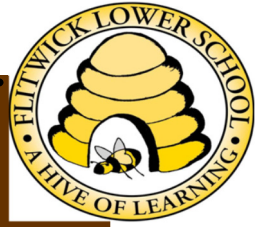


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

2nd Mar—Easter Bingo—CANCELLED
5th Mar—Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop
7th Mar—9th Mar—Yr 4 Grafham Trip
8th Mar—Flamingos Assembly
14th Mar—16th Mar—Book Fair
19th Mar—Class Photos
CHANGE OF DATE
23rd Mar—Grafham Assembly
26th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening
27th Mar—Church Visits
27th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening
29th Mar—Silly Sock Day
29th Mar—Break up for Easter
16th Apr—Start of school for all children
24th May—New Parents Evening for Foundation Pupils 18-19
28th May-3rd Jun—Half Term
6th Jun—Open Day
9th Jun—Flitwick Carnival
11th Jun—Father's Day Pop-Up Shop
18th Jun—KS2 Sports (am)
19th Jun—KS1 Sports (am)
20th Jun—Foundation Sports (am)
23rd Jun—School Football Tournament
6th Jul—Fun Run
7th Jul—Summer Fete
13th Jul—Transition Morning—All Classes
14 Jul—Yr 4s Leavers' Picnic
17th Jul—Open Evening
18th Jul—Yr 4 Leavers Production and Presentations
20th Jul—Break up for Summer

Change of date—Animal Capers YR 4
14th March

We have had a fabulous day! The school is buzzing with excitement as the children take part in different activities to celebrate World Book Day. Each of the classes have decorated their doors in the theme of a Julia Donaldson book. Please check out our Twitter feed to see our pictures of the day. I've really enjoyed looking at all the photographs of the children reading in unusual places. We will be displaying these around school and selecting a winner per year group, so watch this space.

The weather has been a little problematic but we've enjoyed the snow if not the bitter cold winds. We are hoping that it will improve as it is now officially Spring.

Toucans and Hummingbirds have had wonderful assemblies this week. We hope that you enjoyed watching them and we appreciate the work and effort that has gone into the planning and costumes.

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

We are hosting Happy's Circus at Flitwick Lower School on 28th April 2018 from 1.30pm to 4pm. Tickets are available online or from the School Office. Tickets cost £8 each or £28 for a family ticket (4 people). Tickets are open to the public (not just the Flitwick Lower community).



YEAR 4 SWIMMING GALA

On 21st February, a group of 24 of our Yr 4 children took part in an Inter-Schools Swimming Gala. We are really pleased to advise that in the Big Pool, group 1 came first and in the Small Pool, group 2 came 1st and group 1 came 2nd. Also, in the Big Pool, group 2 were awarded the School Games Value Award for DETERMINATION.

Also, we have received a report from one of our parents saying that not only did the children enjoy the friendly competition but that also they were supportive of each other. "They were a real credit to the School". We are very proud of our Year 4s.

EARRINGS IN PE

Earrings need to be removed on days when children have PE. If you want to have your child's ears pierced, can we please ask that it is done in the Summer Holidays.

EASTER BINGO

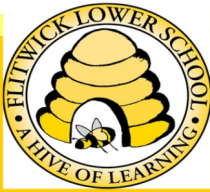
Unfortunately, due to the weather, we have cancelled the Easter Bingo for this evening. We are hoping to reschedule.

GRAFAHM—WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH

Our Yr 4s are leaving for Grafham Water on Wednesday morning. Please note that the bus will be arriving at about 9am, so **please could ALL parents clear the playground quickly** so that the bus can drive on.

Also, parents bringing your Yr 4 child with their suitcase, please leave the cases down by the outside doors of Eagles and Parrots. The children will be registered in the Year 4 classrooms, so remember all their medicines, money (£5) and camera. All need to be labelled and secure. Please remember no mobile phones! We will be keeping you up to date with our adventures on our Twitter feed.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Amphill Literary Festival 2018.

Saturday 28th April at Parkside Hall, MK45 2HX. Featuring special guests: Rowan Coleman, Ruth Hogan, Sarfraz Manzoor, Tim Lihoreau, John Suchet, Peter Laws, Polly Ho-Yen, Heather Trefusis, Joanne Harris and the Storytime Band.

Grove Theatre Oliver Auditions

Is your child talented who loves to sing, dance and act? Grove Theatre have the perfect opportunity this coming summer when they host their Grove Production Project of Oliver, for pupils to become involved in their fantastic show. Auditions will take place on Sunday 11th March at 10am. Flyers will be available from the School Foyer.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School, as we have several children who are severely allergic to nuts. Please do not bring in any granola bars or spreads that contain nuts.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you need to get in touch with us during the school holidays, you can always email us on the main address, flitwick@cbc.beds.sch.uk or call and leave a message on the answerphone.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Remember all newsletters and attachments are available to download from our School website at: www.flitwick-lower-school.net
We update the site regularly as well as uploading information sent through from outside agencies. Please check for SEND information and resources.

Co-op Local Community Fund

As you know, the Co-op Local Community Fund has chosen to support Flitwick Lower School and we are very pleased to advise that they are donating £512.93 to us, with a possibility of more to come. This will go towards the playground equipment. Thank you to all local residents who contributed.



CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Thursdays at 9.15am

8th Mar—Flamingos

Fri 23rd Mar—Grafham Assembly
(this is a change in date)

Assemblies for all other classes will be held in the Summer Term

RESERVE THE DATE

Please can the Yr 4 parents reserve the date of 14th July. The parents have set this date for the Yr4 Leavers Picnic. More details will come later from the organisers.

HOW TO FOLLOW FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

As well as their Facebook page, the Association have now set up a Twitter account: [@fls_association](https://twitter.com/fls_association). Also, please check out their new website for forthcoming events at www.pta-events.co.uk/flitwicklowerschool. You'll see all up and coming events there and you can buy circus tickets there too. Please check out these great new ways of getting information out to you.

WINNER OF THE BOTTLE OF WINE FROM THE PTA QUESTIONNAIRE

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the bottle of wine was Adrienne Wilde. We hope that you enjoy your prize!



LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (March and April)

This month we are finding out how to speak Hindi. The children will be introduced to some basic phrases and find out more about the countries that speak Hindi.

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be eligible for Free School Meals which can also include additional funding to help your child and enrich their time at school eg support with trips etc.

This is different to universal free school meals for children in FS, YR 1 & 2.

Please pick up a leaflet from the school office to check your eligibility.