



Monday 24th January 2022

Dear Families

Thank you for such a positive start to the year this month. Children really have been sparkling and shining these first few weeks and it makes us so happy when we think about this time last year and how special it is now that we can all be together in school and moving forward in the way that we are. My priorities for school over this term are in enrichments for our curriculum offer and we will be starting this off with our 'Wellbeing Week' in February. A themed week we plan to continue providing each half term across a range of subjects and themes. Thank you to those of you already that have contributed to my survey to help us with future weeks, I knew it was a good decision asking for your help – the ideas and comments received so far have been brilliant! Just a reminder of the link here <https://forms.office.com/r/G9yWNdKtQ> if you haven't had chance to have your say yet. Thank you as always for all that you do and for making our little school as wonderful as it is. Mrs. Waddington.

Covid 19 Updates

Although working more together as a whole school, instead of class bubbles, we will still remain vigilant and cautious in terms of Covid 19. We will continue to ensure good hygiene routines and a clear air flow through the school building is in place. We have a contingency plan in place should an outbreak occur and will communicate with families quickly should we need to put this in place. Plan and Risk Assessment available on our website.

Clubs

A reminder of Clubs this half term:

Wednesday – Street Dance

Thursday - Multi Skills

Friday - Bush Craft

We also have Rhythm Time

Sessions every **Monday**

Morning:

9.45am Toddlers (from walking)

10.30am Babies (birth to walking).

Book www.rhythmtime.net/find-a-class

Tree Tots every Wednesday morning 9:30am – 10:30am

Coming Mondays after February

Half Term to Easter - Art Club

(places still available – sign up!)

Staffing Updates

Hopefully you will have received my letter on Friday regarding our wonderful Ms. Spark's retirement – please do let me know if you need a copy. We also say good bye and good luck to Educational Teaching Assistant Mrs. Clarke and lunch time supervisor Mrs. Pinder who have left Birdsedge this term. We thank them individually for all their hard work and commitment to school and wish them well for the future.



Dates for the Diary

Mon 7th Feb: Dress to Express Non Uniform Day

Wed 9th Feb: School Trip to Eureka

Fri 18th Feb: Friends of Birdsedge Tuck Shop

Fri 18th Feb: Last Day of half term

Mon 28th Feb: First Day back after the half term holiday

Thurs 3rd March: World Book Day

Pupil Parliament

Last week we hosted the first meeting of The Mast Academy Trust Pupil Parliament, where two pupils from each of the four schools get together to plan for what they think should be in the future of the Trust Schools. This week the group started to think about ideas for a Pupil Charter and shared their very passionate views on environmental issues and have started planning steps to improve recycling and reduce waste across the Trust. Amazing leaders!



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<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>

Forest Friends

Please do have a look for further details and share our booking form link – this can be used at any time to book Holiday Club days for February Half Term but also for the rest of the school year.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8kUk1vtWvp>

