

DUNANNIE FRIDAY LETTER

20th September 2019



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Every good conversation starts with good listening.



Dear Parents

Firstly, thank you to those of you who were able to come to our Open Morning and Badley Day on Saturday. Our visitors were given an extremely warm welcome by all of you and your hard work was hugely appreciated. Special thanks to Tom Eno for his invaluable advice and direction with the planting around the sculpture. We received some extremely positive feedback from prospective parents so thank you all for supporting this event at Dunannie.

This week, Year 3 have been visited by a Viking who did not rampage or try to take over the school as Catherine had feared! The children instead experienced a fun-filled day of Viking themed games, drama and exploration of Viking culture, including the chance to look at, touch and try on a huge range of Viking artefacts.

Year 2 have been on a fabulous trip to East Head and Chichester Marina to learn more about boats and oceans, plus they took full advantage of this wonderful weather by spending time on the beach building sandcastles and enjoying a picnic in the sand dunes.

Next week, we have Chris from Darmanin Studios coming in to take individual school photographs on Monday morning, plus Year 3 girls have a netball match against Ditcham finishing at 4.30. On Friday, ZooLab are visiting Nursery and Reception and we have the Macmillan Cake Sale, kindly organised by Velicia and the FODs at 2.30pm in the playground. (Please see the FODs Newsletter for all the details but I know they will greatly appreciate any cakes/biscuits/brownies you can donate, and please remember to bring plenty of change).

Just to remind you, the **Long Leave Weekend on Friday** next week means that we will be **ending our school day at 3pm** to ease congestion in the car park (as mentioned in the email last week), therefore Judo will be at the earlier time of 2pm and there will be **no Swallow Club**. I encourage everyone to leave promptly so you are not caught up in the congestion.

We have a couple of other upcoming events that you might want to note in your diaries. These include our Harvest Festival Assembly at 8.30am on Wednesday 9th October in the Well for ALL parents. There will also be a Three Schools Concert in the Lupton Hall on 17th October at 6:30pm. Year 3 children will be playing a part and all parents are welcome to attend. Tickets are available to book (free of charge) via the Event page on the Bedales website. We would also like to hold a Grandparents' afternoon and welcome them into school on Monday 2 December at 1.45 to visit their children's classroom, followed by delicious mince pies

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and special Christmas treats.

Today you will also have received an email inviting you to attend a Reading Information Session on Thursday 26 September 6.30-7.30, or Friday 27 September 8.30-9.30. These sessions will also provide you with an understanding of the early stages of learning to read along with the skills needed to support them. Please sign up in the Foyer for the session you would like to attend.

Just a reminder, Dunhurst are hosting their Badley morning tomorrow and you are welcome to arrive any-time from 8.30. Everyone is welcome, parents, neighbours, siblings and dogs. Bacon baps will be served, followed by a community working bee, then a choice of walks departing at 10.30 up to the Poet's Stone for the hardy ramblers where the views are indescribable or a less steep walk around the famous Harrow Pub and Kettlebrook areas of Steep. On return, there will be a much-needed hearty ploughman's in the playground until 13.30.

There are a couple of 'housekeeping' matters to raise. We have had a case of head lice reported in school so please make sure to check your child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary. Can I also remind everyone to sign onto the Parent Portal and opt in to share their contact details to enable your class rep to contact you about any important information or events coming up. Please could parents make sure that children doing Football after school on a Tuesday have shin pads in school.

Lastly, we have received a number of consent forms for the flu vaccinations. If you have not returned your form yet, please bring this on Monday morning at the latest.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Victoria

SPECIAL DUNANNIE MOMENTS

20th September 2019

Nursery visited Ryan to watch the honey being collected from the hive



The Reception class cleared the class garden then headed to the compost.



Year I have been locating the seas and oceans of the world and identifying land-locked countries.

SPECIAL DUNANNIE MOMENTS

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Year 2s trip to West Wittering and Chichester Marina There is no better place to go



Year 3—We had a brilliant time with Ragnar the Viking on Monday – re-enacting a battle, handling swords and artefacts and even staging a Viking burial!



NOTICES & ACHIEVEMENTS

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GOLD

SILVER
Kitty

BRONZE
Max A x2
Henry G
Kitty

Dunannie Calendar—Autumn Term 2019

		Start Time	End Time	Description
Monday	23/09/2019	09:00	14:00	Dunannie Individual School Photographs
	23/09/2019	15:30	16:30	Dunannie Netball/Football v Ditcham*
Tuesday	24/09/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance*
Friday	27/09/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Dance*
	27/09/2019	10:50	11:50	Dunannie Nursery - ZooLab Visit
	27/09/2019	14:30	15:00	Dunannie MacMillan Cake Sale*
	27/09/2019	15:00		Dunannie Finish at 3pm - LEAVE WEEKEND
Monday	30/09/2019	09:00	12:00	Dunannie Y2/3 Viking Longship Workshop
Tuesday	01/10/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
Thursday	03/10/2019	09:30	11:30	Dunannie Flu Vaccinations
	03/10/2019	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Netball v Amesbury
Friday	04/10/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Dance
	04/10/2019	08:35	09:35	Dunannie FODs Meeting
Tuesday	08/10/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
Wednesday	09/10/2019	08:30	09:30	Dunannie Harvest Festival Assembly
	09/10/2019	11:45	12:30	Dunannie - Harvest Lunch
Thursday	10/10/2019			Three Schools International Day
Friday	11/10/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Dance
Tuesday	15/10/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
Thursday	17/10/2019	19:00	21:00	Three Schools Concert (Year 3 taking part)
Friday	18/10/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Dance
	18/10/2019	09:00	15:30	Year 2 Trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Tuesday	22/10/2019	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
Wednesday	23/10/2019	14:30	14:30	Dunannie Half Term begins
Monday	04/11/2019	08:30	08:30	Dunannie Term Starts

Friends of Dunannie

Dear All

Please do take a moment to look at the Charity sheet below and cast your vote by next Friday 27th September.

