



Wednesday 15th January 2025

Dear Families

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. It feels quite strange wishing you all a Happy New Year, when last week felt to have lasted at least one month! Thank you for your understanding and support during all the challenges the weather brought and for working so hard in getting your children to school in such tricky circumstances. Hopefully, this week will continue to be a little kinder to us and we can get back into routines more easily.

There are a number of updates on here for your information – so please do find the time to read and as always, email or call me if there are any questions. Thank you for being the Birdsedge BEST families to work with and for your continued support to school. Miss B 😊

After School Clubs

Mon: Nerf Gun Fun

Tues: Art Club

Wed: Football

Thurs: Games Club

Fri: Bushcraft

Clubs start back this week and we still have availability in all for anyone who would like to sign up.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24th January: Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop 3:30pm

Tuesday 28th January: Year 1 Multiskills 9:30am Shelley College.

Friday 7th February: FoB Break the Rules Day

Friday 7th February: FoB Evening Singo Bingo

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February:

School Closed for Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th February: INSET Day School Closed

Tuesday 25th February: Swimming Starts for Year 5

Wednesday 5th March: Parents Evening

Staffing Update

Firstly, some exciting news to share with you. Mrs Breeze is expecting her first baby who will be here in May. Mrs Breeze hopes to start her maternity leave in mid April. Our wonderful Mrs Taylor O'Brien (Leanne) will be working in school full time to cover Mrs Breeze, working alongside Miss Hutton to support children in Reception and accessing our Provision. We also have Mrs Katie Gilbert who will be joining us part time as a Teaching Assistant to add further capacity during this time, such as during Leanne's Forest School Time for example and over unstructured times such as Lunch. Mrs Gilbert is a TA I work with at Grange Moor and she is incredibly excited to be joining us. Mr Newing is still currently away from work and I am unable to give you an update in terms of return dates. I can assure you however, that Mrs Ahmedjee continues to be full time teacher in Class 3 during this period of cover.

Phonics Workshop – Year 1 Parents

We will be holding a short, fun, hands-on Phonics session on **Friday 24th January 2025** for parents to learn effective ways to support your child in the run up to the Phonics Screening Check (statutory in Year 1). Come with your child after school to Class 2 to play games that will support your child at their current level and boost them in confidence and ability! Open to parents of children in Year 1. Please RSVP to the office so we have an idea of numbers - refreshments available!

Parking

Just a reminder, once the snow hopefully subsides to please be mindful of where you park – avoiding blocking driveways, bus stops and being too close to junctions. Visibility can be really reduced when parking across or close to any of these three things and this can be a risk to children, families and members of the public. Thank you.

TESCO Penistone Blue Tokens

I am delighted to share that we have a section in the Blue Token Collection at Penistone TESCO to raise funds for outdoor projects – please be sure to add some tokens if you visits – thanks in advance 😊

HD8 Network

www.hd8network.co.uk

Communication

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

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

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

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

Attendance

By the end of this week you should all have your child's second attendance report for this school year – reporting on attendance for Autumn Term 2 (November – December) Please look out for these coming home in book bags on Friday.