

DUNANNIE FRIDAY LETTER

6th September 2019



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Every day is a new beginning a chance to start over and be grateful



Dear Parents

Everyone here at Dunannie has fully embraced the start of the autumn term. Several new children have joined us and we have had rooms full of laughter and smiling faces, with everyone seeming to have settled in beautifully. We are all so happy to be back here at Dunannie.

Next week sees the start of our after-school activities. Until these are available to view online you can see all club information on the Dunannie noticeboard in the entrance hall. Please note that there are spaces in ALL of the activities except for Gymnastics on a Monday. If you have not yet booked an activity for your child do pop into the office.

We are offering a new activity, Street Dance, on a Wednesday run by Danni Lannoy who was here this morning. In addition to the after-school club, Danni will be here *every* Friday morning to put us through our paces and teach us a few new moves for the weekend. This morning was great – please join us at 8.15 next Friday but also remember there is a dance session every Tuesday with Rosie and friends in the library at the same start time – such a fantastic and fun way to start the day.

We have new families, in all year groups, who have joined us this term and I hope you will be able to meet and welcome them at our Curriculum and Drinks evening next Thursday 12th. I am hoping that, by creating the slightly later start time of 18.30 this will enable both parents to attend. The teachers will run a brief session, detailing the day in each year group and sharing the class timetable and any other housekeeping arrangements. They will also give out copies of timetables and a synopsis of the term's events. For parents with more than one child I suggest you separate and go to two different talks. Alternatively, if you want to join the same talk, all my teachers are happy to be recorded, so please feel free to ask a friend to film the session you are not attending. Please also remember, all teachers are available each and every day for you to ask any burning questions as and when they arise. For those of you who have not been able to find a babysitter I am offering a crèche service at 18.25 until 19.30. I propose that the children come back to school in their PJs or onesies and we will have a film for them to watch. This will take place in the Computer Room so will be a special treat for them – they may bring a cushion and a blanket if they wish. There will be sign-up sheets for teacher sessions and the crèche in the entrance hall – please come and sign up.

I look forward to seeing you there and sharing a glass with you to welcome in the new term and year.

To enable you to find out more about our approach to teaching reading, I will be delivering a reading session in the morning at 8.30am and an evening session for those of you who may be unable to join due to work or other commitments. (Dates to be confirmed). Please do come along to hear how we teach reading and find out how you can help your child at home.

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I will also be delivering a talk about Inspire Maths, our new Maths approach to help you understand how we teach Maths here at Dunannie, in the next few weeks. (Date to be confirmed)

On Saturday 14th September, we have joined forces with Dunhurst for an Open Morning from 10 until 12. We have therefore chosen this date as our Badley Day so we are all here to meet prospective families. A variety of activities and outdoor work will be on offer so please come dressed in your gardening clothes and bring your gardening gloves, secateurs, spades etc and a huge amount of energy as Camilla and Bridget would like to redesign part of the garden!

There will be a hike to the Poets' stone, and a Ploughman's Lunch held the following Saturday 21st September at 10 until 1 at Dunhurst. Dunannie parents are warmly welcome to attend, however, I would not recommend this to families with small legs and buggies.

On the subject of the outside and our Orchard, we have recently talked to the children about 'den building' and have asked them to follow a few rules to ensure everyone's dens are treated with the same respect. I would like to ask for your help by reinforcing these rules with the children when they are playing in the orchard after school:

- *A maximum of 8 den building poles are allowed for each den.*
- *All poles, dens and the Orchard belong to Dunannie not individual children or a group of children.*
- *There is absolutely no guarantee that a den left at the end of Orchard play will be the same, or even be there, the next day, as children often play in the Orchard after school in the summer term.*
- *All poles and sticks can be used for lots of different purposes, not just den-building, including learning activities and other games*

Please can I also ask that children do not help themselves to the lovingly-grown produce from the orchard. This includes both the vegetables in the allotment and the apples on the trees. We use them in our lessons, so it is important that there is plenty to go around. Thank you for your support.

