Resources and strategies to support health and wellbeing where there are sensory challenges
- When to ask for professional input

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LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



Football Development Centre
Bays Sporting Facilities
Mark Rutherford School - MK41 8PX
by 4 Corner Coaching



Individual skills



UEFA coaches



Team play

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches who supplement your own club sessions.

Developing - Technical skills - Physical skills - Psychological skills - Social skills

Start Back Date - Wednesday 27th April 2022

£4 per session – 11 week block of Development

Times/ages: 5-6pm = 5 - 9 years & 6-7pm = 10 - 14 years

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding
BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact: Mark – 07419764033 – mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk
www.4cornercoaching.co.uk



FOOTBALL

TRAILS FOR 2022/23

DATE: 18TH MAY 2022 TIME: 6:00PM WHERE: ADDISON PARK, KEMPSTON - ADDISON CENTRE END

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