

# Bedford Drive Primary School

February 2024



## Headteachers Newsletter

### Message from Mrs Bridges

It has been a 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.





# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

	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
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

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://qrco.de/minfec>.

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



## Foundation 1

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](http://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

Diary Dates

**HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM!**