For those of you that have managed to get onto the Parent Portal, great news! For those of you who are yet to, please refer to the instructions further on in this letter to help you get started. Please could I encourage all parents to opt into sharing contact details if you are happy for your class reps and other parents to contact you.

This brings me on to some staff news. Our much-loved Nursery Assistant, Harriet Rowntree has not returned to Dunannie after the summer break. Her father has been ill in hospital for the summer holiday and is coming home this week and therefore, Harriet is going to be looking after her father when he returns. I would like to thank her for all the love and support she has given to countless children over the years. I am sure you will join me in wishing Harriet and her father all the best. Harriet was a very caring and popular member of staff and she will be sorely missed. We will be saying a proper goodbye and thank you to Harriet in the next few weeks, in the meantime if you would like to contact Harriet, please do pop in to the office and we will share her contact details.

I look forward to catching up with you over the coming days and would like to stress that my door is always open to discuss any matters, however minor, you may have concerning the school or your children.

Best wishes

Victoria

PS Squashbox Theatre are coming in on 28th September from 2-2.50pm to perform Tales from the Trees. If anyone is interested in going along, they can book tickets on the Bedales website <https://www.bedales.org.uk/event/tales-trees>

SPECIAL DUNANNIE MOMENTS

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Nursery Fun



Reception built a bus this week!



Year 1 have investigated which items of packaging float and which sink to find out how oceans are affected by littering.

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Preparing for our Sea Adventures – making the sails and launching our boats in Year 2



Year 3—Enjoying parachute games and seeing what we can do with BLUE!



NOTICES & ACHIEVEMENTS

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GOLD

SILVER
Eliza

BRONZE
Kitty x3
Henrietta
Roma
Eliza x3

Dunannie Calendar—Autumn Term 2019

Monday 9 September	After school activities start 19.00-20.00 Karl Hopwood Internet Safety Workshop – Dunhurst
Tuesday 10 September	08.15 Dance in the Library
Thursday 12 September	09.00 Y3 Archaeology Visit to Petersfield Heath 18.30 (revised time) Information Session (all years) 19.00 Welcome Drinks
Friday 13 September	08.15 Street Dance
Saturday 14 September	10.00-12.00 Dunannie and Dunhurst Open Morning
Monday 16 September	09.00 Y3 Viking Trip 09.00 Y2 Trip to Chichester Harbour
Tuesday 17 September	08.15 Dance in the Library
Friday 20 September	08.15 Street Dance
Saturday 21 September	10.00-12.00 Badley Day – Dunhurst and Dunannie Family Walk
Monday 23 September	09.00 Individual School Photographs 15.30 Y3 Netball/Football v Ditcham at home
Tuesday 24 September	08.15 Dance in the Library
Friday 27 September	08.15 Street Dance 10.50-11.50 ZooLab visit Nursery Dunannie and Dunhurst MacMillan Cake Sale 15.30 Bedales & Dunhurst Long Leave Weekend starts
Monday 30 September	09.00 Y2&3 Viking Longship Workshop
Tuesday 1 October	08.15 Dance in the Library
Thursday 3 October	09.30 Flu Vaccinations 14.30 Y3 Netball v Amesbury at home
Friday 4 October	08.15 Street Dance
Tuesday 8 October	08.15 Dance in the Library
Wednesday 9 October	11.00-12.30 Harvest Festival Barn Dance & Lunch
Thursday 10 October	3 Schools International Day
Friday 11 October	08.15 Street Dance
Tuesday 15 October	08.15 Dance in the Library
Friday 18 October	08.15 Street Dance
Tuesday 22 October	08.15 Dance in the Library
Wednesday 23 October	14.30 HALF TERM begins
Monday 4 November	8.15 Terms Starts

