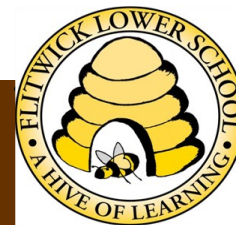


# Flitwick Lower School

## Newsletter No. 4



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### KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

**8th Nov**—Bag2School Collection  
**9th Nov**—Foundation and KS1 Discos  
**16th Nov**—CHILDREN IN NEED  
**16th Nov**—KS2 Disco  
**20th Nov**—Flu Immunisations  
**30th Nov**—Christmas Fayre 4pm—  
6.30pm  
**3rd Dec**—Yr 1 Christmas Concert  
**4th Dec**—Yr 2 Christmas Concert  
**5th Dec**—Foundation Christmas Con-  
cert  
**6th Dec**—Yr 3 Christmas Concert  
**7th Dec**—FLSA Supper With Santa  
**8th Dec**—Panto Performance—3pm  
**9th Dec**—Panto Performance—1pm and  
5pm  
**11th Dec**—Christmas Church Service  
(Whole School)  
**12th Dec**—Christmas Jumper Day  
**12th Dec**—Christmas Dinner Day  
**13th Dec**—Christmas Pop-Up Shop  
**15th Dec**—Panto Performances 2pm  
and 6pm  
**19th Dec**—Last Day of Term

**3RD JAN—RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**HALF TERM 11TH FEB TO 15TH FEB**

**6th—8th Mar**—Book Fair after school  
**13th—15th Mar**—Yr 4 trip to Grafham  
**28th Mar**—Grafham Assembly  
**1st Apr**—Class Photos  
5th Apr—Last day of Term  
**23RD APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**2nd May**—School Closed for Local Elec-  
tions  
**6th May**—Bank Holiday—School Closed  
**HALF TERM 27TH MAY TO 2ND JUN**  
**13th June**—Dads in School  
**14th June**—Dads in School  
**17th June**—KS2 Sports Day  
**18th June**—KS1 Sports Day  
**19th June**—Foundation Sports Day  
**29th June**—Football Tournament  
**18th July**—Yr 4 Leavers Performance  
and Presentations  
**19TH JULY—END OF TERM**

A chilly welcome back to school: Autumn is definitely here! The school grounds always look so lovely this time of year apart from all the fallen leaves. We have an exciting 7 weeks ahead of us; we started this week with Beehive decorating the areas for Halloween and Individual photos today. We are using a new background for the photos this year and the results are fantastic. The proofs will be sent out as soon as we have them.

Remember to put the dates for this term in your diary as there is so much happening! Especially the Christmas concerts.

We are raising money for Children in Need through our discos and the children can come to school dressed ready in party clothes or Children in Need themed clothes on the day of their disco. So, Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be supporting CIN on Friday 9th November and Year 3 and Year 4 will be supporting CIN on Friday 16th November. (But please remember suitable coats and shoes for going outside during the day).

This year, we are commemorating Armistice Day through activities in school and laying a wreath at the War Memorial on Sunday 11th Nov on behalf of the whole school. Next week every child will make a poppy for the wreath so everyone is represented. Poppies have been sold in school this week, and you can still get one next week.

Our value you this term is **Friendship**. "**A LITTLE CONSIDERATION, A LITTLE THOUGHT FOR OTHERS, MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.**" A. A. Milne -  
Pooh's Little Instruction Book.

### PANTO POSTER COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to all the winners and runners up. The posters are now up to be seen by all.

The overall winner of the competition is Faye Holland her poster is on display on Temple Way.

The winner of the Programme Cover is Bailey Sanchez.

The runners up are:  
Lucy Tucker, Isabel Swannell, Freya Pearson and Olivia Harley. Their posters are all around Flitwick and Ampthill.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The proofs of the Christmas cards have been sent home this week. Please carefully check the spelling of the name on the back and detail any corrections on the order form. When you return the order form, you do not need to return the card with it.

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are pleased to confirm the result of the Parent Governor Election.

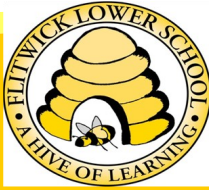
**Mr Jon Briggs** was elected by a clear majority. We would like to welcome him to our Governing Body.

Thank you to everyone who voted.

### DRIVING INTO SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents that the car park is for Staff only, unless you have been given specific permission. Even if you are running late, please do not drive into the School, and especially not at speed. We have also received a number of complaints about inconsiderate or illegal parking (on the zig-zag lines). Please can we remind all parents to park in a considerate and legal manner.

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### YOUNG MINDS CHARITY PETITION

Young Minds is an amazing charity that campaigns and fights for children and young people's mental health. They are currently running a campaign for parents / teachers to sign an open letter to Ofsted to prioritise young people's mental wellbeing. Their campaign was launched a couple of weeks ago.

We, at Flitwick Lower, do have mindfulness sessions every day for the children but any support from parents for the petition would be great. Here is the link: -<https://act.youngminds.org.uk/wise-tell-ofsted-prioritise-wellbeing-schools>

Wise Up: Tell Ofsted to prioritise wellbeing in schools ...  
[act.youngminds.org.uk](https://act.youngminds.org.uk)

Sign our open letter to Ofsted to call for wellbeing and mental health to be made a priority in schools. There is a mental health crisis in our classrooms, with 3 children in every class estimated to have a diagnosable mental health condition.

#### SCHOOL DINNERS

As you know, School Dinners are now payable to Flitwick Lower School. The dinner for those in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are still covered under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, but Years 3 & 4 still need to pay for their meals. The costs for the rest of this half term are:

Daily	-	£ 2.10
Weekly	-	£ 10.50
Wednesdays Roasts only (7)	-	£ 14.70
Balance of this Half term	-	£ 69.30

Dinners are payable via ParentPay and must be paid in advance.

#### FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PANTO

##### ONCE UPON A TIME...

The cast and crew have been very busy rehearsing their parts and painting the scenery. They are now in the final throes of preparing for the shows in December.

Tickets are selling fast, so do remember to place your order soon by completing the ticket form sent home (there are more available in the School Office if necessary) or email [flitwick.panto@gmail.com](mailto:flitwick.panto@gmail.com) or phone 07946 352911.

All of those involved are volunteers and give up a huge amount of their time to bring this fantastic show to life and to raise (hopefully) a lot of money for the Association and the School. We would like to give a massive thank you to all of those involved whether it is writing the script originally, the actors, directors, producers, lighting, stage crew, scenery painters, ticket office or those helping out with teas and coffees and front of house. Thank you to you all.

#### SCHOOL LOTTERY

Why not join the School Lottery? A guaranteed prize to one of the supporters every week, and chance to win £25,000 in a separate draw every week. Tickets only £1 per week and all profit goes to our school. To start supporting, visit [www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk) and search for Flitwick.

#### 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.

#### LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (November)

This month **German**. The children will be introduced to some basic phrases and find out more about the countries that speak German.

#### GDPR

We are now subject to the new Data Protection Regulations. The new Privacy Notice is now available to view on our website. Please help us by ensuring your data is up-to-date.

If you get a new mobile number, move house or any other details change, please make sure you let us know the details as soon as possible. You can pop in to school, drop a note to the Class Teacher or email the office on [flitwick-lower@gmail.com](mailto:flitwick-lower@gmail.com).

#### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Remember all newsletters and attachments are available to download from our School website at: [www.flitwick-lower-school.net](http://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.