

FEDERATION NEWS

September 2021

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools



Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to you all for a new school year.

It is so lovely to see the children come back after the summer holiday with such enthusiasm and energy.

It is also wonderful to see the new children and families settling in so well at both Peter Pan and Cherry Trees.

We are hoping that we will have an uninterrupted year, where all the children can remain in school, however we are still mindful that COVID has not gone away and we must remain vigilant. We will be continuing with the systems for dropping off and collecting children at the outside doors and ask that if you develop any symptoms that you refrain from coming to school until you have received the results of a PCR test.

We are looking forward to being able to invite parents back into school for concerts and celebrations this year and will let you know the dates of these as soon as they are arranged.

Suzie Hoefkens, the Acting Deputy Head Teacher and I will be working one week at a time in each school, but we can both be contacted through the school office should you wish to contact either one of us.

I hope your time with us at Bedford Nursery Schools is a happy one, but please do come and talk to me if you have any concerns.

Julie Smith
Executive Head
Teacher



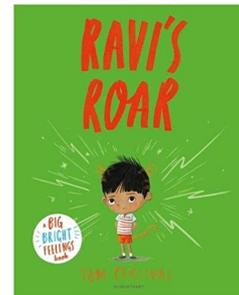
Our learning this term

This term we focus on settling in to nursery. For a lot of the children this is the first time that they will have been away from their home environment without you. It can take a little getting used to, so please do not worry if your child seems to take a little longer to settle than some of the others. It is perfectly natural and considering that they have been through a global pandemic, extremely understandable.

To support the settling process we use the following books:

The Colour Monster and Ravi's Roar. These books focus on feelings and sometimes when we don't know the words to use we can show how we are feeling through colours and actions.

Both books are available to buy from Amazon or other bookshops, or you could visit your local library.



If you would like more information about our curriculum at Bedford Nursery Schools please visit the curriculum page our website, where you will find the details of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how we support your child's education and development.

[Peter Pan](#)

[Cherry Trees](#)

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1: 8th September to 22nd October 2021

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: 25th October to 29th October 2021

Autumn Term 2: 1st November to 17th December 2021

Spring Term 1: 7th January 2022 to 31st March 2022

Easter Holiday: 1st April 2022 to 21st April 2022

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

To ensure that safety of all our children at school we would like to remind you about the importance we place on Safeguarding.

- Please ensure that you close all doors and gates behind you as you arrive and leave nursery.
- Please do not let other adults into the building – always ask a member of staff to answer the door.
- If your child needs to use the toilet before their session starts please use the visitors toilet – we ask that parents do not enter the children's toilets.
- Please do not use your mobile phone whilst in the nursery classrooms or gardens.
- If you are not going to be the person collecting your child from school, please let us know in advance – we will not allow any child to leave with an adult we do not know.
- If you are running late to collect your child for any reason please ring the school office to let us know.

If you see or hear anything whilst you are in nursery that concerns you please ask to speak to Julie or Suzie.

Snack Donation

Please remember your £1 weekly donation to cover the cost of the snack. If each family donates this we would have at least £150 per week. This means that we are able to provide a wider range of snack for the children .



Contact Details

Do we have your up to date contact details? Please make sure that we have the correct phone numbers in the office so that we can contact you in case of an emergency.

Funding Forms

Please ensure that you return your funding form to school so that we can claim your child's entitlement from the Local Authority.

Starting nursery school.

All children settle into life at nursery at different rates. Whilst some children will happily say goodbye and wave you off on day two, others will want you to stay a little longer with them. It is all perfectly normal and nothing to worry about.

All our key people are used to this and skilled at working with you and your child to ensure they settle at their own pace and feel happy and comfortable to come into school.

If you see a child crying or upset in the nursery please do not be alarmed. The staff are all highly trained to step in and support them when the time is right. We reassure them that someone will always come back for them. Please speak to your child's key person if you have any concerns about your child settling.



Sickness

It is quite common for children to get ill during their first few weeks of school. For some of them this will be the first time they have been in a large group and they pick up things like colds, coughs and sickness bugs. It is perfectly normal and could just down to the fact that they are mixing with new people.

If your child has a cold, but is well in themselves they can come to school as normal. We will let you know if they are not coping and ask you to come and get them.

If however, they have an upset tummy, sickness and/or diarrhoea then they must stay at home for at least **48 hours after the last incident**, so that we can be assured they are clear from the bug.

If you are unsure please ring the office and ask for advice.

COVID

Public Health are reporting that there are additional symptoms to be aware of for COVID. These include upset stomach, headache, sore throat and fatigue.

If your child shows any of these **along with the more recognised symptoms**: new continuous cough: continuous for more than 1 hour or 3 episodes in 24 hours. A high temperature and/or loss of normal taste or smell, then you should stay away from school and book a PCR test.

If they do not show any of the recognised symptoms and they have not been in contact with a potential positive case they can return to school when they are feeling better.

If you are unsure please seek advice from NHS 111.

Parent Hub

Please sign up to our Parent Hub app. This is the way we will be sending newsletters and other information home to you going forward. You can download the app from the google store or Apple store, create an account and search for @PeterPan, for Peter Pan and @CherryTrees for Cherry Trees. Please remember to verify your account.

Spare Clothes

Please send in a change of clothes in a bag for your child to leave at nursery. Please name your clothes so that if we have to change your child we know who they belong to. This is particularly useful for jumpers, coats, hats and scarves as these are the items the children take off themselves.

Morrisons 'Good to Grow' Scheme

If you shop at Morrisons you will have seen their 'Good to Grow' scheme. For every £10 you spend you will receive a voucher that we can redeem for items for the school gardens.

Please sign up here and take part.

www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk