

FEDERATION NEWS

March 2021

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools



Dear Parents

It is the end of another short, but really busy term. We were really pleased to be able to welcome back all our families this term and it is so lovely to see and hear the nurseries so busy with lots of laughter and chatter from the children.

I want to thank you all for your support and patience over the last few weeks. We have had to use different staff in the groups, sometimes at very short notice and your understanding is very much appreciated. I am hopeful that when we come back after the Easter break our own staff will be able to return from shielding and be with us for the summer term.

Hopefully we will begin to see some warmer weather arriving and this means we can be outside more which is great.

All that remains is to wish you all a lovely Easter, enjoy some time with your families and hopefully we can meet again as a federation family very soon.

Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher



Our learning this term

Over the last few weeks we have celebrated Pancake Day and Mother's Day in nursery.

We read 'The Runaway Pancake' and 'The Runaway Chapatti', we made our own pancakes and ate them in school and we ran pancake races too.



For Mother's Day we made cards and some flower arrangements with daffodils. We hope you all liked them.



Coming up.....

When we come back after the Easter holiday we will be hatching chicks in school. This is always an exciting time for the children as they watch the incubator with excitement waiting for our first arrival.

TERM DATES

EASTER HOLIDAYS:	29th March to 14th April 2021
Summer Term 1:	15th April to 28th May 2021
Bank holiday:	Monday 3rd May 2021
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	31st May to 4th June 2021
Summer Term 2:	7th June to 22nd July 2021

SAFEGUARDING

Please remember that we take our responsibility for safeguarding your children seriously. We have designated Safeguarding leads in school that you can talk to if you have any concerns, or you can talk to your child's keyworker.

Just a couple of reminders:

- Please do not send anyone else to pick your child up unless we have been told and they have been given a password. This password can be anything - but please do not use your child's name. A random word works best.
- Please ensure that your mobile phone is put away before you come onto the school grounds.
- Please try to be on time to collect your child. If you are unavoidably late then please ring the school office and let us know.

Parking at Cherry Trees

Please be mindful of the resident access on Hawkins Road when you are dropping off and collecting from school. Do not block driveways.
If you use the rear car park please be careful and keep your child close as it can get very busy.

Parking at Peter Pan

From 13th April 2021 Edward Road is being trialled as a 'School Street' This means that there will be strictly no vehicular access to Peter Pan between **8.30 and 9.00am** and **3.15 and 3.45pm**.

Morrisons supermarket have agreed with the council for parking to be available in their car park on Ampthill Road at these times.

This pilot scheme is set to run until the end of the summer term.
If you have any concerns or queries about this, or would like to share your views on the scheme you can email:

Sustainable.transport@bedford.gov.uk.

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.

If you do become unwell over the Easter holidays and receive a positive test from either a home testing kit or from a test that you book please let us know immediately by emailing

sandra.munday@bedfordnurseryschools.com

As a school we are responsible for tracking and tracing close contacts and need to be aware of your result.

COVID 19 in school

Please ensure that you are following the COVID guidelines in school.

- Wear a mask or face covering.
- Social distance when waiting to come in.
- Only 1 adult per child/household on site

Please be patient if it takes a little longer to pick the children up. We want to ensure everyone is safe.
Please do not crowd the doorways.

Bikes and scooters

It is good to see so many of our children walking, cycling and scooting to school. However, please do not allow children to ride bikes or scooters in the playground when coming to school. Please get them to push them when they arrive.

School Fund

We ask each family for a donation of £1 per week to go towards the cost of snack each week. This is a voluntary contribution but it is very important to us to be able to provide fresh fruit for the children.

This can be given weekly, half termly or termly and can also be paid by direct payment to the school bank account if you would prefer.
The details are

Food & Drink

Please do NOT send food or drink in with your child.

We have an increasing number of children with allergies and we have to ensure that we keep them safe.

We provide snack daily for all the children and water and milk to drink. If you are bringing a snack for your child when you collect them try and make it a healthy option for them; a piece of fruit maybe.

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school and anything sent in for your child to share for their birthday must be nut free.

Parent Hub

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.

