

FEDERATION NEWS

May 2021

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools



Dear Parents

We are nearly at the end of the first half term and it has been lovely to see so many of you at school. It is almost beginning to feel something like normal again!

The children have all had a lovely half term being outside in the gardens. They have been digging and planting and I am looking forward to seeing their plants and vegetables grow.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support at both schools. We are trying hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in the current COVID situation in Bedford. Please make sure that you keep yourselves and your families safe by following the guidance issued by Bedford Borough Council and Public Health.

I hope you all have a great half term when it comes and enjoy some time with your family and friends; fingers crossed we may even get to see some sunshine.

I will see you all again on the 7th June when we come back for the last half term of the school year.

Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher

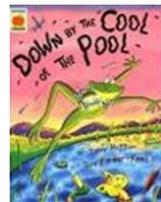


Our learning this term

We have been looking at life cycles and growth this term. We have talked about chicks and have some eggs in our incubators at school that we are waiting to hatch.

We have been out in the gardens planting and hopefully we will have some of our very own produce to taste in a few weeks time. We have planted sunflowers, beans, lettuce, radish and peas amongst other things.

One of our favourite stories this term is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we have been reading this.



We are also learning about the life cycle of a frog, how it turns from frogspawn into tadpoles and then into frogs. 'Down by the cool of the pool' is just one of the books we will be reading about frogs.

We have also celebrated EID this term. Sadly we could not have our normal federation family celebrations, but we were so excited to hear about the celebrations that you had at home. We made our own EID cards and cooked some delicious pakoras, vegetable curry and chapatti's in school too. We have a recipe for vegetable curry that we are sending out with this newsletter. Why not try and make it at



TERM DATES

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: 31st May to 4th June 2021

Summer Term 2: 7th June to 22nd July 2021

Children come back to school on Wednesday 8th September 2021

A full academic calendar is on our school websites at: [Term Dates 2021 - 2022](#)

School Fund/Snack Money

As you are aware when your child starts at nursery we ask each family for a small donation of £1 per week to cover the cost of snack.

We have seen decline recently in the amount of snack money we are receiving and would like to ask for your help.

Without your donations and an increase in cost, we are finding it more difficult to offer the range of snack that we would like to.

Please support us by giving your £1 per week. You can leave it with the staff member on the gate in the morning or with your child's keyworker.

Thank you

Online Safety

We are all so used to having our phones and tablets with us and being connected to the internet.

We can sometimes take for granted that we are safe online and as adults we know what to be aware of.

But do you know if your child is safe when they are playing games or watching videos online?

The website <https://www.internetmatters.org> has some useful advice for parents to keep under 5's safe in the digital world.

[Use the 0-5 checklist here](#) to make sure your child is safe.

COVID 19 Self testing at home.

The government has announced that members of households or childcare bubbles with school and nursery aged children can now left test at home.

If you are interested in this please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff> for full information about how to obtain these tests.

Parent Hub app

Please remember to sign up to Parent Hub. This is the easiest way for us to keep in touch with you to ensure that you know what is going on in school.

You download the app from the App Store for IPHONE or Google apps for android.



Starting School September 2021

You will by now have been told which school your child will be going to in September 21, and we hope that you have been allocated your first choice of school.

If for any reason you do not want your child to start school in September please remember that they can start their reception year with us at nursery.

If you would like to talk this through with us please come and see either your child's keyworker or the office staff who will be happy to help.

For those children who are leaving we will be doing a school transition report next term. As part of the report we ask you, as parents, for your views. We will email you asking what your child has said they like doing at school and for your opinion on their time at school. Please take a few moments to respond.

Admission to nursery September 2021

We are now processing our admissions for children to start nursery in September 2021. If you know someone who is looking for a nursery school place for a 2,3 or 4 year old please let them know that we will have places available.

We can arrange for potential parents to come and look around in the summer holidays, ready for September. They just need to email Sandra on: sandra.munday@bedfordnurseryschools.com and she will make the arrangements.

Vegetable Curry

Ingredients:

- 1 onion
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 inch of ginger
- ¼ teaspoon of mild chilli powder
- ¼ turmeric
- 4 medium carrots
- 2 medium potatoes
- 2 cups of frozen peas
- ½ tin of tomatoes
- 2 tbsp oil



Method

- ◆ Peel the onion, garlic and ginger then finely chop.
- ◆ Peel the carrots and potatoes. Then cut into 1 cm cube.
- ◆ Heat the oil in a large pan.
- ◆ Add the onion and garlic and cook over a medium heat until the onions are soft and lightly brown.
- ◆ Add the salt stirring regularly, then add the ginger, turmeric and tomatoes. Continue to stir. Cook for 2 minutes.
- ◆ Now add the chilli powder potatoes carrots and peas. Give the mixture a stir and put the lid on the pan.
- ◆ Leave to cook on a low heat for approximately 20-30 minutes.

Serve with rice or roti