Dear Parents

This week at Dunannie we have been wrapping up warm and playing outside as much as possible. Despite the cold weather, when the sun is shining, our little part of the world is a beautiful place to enjoy the outdoors. I do hope every Friday morning is now firmly in your diaries to come and experience this with us for our Shake and Wake session at 8.15am in the playground.

Our early morning dance session on Tuesday was hugely popular and busy especially as we had a special guest visit from Sharon’s daughter, Ruby Rose, who is a Bedales dance student. I would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Ruby who certainly showed us how it should be done.

On Wednesday morning, we welcomed new families to our baby and toddler group. Little Bedales is a very informal session for mothers and fathers to bring their toddlers (babies or bumps) to. It is a chance to integrate with other parents over a slice of cake and a cup of tea so please do join us if you have a little one!

Next Thursday at 2.15pm we have Year 3 Football & Netball against The Royal at home. The matches will take place on the Dunhurst pitches and tennis courts so please do come along and support the children. We welcome parents, grandparents and anyone who wishes to cheer on our budding sportsmen and sportswomen.

Please remember to sign up for one of our reading sessions next week. To enable everyone to join, we are offering two separate times - Thursday 24th January at 7pm and Friday 25th at 8.35am. I do hope everyone will be able to attend on one of these dates. If you have not booked your place, please contact the office at the usual email, dunannie@bedales.org.uk

Lastly, Magnus would really value parents’ feedback on the Bedales Ethos / Strategic Goals document (see the last page of our newsletter to read this). Please contact Tabitha, Gill or your class rep with any comments. All feedback will be discussed at the upcoming Bedales Parents Association (BPA) meeting on 25th January at 10am and parents are welcome to attend.

We also have our class rep meeting coming up, so please give any feedback directly to me, Tabitha, Gill or your class rep. I look forward to hearing your feedback.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Kindest regards

Victoria

Read news from Bedales Prep School, Dunhurst here
Read news from Bedales School here

P.s. Swallow Club is available from 3.30—5.25pm daily. Please remember to book in advance so we can organise catering.
18th January 2019

- Writing menus in nursery.
- Nancy helped the children make cement to build a wall.
- Reception children on their walk to the farm.
Year 2 designing Aborigine bags.

Year 3 enjoying some sunshine and looking for landmarks on their Winter Walk on Monday.

Year 1 designing and making houses from the Isle of Struay.

Floodlighting our lego models in Model Making this week.
NOTICES & ACHIEVEMENTS

18th January 2019

MATHLETICS

GG - BRONZE x 2
GG - SILVER
Kitty - BRONZE

DUNANNIE—DATE LIST—SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 21st January
Year 3 Trip to Winchester Science Museum

Tuesday 22nd January
08.15-08.30 Early Morning Dance in the Library*

Thursday 24th January
14.15 Year 3 Football & Netball v The Royal (Home)*
19.00-20.00 Early Reading Information Session in Library*

Friday 25th January
08.15-08.30 Shake & Wake in the Playground*
08.35-09.35 Early Reading Information Session in Library*
10.00 Class Rep Meeting in Reading Room at Bedales*

Monday 28th January
Year 3 trip to Arundel Wetland Centre

Tuesday 29th January
08.15-08.30 Early Morning Dance in the Library*
18.00-19.00 Dunannie Year 2 & 3 Curriculum Evening at Dunhurst*

Wednesday 30th January
08.40 Reception Assembly*

Friday 1st February
08.15-08.30 Shake & Wake in the Playground*

Wednesday 6th February
09.30 Year 1 Post Office Trip to Petersfield

Monday 11th February
Year 3 Boys & Girls Hockey v Ditcham Park (Away) 3pm (Returning 4.50pm)*

Wednesday 13th February
LAST DAY Finish at 4.30pm

FEBRUARY HALF TERM—Thursday 14th February – Sunday 24th February

Monday 25th February
FIRST DAY back after half term

Friday 1st March
Dunannie Coffee Morning*

Monday 11th March
14.45 Year 3 Boys & Girls Hockey v Ditcham Park (Home)

Thursday 14th March
14.15 Year 3 Swimming gala v The Royal (Home)

Thursday 21st March
FoDs Fundraiser*

Friday 29th March
END OF TERM at 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAY—Saturday 30th March – Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April Summer Term Starts

* Parents are invited to attend.
Hi All

We have a Bedales Parents’ Association (BPA) meeting on 25th January and need your input.

Magnus is particularly keen to hear parents’ views on the Bedales Ethos / Strategic Goals - see the following page.

Also on the agenda is the transition through Bedales Schools – from Dunannie to Dunhurst and from Dunhurst to Bedales. Your view is really valuable.

Please email or talk to your class rep or you can contact Gill or I direct at friendsofdunannie@gmail.com We need to hear from you by 23rd Jan.

Alternatively, all are welcome to come to the meeting on Friday 25th Jan 10 am in the Reading Room, Bedales.

Minutes will be circulated by email and for those with children at Dunhurst, they can be found on FireFly.

If you haven’t already signed up to our Friends of Dunannie Facebook Group – please do so. It’s a great way to find a plumber, tell other parents about something or ask a question.

Those of you with general feedback for Dunannie please make sure you’ve told your class rep (or Victoria direct). We’re meeting next week.

Have a great weekend.

Gill and Tabitha
Bedales Ethos Key Themes

- Bedales encourages pupils to find their own way, their own persona, their own voice.
- We create an environment where pupils learn to reconcile their individual wishes with the needs of the community.
- We prepare pupils for life – speaking clearly, shaking hands, making eye contact.
- Bedales was one of the UK’s first co-educational boarding schools, established over a century ago - so we have a track record of pastoral innovation and experience most other schools do not have.
- Bedales has never been afraid of being different, always in pursuit of better education in its widest sense. For example, we created Bedales Assessed Courses because we felt GCSEs offered insufficient challenge.

Three Schools’ Strategic Goals 2018-2021

Raising pupil achievement within a distinctive ethos

1. To strengthen Bedales’ position as a distinctive school with an innovative curriculum and an holistic approach to pupils’ development through continued curricular and co-curricular improvement.
2. To inspire a love of learning by providing each pupil with appropriate challenge, choice and stimulation, leading to stronger engagement and improved educational outcomes.
3. To improve pupils’ independence through demanding questioning, ambitious task-setting, enhancing self-directed learning opportunities, and by holding pupils to account when they fall short.
4. To improve further the effectiveness of teaching through sustained professional dialogue, training, observation and feedback, led by evidence-based educational research.

Investing in the school

5. To achieve efficiencies and develop financial resilience that will allow the school to withstand economic and political change.

6. To optimise current capacity in the schools via targeted admissions.

Looking outwards

7. To refine and extend our social, environmental and international engagement through partnerships, outreach projects, enhanced curricular provision and increasing bursary support.