NOTICES

BEDALES PRE-PREP SCHOOL, DUNANNIE KEY DATES 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019		
Wednesday 28 - Friday 30 August	Inset for staff	
Monday 2 September	Term begins	8.30am
Wednesday 23 October	Half term begins	2.30pm
Monday 4 November	Half term ends – term begins	8.30pm
Friday 6 December	Term ends	1.00pm
Spring Term 2020		
Thursday 2 January - Fri 3 January	Inset for staff	
Monday 6 January	Term begins	8.30am
Wednesday 12 February	Half term begins	2.30 pm
Monday 24 February	Half term ends – term begins	8.30am
Friday 27 March	Term ends	1.00 pm
Summer Term 2020		
Friday 17 April	Inset for staff	
Monday 20 April	Term begins	8.30am
Friday 22 May	Half term begins	2.30pm
Monday 1 June	Half term ends – term begins	8.30am
Friday 3 July	Term ends	1.00pm

Getting Access to the Dunannie Parent Portal & Sharing Contact Information

A step-by-step guide for gaining access to the Bedales, Dunhurst and Dunannie Portal:

1. You can access the portal using the email address that received this email and request a password here: <https://portal.bedales.org.uk/request-password>

In order to keep your data secure, you will only be able to access the system using the email address we hold on file and that is linked to the student.

2. You will receive an email from 'Bedales Schools Portal Password Request' (noreply@myschoolportal.co.uk). Please follow the instructions in the email to set your password. Please check your spam folder if you do not receive the email, and check that you have used the email we have on file linked to your child.

3. Once you have gained access to the Portal you should be able to navigate your way around. You can also access a range of short videos here (check hyperlink) which explains how each feature of the Portal works. These will be released

4. If you are experiencing difficulties getting into your account please contact isams@bedales.org.uk.

Sharing your Details with other Parents

If you wish to share your contact details with other family members or parents of other children you will need to opt in to the parent directory. To do this, login to the portal and click on 'My Children' then 'Parent Directory'. At the top of this page there is a link to opt in. Please note, this does not update your contact details held by the school.

On the next screen click 'Yes' to opt in:

You are then able to choose which detail you would wish to share and to whom this should be shared with.

Friends of Dunannie

Dear All

Welcome back and a very big welcome to all our new families. We hope you've had a great first week.

As many of you know Friends of Dunannie (FoD) raises money for two charities each academic year. Last year we raised £5636 which we divided between 'To Wish Upon a Star' (a charity which provides support to recently bereaved parents) and 'The King's Arms' (which supports young people local to Petersfield and the surrounding villages). Thank you so much to everyone for their incredible generosity.

In the coming weeks we will be asking parents, children and staff to vote for this year's two charities. Do please email the office if you have ideas for our short list (dunannie@bedales.org.uk).

[Please save the date for our big evening fundraiser on 22nd November. Details to follow.](#)

We will also be filling shoe boxes with presents for children who would otherwise not receive anything at Christmas. Keep your eye out for Love in a Box leaflets and information in book bags soon (<https://www.msrm.org.uk>).

On 27th September Dunannie will be holding a cake sale at 3.30 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you would like to help with any of these events, please do get in touch.

Camilla Bashaarat organises wonderful events for parents – please do look at the list below. Coming up on 19th September is wine tasting at The Grange near Alresford followed by supper at The Woolpak. We fully recommend coming along – it's a wonderful opportunity to meet parents across the school and get to know others at Dunannie. The Grange is beautiful with a fantastic vineyard.

Admin - It would be really helpful if everyone could approve their contact details on the new parent portal – you can opt which details can be seen and with whom you share them. This will not happen automatically. It is really useful for everyone in your class to have access to everyone's email addresses for party invitations etc. It also allows your class rep to get in touch (if you are happy for them to do so).

If you have any worries, concerns or feedback, Victoria's door is always wide open, but if you have any questions or ideas please do contact one of us or your class rep. Nothing is too small.

[And finally, please do come for Dunannie Pub drinks on Friday 4th October \(details to follow – note this is not a fundraiser\).](#)

Look forward to seeing you at the Curriculum Evening and FoD drinks on Thursday 12th.

Have a great week end,

Tabitha and Juliet

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Parents' Events – Autumn Term 2019

Thursday 19 September: Private Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting at The Grange, Hampshire, followed by supper at The Woolpack.

The Grange Estate has been in the Baring family for over 200 years. It is well known for its iconic annual Opera festival in a stunning neoclassical building set on sweeping lawns above a glittering lake. More recently however their wines have been making the headlines. Zam Baring and his three siblings (three Old Bedalians between them) have planted fifty two thousand vines in ten and a half hectares outside Itchen Abbas and are making award winning sparkling wine. Their very first wine, the 2014 PINK, was awarded 91 points and a Silver Medal in the 2019 International Wine Challenge and also won Silver in the 2019 Sommelier Wine Awards.

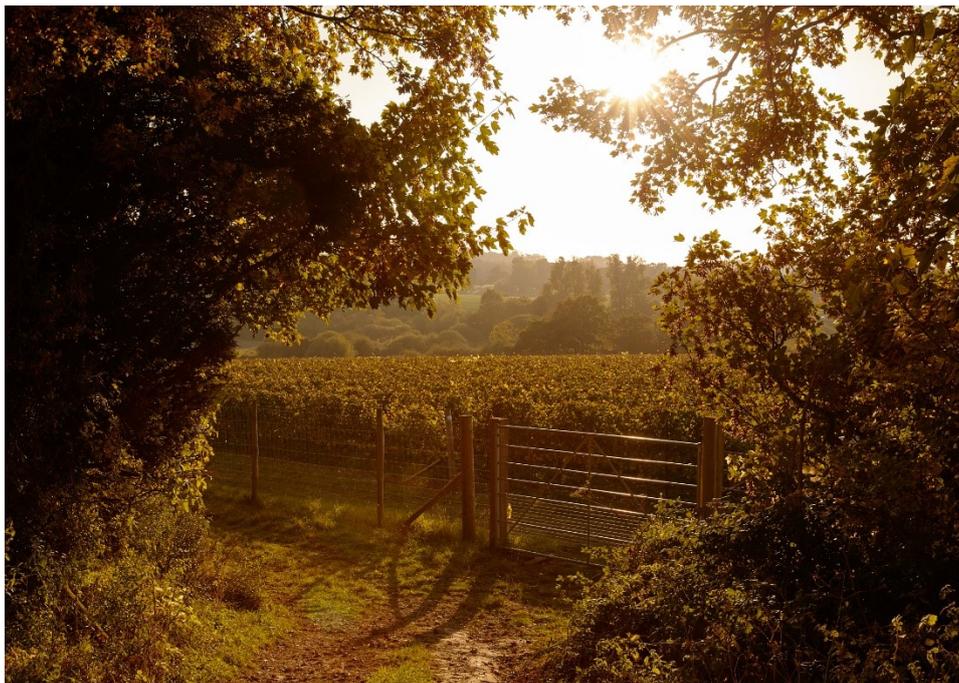
Join us as Zam takes us through the story of The Grange, Hampshire wines via a private tour of the vineyard, Burge's Field, followed by a bespoke wine tasting at The Grange. Supper at The Woolpack, Totford will end the evening. The Woolpack is well known locally for using the finest local ingredients and its delicious seasonal menus.

Timings: we will meet at the vineyard at 6pm. Following the vineyard tour we will drive to The Grange for a wine tasting and then on to The Woolpack, five minutes by car, for a delicious two course supper.

Cost: Tour and wine tasting: £20. Supper: £30 for a three course menu, not including drinks.

Travel: we can provide transport for this event on request – the school minibus will be on hand to take us from Bedales at 5.30pm and return us at the end of the evening. A small charge will apply.

Please reserve your places by emailing parents@bedales.org.uk



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Monday 30 September, 10.30am - 2pm: Ivon Hitchens (Old Bedalian) exhibition at the Pallant House Gallery - join us for a private tour of the exhibition and talk followed by lunch.

