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Newsletter 13 – Summer Term

16th July 2021

A message from the head.....

It has been a busy week in school and it has been nice having nearly all our classes back - a huge well done to Vela and Volans who have been learning at home this week and have done a fabulous job.

This week most of our classes had their transition picnics which were enjoyed by everyone. It was lovely for the teachers and children to meet each other ahead of September.

I am sure you are aware that the guidelines change from Monday next week. As a school we will not be making any changes to our risk assessment for the last 4 days of term based on advice from our local public health team. Cases are still rising locally and therefore it seems silly to relax our risk assessment so close to the end of term. This means our staff will be continuing to wear masks on the doors next week, despite the government changes. Obviously we would like it if parents would consider continuing to wear a mask for the last 4 days but we understand that we cannot enforce this. We will also keep the one-way system in place during the last week of term. As well as this if any child or staff member tests positive next week we will continue to close bubbles down based on identifying close contacts. Thank you in advance for your support.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Breakfast & After School Club bookings will open next week until the end of term (see below) schedule. Bookings are made on www.scopay.com

CLUB	BOOKINGS OPEN	BOOKINGS CLOSED	BOOKINGS REOPEN
Breakfast Club	Monday 19 th July 3.30pm	Thursday 22 nd July 1.00pm	Thursday 2 nd September 10.00am
After School Club	Tuesday 20 th July 3.30pm	Thursday 22 nd July 1.00pm	Thursday 2 nd September 10.00am
Friday Afternoon Club			Monday 6 th September 9.00am

Invoices for Breakfast & After School Club are sent on (or near to) the 1st of the month and payable by 10th of each month.

Payments are made on [SIMS-PAY](#) or by Childcare Vouchers.

This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under

[parents/letters home/2020-21](#)

GDPS Leadership Team

Summer Reading Challenge

Y6 – iPad MDM removed

Y6 – Leavers' assembly update

Information regarding

returning to school in Sept 21

School Map Sept 21

Leadership team Sept 21

Clubs information sheet

REMINDERS

Lost Property

We have a large amount of unclaimed lost property. It will be on display outside the back of the school hall on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday next week. Any unclaimed items will be recycled or disposed of.

Medication in School

Any medication kept in school must be collected from the classroom teacher on the last day of term. Any uncollected medication will be disposed of.

Year 2 Sports Day

Wednesday 21st July

Our attendance winner this week is Cygnus with 100%.



Eid ul Adha

We would like to wish all our families celebrating Eid next week, Eid Mubarak.

Eid ul Adha will fall either on Tuesday 20th July or Wednesday 21st July 21. Children celebrating Eid will be permitted one day's authorised absence.



Year 1 Fabulous Finish

Year 1 & 2 took part in their fabulous finish this morning and welcomed special guests from around the school.



MAKING PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

The system you use to make payments to school and book your child's school lunches is changing names. From 26th July SIMS Pay will be known as Pay360 Education Payments.

- The way you make payments will remain the same - you'll just notice a different logo (Pay360 by Capita) on the log in page and in the portal.
- The link to log in will be updated to pay360educationpayments.com.
- When you make a payment, you'll notice the details on your card statement will show as 'Pay360*Great Denham (rather than 'Capita*Great Denham).
- We would recommend that you add the new email address noreply@pay360educationpayments.com to your contacts/safe senders list to ensure the emails are not marked as spam.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

DIARY DATES

- Tue 20th Jul – 8.00am – Y6 – Celebration Breakfast
- Wed 21st Jul – Y6 – Leavers Party
Lacerta - 4.40-7.30pm
Circinus - 5.10-7.45pm
Phoenix - 5.40-8.00pm
- Wed 21st Jul – Y2 – Sports Day
- Thu 22nd Jul – 9.00am – Y6 – Leavers Assembly
- Thu 22nd July – Last day of term

**ALL CHILDREN
COLLECTED BY 1.30PM**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- Tue 7th Sept – Year 1-6 return to school
- Nursery and Reception children have been given their start dates separately

**Our last celebration
assembly this year -
Reception**



YEAR 6 UPDATE

Year 6 have been enjoying their final few weeks of the term, despite some bubble closures along the way! Although we weren't able to go to Legoland, we had a fantastic end of year treat. We played volleyball, had a water fight, took pictures in our photobooth, watched films and Mrs HB even opened a cafe for the day! The children enjoyed lots of fancy cakes and cups of tea! We are now finishing our 'Holes' topic and have our fabulous finish next week. We are looking forward to our leavers party and disco too! We can't wait to celebrate this amazing group of children and share some of our favourite memories. We wish them all the best as they transition to secondary school. You will all be missed and this has certainly been a year to remember!



