

PILGRIMS POST

UP TO DATE NEWS FROM PILGRIMS PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Many of our children took part in the Bedford Festival of Music Speech and Drama and performed brilliantly. Davina Dhaliwal and Ben Gower achieved a commendable third in different classes on the piano. The choir were fantastic, competing against five other schools, they were placed third. They looked the smallest on the stage but all sang with such gusto. The orchestra were superb, winning their class with a very well deserved distinction.



Do have a look at their shield in the school reception next time you are in. We are so proud of all the children who took part and would like to thank them for all their hard work. What a musical school we have. 3SW competed both individually and as a group in the speech and drama section. This was the first time that any of these children had prepared a poem for recitation; they were most entertaining and thought-provoking. We were especially delighted that Emily Boulton and Oliver Seddon were awarded second prizes in their respective classes and that Benjamin Perryman, William Kavanagh and Oliver Allan came third in their classes. Well done to you all!



Little Pilgrims is entering the National Day Nursery Association's Nursery of the Year competition. Many thanks to all those parents who have sent in the lovely responses on the forms. There is still time for you to vote – just ask one of the staff within Little Pilgrims for a form.



Jo Simons, who works in Little Pilgrims, will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term and Renu Nahr will be coming in to cover for her as a Nursery Nurse. Alison Humphreys has joined Little Pilgrims as a Nursery Assistant. We will be sorry to say goodbye to Anne-Marie Welham who is leaving us to take up a Teaching Assistant position closer to home.

Once again may I please remind all parents that the school's policy regarding sickness and diarrhoea is that children must not return to school for 48 hours after their last episode. This is in line with the Health Protection Agency's guidance for schools. It is important that this rule is adhered to as the illness can spread very quickly across the school and be a risk to the babies and young children within Little Pilgrims.



If you expect your child to leave Little Pilgrims or the main school at the end of the Summer term, notice must be given in writing by Friday 26th March. This is not necessary if your child is in Year 2 or 3. However, should you wish your child to move from Year 2 to Year 3 in September please let us know in writing as soon as possible, if you have not done so already.

Once again we are collecting Sainsbury and Tesco school vouchers so we do hope you will remember to pick them up with your shopping. Boxes are in reception of the main school for children to post them into.



The ravages of winter mean that the access road into the school is now beyond the point of patching up. Therefore, during the Easter Holiday when the school is closed the road will be properly resurfaced. In the unlikely event that the work is not completed by 12th April, parents should access the site for holiday club by the gate further down Brickhill Drive towards Kimbolton Road.




Mrs Hewitt is now half way through her treatment and would like to thank all parents and children for their kind letters, cards, flowers and gifts. They have helped her to remain positive during her enforced time at home.

A reminder that After School Clubs for the Summer term commence on the first day of main school term which is Tuesday, 20th April.



On Friday, 12th March, twelve of our Year 2 pupils attended a Multi-Skills Festival at Biddenham Hockey Stadium, organised by the Bedford Sports Partnership. The children took part in football, tag rugby, unihoc and score ball and although the event was non-competitive, all the children played extremely well and were excellent representatives of the school. Congratulations to Shreya Arun, Max Bucknall, Gaby Dennis, Ben Gower, Charles Grimes, Emily King, Isabella Molian, Hermione Robinson, Sohail Shaikh, Martha Stock, Harriet Stonor and Jacob Suman.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Hats  for Haiti day so successful. We raised a total of £380. A special thank you to Oliver Seddon of 3SW for this great idea and to the School Council for helping to organise the event.

Thank you to everyone who brought toys to school for the 3SW Bring and Buy Toy Sale – and to those of you who bought them. The children worked hard to sort, price and sell the toys. They made more than £450, £100 of which they have used to purchase gardening equipment for their food growing project, with the remaining £350 going to CLIC Sargent and the Roald Dahl Foundation, our chosen charities.



Next week Year Two will be heading off to Hindleap Warren for their residential visit. They are all very excited about being away from home for three days. I am joining them on the visit so I will not be in school for the early part of the week but Mrs Waddington will happily answer any queries you may have.

May I remind you that when the children return to school after Easter they should be in full summer uniform including a blazer. Summer sandals should be leather not fabric and they must have closed toes. A new item available for the warmer weather is the boy's sleeveless green slip-over. They cost £10 and can be purchase from the school shop.

Have a wonderful Easter, I look forward to seeing you after the break for a very busy summer term.



Mrs Maxine Shaw
Headteacher