



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Families

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and sending a huge thank you for such a positive return to school this month. We have had a brilliant start to the year in school with your children. Mr. Newing has settled in quickly and is working hard to ensure learning has continued smoothly for children. He loves Birdsedge already and is so incredibly positive about the children and staff he feels lucky to be working with every day. We have also held another parent workshop with Stacey and have another planned in for March. Stacey is also going to be running a Parent Coffee morning in school in March around supporting children's Mental Health and wellbeing. This is a completely informal drop in, a chance to talk to each other, ask Stacey anything and find out about things that are available for supporting children and families in the locality. I do hope you can join us. Please have a read through this month's Newsletter for a number of dates for your diary and as ever, please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for being you and the wonderful school community that together you create – you are all my heroes. Mrs. Waddington ☺

Wellbeing Week

For the final week of this half term, it will be 'Wellbeing Week' in school. This will be one of our enrichment drop down weeks and coincides with National Children's Mental Health Week. We have a number of things planned for all children in school, including an Art Day led by Artist Roger Davies – something that is being funded by our very generous Friends of Birdsedge. The National theme this year is 'Connections' and we want to use the week to build some connections with each other and our wider community. As part of this, we will be launching the first of our half-termly 'Community Cafe'. A school event, the last Friday of each half term 2:15pm – 3:15pm in the Community Room. Children will be involved with planning and running the café, Friends of Birdsedge will be helping us facilitate it and we hope we can open our doors to create a warm safe space to chat and connect! Please do join us if you can and bring along anyone who you think would like

Friends of Birdsedge

Friday 29th January – School Sleepover

Friday 10th February – Non-Uniform Day for a donation of £1

Friday 17th March – Mother's Day Secret Shop

Friday 31st March – Non-Uniform Day for a donation of £1

Thank you for your continued support to the group and of course thank you to all those involved in FoB who do so much and bring so much to school for enrichments we just could not provide without. Please do see the groups Newsletter attached this month for a full update.

Parents Meetings

You should have received a letter this week to book a parents meeting with your child's teacher. Meetings are happening on Monday 6th February but please do let us know if you cannot make this day and we will make alternative arrangements. If you can let us know your preferred time as soon as possible, if you have not already, we'll confirm appointments with everyone next week.

Dates for the Diary

Week Beginning 6th February: Drop Down Wellbeing Week

Friday 10th February: Birdsedge Community Café – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Friday 10th February: Last Day of the half term, school will close for 1 week. Non Uniform Day for all children.

Monday 20th February: School Re-opens for the new half term.

Monday 6th March: Parent Workshop – ADHD 6pm here at school with Stacey Barton

Friday 10th March: Children's Mental Health Parent Coffee Morning with Stacey Barton 9:30am

Week Beginning 13th March: Drop Down Science Week

Week Beginning 22nd May: Drop Down Careers Week

Communication

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<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

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HD8 Network

Just a reminder of the HD8 Network we are members of. Check out a recent article we had published here:

[Birdsedge First School - My Journey as Headteacher since September 2020 - HD8 Network](#)