Stars of the week

Little Stars: Roxy

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Kaleb, Tucana – Everyone, Orion – Mia, Aquila – Elsie, Pavo – Keelan, Cygnus – Paloma, Volans – Joshua, Delphinus – Valentina, Serpens – Harry, Andromeda – Tami, Pegasus – Hugo, Perseus – Amelie, Auriga – Liam, Vela – Ethan, Lyra – Fathya, Lacerta – Eivissa, Circinus – Isabelle, Phoenix – Micah.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Aafia, Tucana – Maya, Orion – Amelie, Aquila – Tommy, Pavo – Jacob, Cygnus – Maya, Volans – Anaya, Delphinus – Freddy, Serpens – Reuben, Andromeda – Summer, Pegasus – Jude, Perseus – Muhammad, Auriga – Deborah, Vela – Evie, Lyra – Aydin, Lacerta – Kevin, Circinus – Freya, Phoenix – Brian.



Math & English Prize winners

Maths – Helena (Delphinus), English – Eloise (Pegasus).

2020-21 Overall winner – A Chromebook kindly donated by Mr Wells was won by Thabile (Andromeda).



Link to celebration assembly
https://youtu.be/Ira8_VLqDjU

Sports Update

Year 1 sports day

The children enjoyed a jam packed and fun filled sports day. The enthusiasm, effort and determination shown by everyone was fantastic! The children participated in 8 events; bean bag throw, goal ball, target throw, standing long jump, speed bounce, tennis relay, obstacle course and relays. Well done to all the children for their amazing courage, determination and friendship!

Congratulations to our winners Terra, 2nd Ventus, 3rd Ignis & 4th Aqua

Year 1-6 Intra school family competition – striking and fielding

We have started our final, whole school, family competition of this year. Many classes have showcased the skills they have developed over the past 6 weeks and the results so far have been impressive. We look forward to celebrating and announcing the results next week.

Euros final

After making history, the amazing excitement and undeniable disappointment watching England in the final, there is so much for us to learn from the team. They have inspired us, entertained us and united the country at a time that has been difficult for everyone. As a school we have reflected on the highs and lows of the Euro 2020 final - thank you Phoenix class your message is loud and clear and we couldn't agree more.

Next week

Wednesday 21st July - year 2 sports day





"YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ENTIRE NATION"

"We are deeply disgusted and in shock at the events that occurred following England's loss on Sunday. Racism has no place in our school, community, country and the wider world. The whole team did phenomenally well to get to the final. Their performance, attitude and the values they hold on and off the pitch are an inspiration to the entire nation. We should all be proud of them and celebrating their achievements not blaming certain individuals for the result, particularly when it focuses on their race. There's no need to focus on the negatives and you can always learn from your mistakes. Over time the disappointment will heal and they will come back stronger. Just remember – be kind and think about what you say. Everyone has feelings and no one deserves any abuse online or in person. Treat others how you want to be treated. We hope they can find the strength to keep their heads up, be proud of themselves and get back into the game soon."

Phoenix – Year 6

EQUALITY

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LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



Bedford Borough's Summer Of SEND



The Bedford Borough Local Area has organised a "Summer of SEND" across June, July and August 2021. This is a celebration of all things Special Educational Needs and / or Disability (SEND) across Bedford Borough. There is a wide range of events for Parent/Carers, Practitioners, and Children and Young People themselves to get involved in.

Summer Of SEND calendar

To see the full calendar of events across the #SummerOfSEND and to #getinvolved click [here](#)

We have along with the amazing children and young people made a short video about the #SummerOfSEND

Wednesday 14th July 10am-12pm

Chris Morris (Manager for SEND Programme) and Sorcha O'loughlin (Local Offer Officer), will be coming along to tell you about the local offer, the holiday activities available this summer and what is available if you need support over the summer.

So please come and share your experience around accessing the Local Offer, what you would like to see on the Local Offer, and any ideas of family activities you may like to see in Bedford over the summer holidays.