On 27th September (next Friday) Velicia is very kindly organising a cake sale in aid of Macmillan – please see her note below. Bring cakes in at drop off on Friday morning and come back hungry at 2.30. Cupcakes will be £1 so please bring lots of change. Note the cake sale finishes sharpish at 3.00 so we can clear the carpark for the long week end.

A reminder to all parents to log their contact details on to the new system if you haven't already.

Have a great weekend,

Tabitha and Juliet

Dear Everyone,

As you know the lovely Harriet from Nursery left the School over the Summer. She was a much loved member of staff and I'm sure meant a lot to you and your children if they attended the Nursery last year or in previous years.

I would like to organise a collection and card for her that we can send on so that she knows how grateful we are for her love and kindness over the years. She was a very caring person who made the Nursery a lovely place to be along with the rest of the team.

If you could email me - alexandra_kelly@hotmail.com or text me - 0779 010 7809 if you would like to contribute that would be great, then I know who to find to sign the card. For the gift you can either give me some money when you see me or I can give you my bank details for a transfer if that's easier.

I would like to get this sent out by the end of next week so I will be collecting until next Wednesday (25th September).

Many thanks,
Alex

Alexandra Eno

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Please choose 2 charities from the list below and cast your vote here: <https://surveyhero.com/c/0bbcd9ba>



Chefs in Schools provide training, guidance and support to schools who want to dramatically improve the standards of food and food education. They help schools to recruit chefs, who want to cook with purpose and share their passion for food with the next generation, empowering them to take on running their own school kitchens.
<https://www.chefsinschools.org.uk>



Rural Refugees source accommodation for Syrian refugees and unaccompanied minors, helping them resettle in the UK and integrate into their communities. They aim to provide housing support and household items and services such as befriending, transport, English language tuition, mentoring, advice and training using our network of trained volunteers.
<http://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org>



The Roberts Centre, Portsmouth help families who are struggling to improve difficult circumstances whether from homelessness or family breakdown. There is a particular emphasis on meeting the needs of the children who are often the casualties of their family's plight.
<http://www.robertscentre.org.uk/about/>



Portsmouth Food Bank
6075 three-day emergency food supplies given to Portsmouth people in crisis in 2015
2/3 of people received help due to benefit delays or low income
1 in 5 of the UK population lives below the poverty line
<https://portsmouth.foodbank.org.uk>



Children on the Edge exists to help marginalised and forgotten children, who are living on the edge of their societies. These are children without parental care, neglected or persecuted by their governments, ignored by international media and missed by large overseas agencies. Working in partnership with local communities, they help create safe, child friendly environments.
<https://www.childrenontheedge.org>



Children's author Michael Morpurgo and his wife Clare founded **Farms for City Children** at Nethercott House in Devon in 1976. The charity offers urban children from all over the country a unique opportunity to live and work together for a week at a time on a real farm in the heart of the countryside. It is an intense, 'learning through doing' experience of a different life – for children who may not know where their food comes from and have limited opportunities to explore the outside world
<https://farmsforcitychildren.org>

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.

ALL SCHOOL EVENTS

20th September 2019

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, Amo 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.

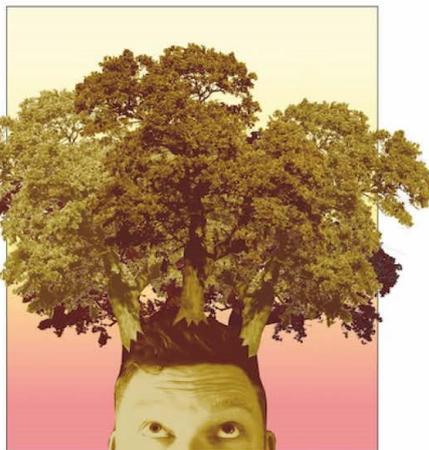
Hector and the Fox are based at their beautiful, historic home in Stedham, a twenty-minute drive from Bedales in the heart of stunning West Sussex. They are well known locally for their originality, flair and knack of putting nature at the centre of life whether it is in the kitchen cooking delicious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

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Tales From The Trees
Family Show
28th September 2019 – 2.00pm
Bedales Theatre, Steep GU32 2DG



Meet Craig, the friendly Forest Ranger and resident tree expert. It's his job to make sure the woods are a peaceful and happy place but he's having a tough time of it today! A cheeky squirrel has stolen his Chocolate Covered Nutty Snack Bar™, his niece Little Red has wandered off the path on her way to Granny's house, the mysterious old Wizard of the Woods is playing tricks again and there are even rumours of a big bad wolf in the forest!

Will Craig save the day? Come and find out and along the way learn how to identify different trees, discover the wonder of photosynthesis, gasp at deadly carnivorous plants and encounter crazy characters from folklore and fairy tales!

Tales from the Trees is a terrific tangle of puppetry, storytelling, live music and comedy, with a theme that embraces natural history, folklore and ecology.

Tales From The Trees - £12.00 (£10.00 concession) – Family of Four - £35.00

**Tickets available (fee free) at www.bedalesevents.co.uk
Or 0333 666 3366 (fee applies)**