Ivon Hitchens (1893 - 1979) was educated at Bedales, in fact four generations of the Hitchens family have gone to Bedales. Ivon Hitchens is one of Britain's most admired modern artists, much loved for his landscape paintings featuring swathes of bright colour, often painted in the open air in the countryside not far from Bedales. A progressive artist in the 1920s and 1930s, he was part of the Seven and Five Society alongside Ben Nicholson, Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. This remarkable exhibition at Pallant House considers the entire scope of his remarkable career, spanning six decades.

Pallant House is closed to the public on Mondays but have kindly offered Bedales parents an exclusive opportunity to join them for a behind the scenes tour of the house, its various galleries and of course the Ivon Hitchens exhibition followed by a talk about the life and works of Ivon Hitchens. We will end with a light lunch in the gallery's restaurant. Cost: £20.

Please book your places by emailing parents@bedales.org.uk



'Ivon Hitchens, Arno II, 1965, oil on canvas, 51 x 117cm, Private Collection © The Estate of Ivon Hitchens'

Friday 18 October, 7.30pm: Private filming of 'Romantic Road' with introduction and Q&A by Rupert and Jan Grey, Lupton Hall

Rupert and Jan Grey are well known to Bedales. Their three daughters were students here and the youngest, Carmody, also taught philosophy at Bedales for some years. They are an inspiring couple who have combined successful careers in law, photography and the probation service with family expeditions to remote parts of the world including the heart of Borneo, the high Pamirs, the Arctic tundra and the great mangrove swamps by the Bay of Bengal. 'Romantic Road' is a film of their latest adventure and produced by Sharon Stone. We join Rupert and Jan motoring across rural India in their battered 1936 Rolls Royce, falling into company with tea-wallahs and maharajahs, dodging tribal conflicts and battling with border-officials to get to a photography and human rights festival in Bangladesh. Please join us for a special screening of 'Romantic Road' introduced by Rupert Grey and followed by a question and answer session with him and Jan about the making of the film. Generously, the Greys have asked that all proceeds go towards the John Badley Foundation.

Cost: £16 to include drinks and Indian snacks.

Please reserve your place by emailing parents@bedales.org.uk

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Thursday 28 November, 7pm: Parents' Christmas Supper, The Polish Club, London

It's back! After the success of last year's event, we are returning to The Polish Club for a very special evening to which parents from all three Bedales schools are warmly invited. The Ballroom of the Polish Club will be transformed as some of Bedales' best musicians provide a wonderful musical backdrop whilst you enjoy an evening of delicious food, wine and friendships (new and old).

The evening will start with cocktails from 7pm followed by a delicious three course dinner and some entertainment thrown in by some of our talented students. There may even be an early Christmas present too....

Cost: the cost for the evening, to include drinks and supper, will be £50 per person. We hope the timing allows those of you coming from outside London to get trains home in good time and for others wishing to prolong the evening to visit the Club's excellent bar after dinner.

Venue: The Polish Club, 55 Exhibition Road, London, SW7 2PN.

To reserve your place please email parents@bedales.org.uk by 1 November.



Friday 6 December, 10.30am: Christmas Wreath Workshop with Hector and the Fox, Rogate

The final parents' social event for the Autumn term allows you not to only enjoy a morning at the magical home of Hector and the Fox but also leave with your very own stunning Christmas wreath with which to impress friends and family over the Christmas season. And all in time to collect your children from school at the end of term. You can't say we don't try.

Hector and the Fox are based at their beautiful, historic home in Stedham, a twenty-minute drive from Bedales in the heart of stunning West Sussex. They are well known locally for their originality, flair and knack of putting nature at the centre of life whether it is in the kitchen cooking delicious seasonal food or using nature to transform their home into an oasis of beauty and style.

Cost to be confirmed shortly. Please reserve your place by emailing parents@bedales.org.uk