



October 2023

The Kymbrook Key

Hello everyone

Time for another quick newsletter before we break up for the half term holiday. Thank you to all those parents and carers who made generous donations for our Harvest festival and all the visitors who came along to join in our celebrations. The staff at the Bedford Foodbank were extremely grateful for our donations. They have been in contact to tell us that our donations weighed 150kg, which is enough for about 357 meals! This is so brilliant from our little school. Thank you.

It was also excellent to have met so many of you this week at our Parent/teacher consultations.

I have spent some time over the last couple of weeks in our classrooms- it has been so lovely to see such excellent behaviour for learning and to see all of our pupils so actively engaged in their learning. Even our youngest pupils were able to brilliantly articulate to me what they were learning, which is fabulous to see. It is amazing to see the progress some pupils have made already in just a few short weeks - nowhere is this more obvious than in our Monkey class where I saw the joy of children learning letter sounds in their phonics lesson.

Most of the dates later in this newsletter have already been shared with you, but there are a few new ones, so please check you have all these in your calendars. Thank you.

We have recently received the following advice around Halloween and fireworks from Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue, which I wanted to share with you.

Finally, a quick thank you to one of our grandparents, Donna Spencer, who recently came into school to give staff an after school refresher in some key aspects of 1st aid- we very much appreciate your time. Thank you.

I wish you a happy half term, hope you get to spend some time together as families. See you back on Tuesday 31st October.

Mrs Smith



Recently, we have been deciding on some key roles for our oldest children. Every Y6 child is on a rota for extra responsibility jobs. They work with a friend and each week change job. These include supporting younger children in the hall with cutting up their lunch, leading the whole school Achievement assembly each Friday, writing the Lion class blog for the website and going over to Pre-school on a Wednesday to read a story.

In addition to this, the whole staff group decides on a Head Boy and Head Girl each year (selecting from children who would like the role). This year, I am delighted to announce that our Head Girl is **Lois** and our Head Boy is **Connor**. We know they will carry out their roles brilliantly.

Once Head Boy/Girl have been chosen, the Year 6 children can then decide if they would like to put themselves forward to be House Captain. We have had our house system for a few years now and when we initially decided to have houses, we choose names of veterans who had served at RAF Little Staughton during WWII as part of the Pathfinders Squadron. For many years, a group of them had an annual reunion and would always start off their weekend with a visit to Kymbrook for a special assembly. Our houses are named Jeffries (after Ron Jeffries), Stocker (after Ted Stocker- incidentally the only flight engineer to be awarded the DSO during the war) and Greenwood (after Joan Greenwood). Our fantastic Y6 children presented their little speeches to the rest of the children in their house and the children all voted. These are the results:

Jeffries: House Captain is **Ruby**. Deputy House Captain is **Aniah**.

Stocker: House Captain is **Freddie**. Deputy House Captain is **Cal**.

Greenwood: House Captain is **James**. Deputy House Captain is **Keira**.

Grace is taking on the role of Chairperson of the School Council.

There are three other pupils in Year 6, George, Harvey and Romeo, who are going to be selecting key roles in Safety Squad, Well-being club and as playground leaders.

Well done to everyone. And an extra big well done to those who put themselves forward but were not successful in the role they wanted. It takes a lot to put yourself out there, not knowing what the result could be. **WELL DONE!**

CHILDREN IN NEED- Friday 17th November

We would like to invite children to come to school in their PJs/comfy clothes to celebrate Children in Need this year for a suggested donation of £1. Children are welcome to bring slippers to wear in the classroom, but will need shoes for outdoors. They can also bring dressing gowns, but may also need a coat depending on the weather that day. Remember also that children in Y3-6 will have PE in the afternoon. They should bring PE kits to change into if what they are wearing is not suitable for PE (for example, very thick, warm onesies).

We would also love to have a cake sale at break time to raise further money for Children in Need. Your donations of small cakes for us to sell would be very much appreciated if you are able to provide any. Thank you. Cakes will be sold for 50p each.



BEDFORD MUSIC HUB

Bedford Music Hub are based at Castle Newnham School in Bedford and provide a wonderful range of musical activities for children in the local area. If you are thinking about whether your child could benefit from taking part in music and the piano and violin lessons offered in school are not quite what you are looking for, there are so many things on offer. One main feature of their provision is the Saturday morning music centre, but they also offer DJing, beat boxing and music technology classes. Truly something for everyone. I know of at least one of our pupils who goes on a Saturday morning and is loving his journey learning the guitar. If this seems like it could be for you, please take a look at their website bedfordmusichub.org.uk for lots of information.



BEDFORD MUSIC - HUB -

Weekly Activities

Is there something for you?

Tuesdays
Kids Chorus (Ages 7-11) 4:30pm
Bedford Town Band Academy 5pm

Wednesdays
Vocal Beats (Beatbox & Rap) 5pm
Digital Beats (DJing) 6pm
Creative Beats (Music Production) 6pm

Thursdays
Bedford Town Band Academy 5pm
Rock School (Ages 12-18) 6pm & 7:30pm
Rox Vox (Ages 11-18) 6:30pm

Fridays
Junior Strings 4:30pm
Intermediate Jazz 4:30pm
Intermediate Strings 5:15pm
North Beds Youth Choir 5:15pm
Junior & Intermediate Wind Band 5:45pm
North Beds Youth Chamber Orchestra 7pm

Saturdays
Music Centre - Ages 3-14 (9-12pm)
'Learn To Play' Brass/Strings/Ukulele/Guitar/Drums/Keyboards
Songwriting/Keyboards/iPads/Rock Band
String Group/Wind Band/Jazz Band/Choir
Early years music (Ages 3-6)

Sundays
Dhol Drumming
Beginner Dhols 5:30pm
Intermediate Dhols 6:30pm

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
	AUTUMN TERM
Friday 20th October	Break up for half term
Monday 30th October	INSET day for staff. No children.
Tuesday 31st October	Children back to school. Forest School starts back today for all children.
Wednesday 1st November	Faith Tour – an RE trip where the children in KS2 (Years 3-6) will visit three different places of worship in Queen's Park, Bedford.
Wednesday 8th November	A.M. Y1 and 2 children to a multi skills sports event at Lincroft.
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21st November	Vision check for children in Reception
Friday 1st December	9am -12pm Decoration Morning. Parents/carers, Grandparents etc. are warmly invited to join us to make decorations with the children. Afternoon- Children in Y5/6 will be going to the Village Hall to provide the entertainment for the Keysoe WI Christmas tea party.
Tuesday 5th December	Final Forest School for this term
Wednesday 6th December	3.20 to 4pm Workshare. You are welcome to join us to look at some of your child's work from this term and see what they have been busy doing!
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children School Christmas dinner
Monday 11th December	9.15 a.m. Music assembly- our violin and piano pupils will give us a short concert to mark the end of term. Parents/carers of those pupils welcome. 1.30 p.m. Key Stage 2 Christingle service at St. Mary's church, Keysoe. Parents/carers and families of children in Y3-6 are very welcome to join us.
Wednesday 13th December	a.m. End of term treat for the children- we will be visited once again by the wonderful Theatre of Widdershins
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas play performed by our younger children in Years R to 2. This will be in our school hall, with two performances at 2.15pm and 6pm. Further information to follow, but please save the date!
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 (Years 3-6) trip to the pantomime at Milton Keynes theatre Break up for the Christmas holidays.
	SPRING TERM
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	INSET day for staff. No children.
Thursday 4th January	Children back to school
	SUMMER TERM
w/b 13th May	A future date for the diaries of our Year 6 pupils - this week is SATs week