

# Bedfont Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 25th September



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your support and sensible social distancing at the school gate this week. We are all aware of the new guidelines established by the government and I think it is important that we are as safe as possible around areas where we meet and congregate.

### **Mrs Smith Retirement**

Mrs Smith has worked at Bedfont School since 1995. She has had an enormous impact on the lives of hundreds of children and adults in our community. Nursing children with bumped knees and heads, putting an arm round a sad child, runny noses, splinters...the list is never ending. Mrs Smith has also been a tremendous support to parents and many have approached me to thank her for everything she has done. Finally, she has always been a friend and support to staff at Bedfont Primary School. Good luck

### **School Ping**

Please do follow school ping as we are regularly updating with important school information and we are also sharing useful

### **A cold, flu or Coronavirus BBC video**

Please follow the link below that will help you understand the difference between a cold, flu and covid-19. This is a really useful video to help you understand the different symptoms.

**<https://www.bedfontprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Cold%2C+Flu+or+Covid+19%3F&pid=367>**

### **Reception Class**

Reception classes have been at school each morning this week and will be full time from next week. This will mean that they can be dropped off between 8.45 and 9.15 and collected from 3pm to 3.15pm. In the morning if you arrive after 9.05am, you can walk up the drive however, in the afternoon all parents will need to follow the one way system through the KS2 playground and round the back of Marjory Kinnon School.

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### **Nursery Class**

Nursery has now started school. The morning session runs from 8.30 - 11.30am and the afternoon session starts at 12.30 to 3.30.

### **Using the field**

We are regularly using the field and although it has been a long wait it has been worth it.

### **Breakfast Club and After care**

#### Breakfast Club

Contact Number 07706 431859

Breakfast Club will be open from 7.30am – 8.50am to pupils from Reception to Year 6: Pupils must arrive by 8.15am. There will be no admittance after 8.15am. A booking form must be completed in advance and emailed to [office@bedfont.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@bedfont.hounslow.sch.uk) .Cost £4.50 per session. Breakfast of toast or cereal provided. Please pay on ParentPay in advance.

Breakfast Club will be held in the KS2 Hall. Please take your child to the main office where a staff member will be waiting.

EYFS/KS1 & KS2 will be kept in two separate groups. Parents must enter and exit through the main drive by 8.15am.

#### Aftercare

Contact Number 07706 431859 - 3.15pm – 5.45pm only

Aftercare will be open from 3.15pm – 5.45pm to pupils from Reception to Year 6: A booking form must be completed in advance and emailed to [office@bedfont.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@bedfont.hounslow.sch.uk) . Cost £8.00 per session. A warm snack will be provided. Please pay on ParentPay in advance.

Aftercare will be held in the KS2 Hall. Please collect your child from the KS2 Hall. EYFS/KS1 & KS2 will be kept in two separate groups. Please enter and exit through the main drive.

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### **PE kits to school**

Pupils should wear their PE kit to schools on PE days. We would recommend that children wear appropriate leisure clothing that is appropriate to the weather conditions.

### **Pufflings Pre-school**

I am very proud to say we have started to welcome back Pufflings, our two year old provision. To find out more go to the school website.

If you would like to enrol your child please download the registration form from our website and email it to [office@bedfont.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@bedfont.hounslow.sch.uk).

### **September 2021 applications for Reception and Year 7 school places open now**

If your child is starting primary school or moving up to Year 7 in September 2021, [the application process for places is now open.](#)

The deadline for applications to transfer to secondary school must be submitted by **31 October 2020.**

The deadline for applications for primary school is 15 January 2021.

The Schools Admissions Team will be able to offer advice and assistance by phone, on 020 8583 2721/2711 or by email [admissions@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hounslow.gov.uk)

For more information read our brochures for [primary](#) and [secondary](#) school applications or visit [www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions).

Thank you for another exciting week at school. We have settled fully in KS1 and KS2 to the business of learning and I could not be prouder of the hard work of all the children and staff.

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### **Acceptable behaviour**

We expect the highest standards of behaviour of all our children and that extends to our parents too. I think it is important that we remember that this is a primary school and our children see only the best of behaviour from all our community.

### **Community Police**

The community police officers were on the school gate after school last night. They will continue to make regular visits before and after school.

### **Reception Classes**

Our Reception children have had their first experiences at school and the staff were delighted to meet all the children. We are really excited about their first full days next week.

### **Reception Class first full day**

As these children are very young we will be allowing a single parent from each family to drop their child at the class gate on the school drive. These parents will then have to follow the one way system around the school. Unfortunately, we are expecting the weather to change so will not be using the field.

### **Raised infections in Hounslow**

Infection rates continue to rise in Hounslow. We continue to be vigilant in school. We have rigorous hand washing regimes and cleaning schedules across the school. We also continue to have year group bubbles so that we can minimise children and adults mixing.

We have had no confirmed cases in school this term as of yet and we continue to be cautious.

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), a high temperature, new and persistent cough or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), however mild, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptoms started. Or if they are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they should self-isolate for at least 10 days starting from the day the test was taken.

If your child is suffering with a cold or sore throat which is to be expected at this time of year we expect to see your child in school.

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### **School dinners**

Can I please encourage all the parents in Key Stage 1 to take advantage of our free school meals. The food is really tasty and nutritious and FREE. Please take advantage of this.

We are working hard to keep the price of school dinners as low as possible while making them as good as possible. They cost just £2.80 and are worth every penny.

### **School office**

Our school office is open and are happy to answer any calls or emails you send. Although Mrs Swasbrook, Mr Chandler and myself are at the gate, do try to call and make an appointment.

### **Parking**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off the children, both at the start and end of the day. We respectfully ask our parents and other family members to be mindful of private driveways, 'keep clear' and 'no parking' road markings. It is also important that we park safely in ways that do not restrict clear views of safe places to cross the

### **Mobile testing unit**

Please find below the details of the mobile testing unit that is running in Hounslow in the coming days. The national testing system is struggling to respond to demand and so extra mobile units have been arranged by the LA. If you or your child or any family member have COVID symptoms and have been advised to take a test please take the opportunity to book a slot in a mobile testing unit in the coming days.

Got coronavirus symptoms? Get tested now. There is a range of local testing options available to you, including a Mobile Testing Site with a mixture of walk-through and drive-through appointments

To ensure the safety of Syon Park & House staff and visitors, please remain in your vehicle/ the specific testing area whilst awaiting a test, and promptly leave the site once your test is completed. The MTU will be in the London Borough of Hounslow at Hanworth Road on the following days, so please continue to encourage Covid-19 testing;

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Monday 28th September (Hanworth Road)

(Registration opens for each testing day at 6pm the day before e.g. for Friday 25th September, registration opens on Thursday 24th September from 6pm).

You can find more information on the LBH website:

[https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20007/health\\_and\\_adult\\_social\\_care/2183/hounslow\\_mobile\\_testing\\_unit\\_mtu](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20007/health_and_adult_social_care/2183/hounslow_mobile_testing_unit_mtu)

NHS Test and Trace is an essential part of the Government's response to stopping the spread of coronavirus and to save lives. Get tested and do your bit to protect your friends and family.

### **Attendance**

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