

Bedfont Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October



Dear Parents/Carers

Wearing masks each day

Well, we are now half way to half term! The weeks are flying by. In the main, the children are very settled, and have readjusted to all of the new rules and routines in place. Protecting your children at this time continues to be at the front of our minds. Sadly, the COVID 19 virus is not showing any signs of disappearing – you will no doubt be aware that there has been an increase of cases in our local community. Therefore I am asking all parents, unless they are exempt, to **wear a mask or face covering** whenever they come to school either to drop off or collect. Please respect the fact that some people are unable to wear face masks. With infection rates rising locally, we must adjust our behaviours to keep us all safe.

Social distancing

It is so important that we continue to make sure we are doing everything that we can to keep everyone safe – the children, the staff and parents and visitors who come onto our school site. We really need parents to follow the rules that have been set up when bringing children to school and collecting them. Please remember to stay at least 1 metre apart from other parents and wait patiently and respectfully for your child to be dismissed.

Please where possible only one parent pre-family.

To the vast majority of our parents and carers who have been supportive, have respectfully followed the new routines, and have understood the challenges that we have been faced with, thank you.

Weather

The weather appears now seems to be changing and autumn is beginning. It is more important than ever that children come to school prepared. Please be sure that the children bring coats even on PE days. With this in mind, can I ask parents to try to arrive at their allotted time.

Drop-off and collection times

Nursery - Morning 8.30am - 11.30pm

Afternoon 12.30am - 3.30pm

Reception 8.45 - 9.15 to 2.45 - 3.15

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Year 1	8.40 - 9.00 - 3.00- 3.15	Year 4	8:50 – 3:05
Year 2	8.40 - 9.00 - 3.00- 3.15	Year 5	8:55 – 3:10
Year 3	8:45 – 3:00	Year 6	9:00 – 3:15

Parking and drop off

Can I please ask parents to be careful when dropping children off before school. Try not to stop in the middle of the road or in front of resident drives. I would also remind you that it is illegal to park on the zigzag lines near the zebra crossing. People have been fined before.

Healthy Lunchbox

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list.

School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then we've got you covered with our range of quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas.

[lunchbox ideas](#)

[Lunchbox Tips](#)

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Black History Month is a UK wide annual celebration of the contribution that black, African and Caribbean communities have made both on a local level and across the globe.

At Bedfont Primary School we strive to promote equality and celebrate diversity. We will have discussions with children about diversity within our community and the importance of respect for all members of society. Some of the resources which we will be using in school are linked below. We will discuss this topic in a supportive way, led by the children's questions and thoughts.

[Votesforschools Anti-Racism - KS2](#)

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[Votesforschools - KS1 Standing Up](#)

The lessons explore the impact of systemic racism. While these are serious themes, please rest assured we introduce students to them in an age-appropriate way.

While it may not be a subject that pupils have looked at in depth before, we believe it to be a necessary conversation. We hope that the topic will prompt interesting, insightful, and impassioned discussion.

Here are some links to other resources which we may use as part of our Black History Month celebration:

[Diverse Picturebooks](#) [BLM QR Codes](#)

Post-box competition

As part of the Black History Month celebrations the Royal Mail are painting four post-boxes black to honour inspirational Black British people.



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Believing is Achieving

We were inspired by this and thought you could create your own black post-box to honour a famous Black British person who inspires you. You could make the post-box out of a cardboard box or design it on paper.

On your post box you should include:

The name of the person who inspires you
Information about their life and achievements
The reasons why they are an inspiration to you.

Please bring your post-boxes into school by Friday 23rd October