[Book your place](#)

Monday 19th July - 10am-12pm

Jo Drew (Designated Clinical Officer SEND BLMK Clinical Commissioning Group) and Beccy White (Head of Commissioning and Transformation, CYP)

Please use this opportunity to come along and share your experience of children's Health services in Bedford. Jo and Hannah will give updates on the health services and talk about resources and information that families can access, including e.g. Speech, Language and Communication Needs, Mental Health, Paediatricians, 0 to 19 team and the Complex Nursing Team.

[Book your place](#)

FOCUS GROUP 19TH JULY 1-3PM



BBPCF are facilitating a focus group for Parent Carers from Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Luton. A forum representative will be in attendance from each area, along with service managers, to have a discussion around the points below:

1. What can we do to improve children's mental health services to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
2. What could the wider system of support do to better support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities who have mental health and emotional needs
3. How can we effectively communicate the pathway and offer to the broader system and Parents and Carers and young people.

Each area has 5 places so please email to book your slot or send in your thoughts and comments to communications@bbpcf.org.uk

[Book your place](#)

A vibrant orange poster for 'The Code Zone' game making workshops. At the top, it says 'Game Making Workshops' in large white letters. Below that, 'LIVE ONLINE AT' is written in a curved banner. The central text reads 'THE CODE ZONE' in a bold, stylized font. To the left, a hand holds a sign that says 'NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!'. Below that, it says 'FREE WORKSHOP for your school'. To the right, there are three bullet points: 'New games, workshops and challenges every week.', 'Designed for ages 6-14 - fully supported by our club leaders', and 'Children develop skills in coding, communicating and creating!'. At the bottom, an orange banner says 'USE INVITE CODE GREATDENHAM21' and 'If they love playing video games, they'll love coding them.' The footer contains the website 'THECODEZONE.CO.UK/SCHOOL-OFFER' and the Twitter handle '@THECODEZONE'. There are also some small icons of a game controller and a fish.

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Bedfordshire

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Free gifts for new and existing subscribers
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July/August 2021

Familiesonline.co.uk

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**SUMMER CAMP 2021
BEDFORD (4YRS+)**

Come and join us for some fun filled themed party classes in Bedford. A day full of dancing, arts and crafts, glitter tattoos and fun!

Spaces are available on a first come first serve basis. To book your dancer's space in your chosen class(es) please contact Miss Lucy on...

info@lucyhuntschoolofdance.com

THE ROYAL PARTY
SATURDAY 31ST JULY
10AM - 3PM
COTTON END VILLAGE HALL
£25 PER CHILD

ALL THINGS DISNEY
TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST
10AM - 3PM
COTTON END VILLAGE HALL
£25 PER CHILD

MOANA
TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST
10AM - 3PM
COTTON END VILLAGE HALL
£25 PER CHILD

Never Miss a Chance to Dance!
Lucy Hunt
SCHOOL OF DANCE

SSG

Summer HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2021

6 WEEKS OF FUN RUNNING 26TH JULY - 3RD SEPTEMBER

ACTIVE CHILDCARE
OUR ACTIVE CHILDCARE DAYS ARE MADE UP OF THESE SIX ELEMENTS

DAILY THEMES
INFLATABLE FUN
ADVENTURE & CHALLENGE
ACTIVE PLAY
WACKY CRAFTS
MULTI-SPORTS

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
FREE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS
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RUNNING AT VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS BEDFORDSHIRE

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ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

ADVENTURE SEEKERS WILL GO HEAD TO HEAD IN A VARIETY OF THRILLING CHALLENGES IN THEIR TEAMS TO COMPETE TO BECOME THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURERS!

VENUE: Sharnbrook Upper School Odell Road, Bedford MK44 1JL
TIMINGS: 10am-4pm AGES: 8-14 years

Activities will include:
CLIMBING WALL
TERMINATOR TURMOIL
WRECKING BALL
ARCHERY TAG
BASE JUMP
NERF CHALLENGE
FIRE BUILDING
MATRIX BOARD
NIGHTLINE
DEN BUILDING
ORIENTEERING

DATES:
Thursday 5th August
Friday 6th August
Monday 9th August
Tuesday 10th August
Thursday 19th August
Friday 20th August
Monday 23rd August
Thursday 26th August

CHARACTER EDUCATION ELEMENTS WILL INCLUDE
• Determination • Problem Solving • Decision Making • Relationship Building •
• Team Work • Communication • Confidence • Organisation • Leadership •

*Each day will include multiple activities from this list, but not all.

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