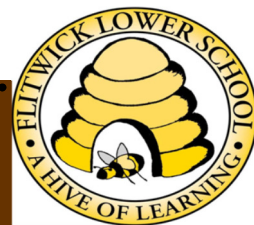


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

16th Nov—Key Skills Information for Yrs 1 & 2—9am in the Hall
16th Nov—Phonics Information for FS—2.30pm in the Hall
16th Nov—Association Meeting—7pm
17th Nov—Children In Need Day—dress is spots or stripes
17th Nov—School Discos
24th Nov—Mufti Day
24th Nov—Bingo Night 7pm
3rd Dec—Christmas Fayre
4th Dec—YR 1 Concert
5th Dec—YR 2 Concert
6th Dec—Foundation Concert
7th Dec—YR 3 Concert
13th Dec—Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec—Break up for Christmas
January 2018
3rd Jan—Start of school for all children
4th Jan—E-safeguarding Talk 6pm
20th Jan—27th Jan—Panto Performances
12th Feb—18th Feb—Half Term
2nd Mar—World Book Day—Dress as a Character
7th Mar—9th Mar—Yr 4 Grafham Trip
14th Mar—16th Mar—Book Fair
19th Mar—Class Photos
22nd Mar—Grafham Assembly
26th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening
27th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening
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
18th Jun—KS2 Sports (am)
19th Jun—KS1 Sports (am)
20th Jun—Foundation Sports (am)
6th Jul—Fun Run
7th Jul—Summer Fete
13th Jul—Transition Morning—All Classes
17th Jul—Open Evening
18th Jul—Yr 4 Leavers Production and Presentations
20th Jul—Break up for Summer

I hope you all had a lovely half term and have come back refreshed for the rest of the autumn term. As you all know we had an Ofsted inspection yesterday. I would like to thank all those that managed to complete the online questionnaire; I know it was short notice but it is important that they get your views on the school. Once we have the report, which will be in about 2 weeks, we will be able to notify you of the outcome and distribute copies.

We have some events over the next few weeks which you may like to come along to.

Mrs Tatford is holding a Key Skills session for parents of children in years 1 and 2. This is on 16th November at 9am in the hall.

Miss Wood is holding a Phonics session for Foundation parents on 16th November at 2.30pm in the hall.

We have booked a session for parents on 'Keeping Children Safe Online' delivered by a member of the policing team on the 4th January 2017 at 6pm.

Children in Need is coming up on the 17th November—we are having a disco on that day and children can come to school in spots or stripes.— More information to follow

OLD £1 COINS

Please note that we can no longer accept the old style £1 coins. Any which are received will be returned to you. This applies to the Kitchen too for Dinner Money.

However, if you have any old style coins, you can donate them to the British Legion Poppy Appeal or you can donate them to Children in Need, by taking them to Post Office, Boots, Greggs, Cineworld, Welcome Break or DFS where there will be collection boxes.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

The photo proofs will be coming home today.

Please return your order by **Wed 8th November** so that we can have them back to you in time for Christmas.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

As a school, we are having a focus on improving pupils attendance and lateness. The school's attendance policy has been updated and can be found on the school website. Regular attendance in school is mandatory and research shows that children who miss up to 17 days in school achieve lower than those who attend regularly—this can be a whole grade drop at GCSE's.

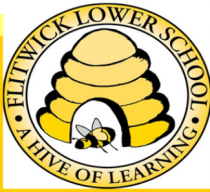
97%+ = Good Attendance
95% = Satisfactory Attendance
90 – 95% = Needs improvement
90% and below = Persistent Absence

School starts at 8.50am therefore children need to lined up on the playground ready. A child who arrives between 9am and 9.10am will be marked as late. A child who arrives after 9.10 is marked as unauthorised as the registers have closed.

We monitor attendance weekly, monthly and 1/2 termly. If your child's attendance is a cause for concern you will be invited to a meeting to discuss ways forward.

Please note: School gates are closed and locked at 9am.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Alameda Middle School is holding an Open Evening on 16th November for parents choosing a school place for 2018-19. For families from non-feeder Schools, the evening starts at 5.45pm. Please arrive via the main entrance and take a seat in the School Hall. If you would like more information, please speak to the Alameda School Office.

LOWE-GOS —UNIFORM SALES

Low-Gos have moved. They are now based at:

1b Station Square

Flitwick
Bedfordshire MK45 1DP
Email: sales@lowegos.org
Tel: 01525 839341
Website: www.lowegos.org

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.

MUSIC LESSONS



Guitar / Keyboard / Ukulele lessons are available at School on Thursdays. Please ask for a form at the office.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

We have now signed up for **Aviva Community Funding**. Voting is now open! Now's the time to share our project with friends and family to get as many votes as possible. We hope to raise more funds for the playground. Here's the project link that you'll need:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-2744>

Everyone can cast 10 votes and we need at least 1000 to be guaranteed some funding. The more support our project gets the better our chances of securing funding.

The **Panto** rehearsals are well underway as well as the set design. Tickets will be on sale soon and the children will receive a colouring competition form today to design a poster and the programme cover.

The next Association meeting is on **16th November at 7pm**.

PARENT PARKING

Parents who are parking in Osprey Road have been causing a blockage in the road and a complaint has been received from a local resident. Please could you park considerately so that driveways and the road itself are not blocked.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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

MOOKIE TOYS CLEARANCE SALE SAT. 25th NOVEMBER 2017

Mookie Toys is a company based in Flitwick that makes brands such as Swingball, TP Toys, Fluffimals, Pillowpets and Dreamlites. They are holding a one day sale for the local community with many items reduced to nearly 50% of RRP.

The sale is on Saturday 25th November from 9am to 12 noon. Sales will be cash only, sold as seen and no refunds.

For an idea of some of the many toys that will be on sale, please go to their website at www.mookie.co.uk.

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 the school in enriching their time at school e.g support with trips etc.

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

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

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.