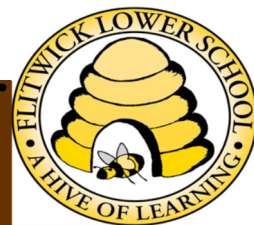


Flitwick Lower School

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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

11th Sept—Stunning Start Yrs 3/4
13th Sept—Teacher Information Evenings—6pm for Yrs 1&2 — 6.45pm for Yrs 3&4.
19th Sept—Teacher Information Evening—Foundation Stage 6pm
22nd Sept—MacMillan Coffee Morning—9.15am
22nd Sept—Association AGM—10am
28th Sept—Harvest Festival
5th Oct—Grafham Information Evening—6.30pm
16th Oct—Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm-6pm
17th Oct—Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm-7pm
20th Oct—Individual Photos
23rd Oct—29th Oct—Half Term
31st Oct—Children back to School
17th Nov—Children In Need Day
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
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
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The children have all started the new term with positive attitudes and showing they are ready to learn. They all look very smart in their uniforms and this year, we are reinforcing the importance of the uniform in belonging to the school community, so please ensure they are always in the correct uniform, this includes the type of bows / headbands they wear. Please can you also ensure they bring a coat to school as the weather is so changeable and we only have a few spare coats.

The Foundation staff have been busy completing home visits for all our new children. They start over Mon / Tues / Wed next week. We are really looking forward to them starting their school journey with us.

We were hoping to start work on the new trim trail next week but the company have had a few issues and the pieces are not all ready. They have given us a provisional date of the 1st October for the work to start, but we will keep you updated.

A key date for next week is the teacher information evening for Years 1—4. The times are 6pm for YR 1 and YR 2 and 6.45pm for YR 3 and YR 4. This is an important meeting as you are given all the information about how the children are taught and the expectations for the year as well as meeting the staff.

Yr 3 / 4 Snack

A reminder to parents and carers that children in years 3 and 4 need to bring their own piece of fruit / healthy snack to school everyday. If we have spare fruit from lower down the school they will be offered this but we cannot guarantee this everyday and they get hungry by playtime.

KEY DATES AND EVENTS: CONTINUED.....

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

Please look out for additional dates throughout the year (as well as any dates which might have to be changed). We will advise these as soon as possible.

Reading Champions

We are looking for some adults who can spare some of their time to help hear children read in school. This can be an hour a week or more if you have time. The children love to read but not everyone has the same opportunities at home and need some extra practice.

If you are able to help with this then please contact the school office with your details. Thank You

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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

Trim Trail

Please can you ensure that your children do not play on the trim trail before or after School. Thank you

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FLITWICK PRE-SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

Flitwick Pre-School are holding their Family Fun Day on Saturday 23rd September from 11am to 2pm.

Lots of fun and games for all the family as well as refreshments.

Pop along to see them at The Brotherhood Hall, 36A High Street, Flitwick, MK45 1DU

Tel: 07870 773867

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD GALA—SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER FROM 1PM

Lots of Activities and Competitions, including Bear Treasure Hunt, Marmalade Cake Competition, Football Tournament and Tug of War. Plenty of Entertainment in the Arena—Stotfold Twirlers, Army Cadet Corp of Drums, Ampthill Singers, Ampthill Town Band, Zumba and Jazzercise.—Don't forget to bring your teddy with you for Teddy Bear Day!

Refreshments will be available as well as a licenced bar. Free Parking on site, Procession through the village at 1pm.

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.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The dinner menus have been updated. The new menus with the new dates are now available online on our website at <http://flitwick-lower-school.net/Information/School-Dinners/school-dinners.html> Years 3 and 4 need to pay for their dinners and here is a reminder of the costs for next half term. Please note that these menus will continue till half term, when new menus will be issued.

Daily	£2.05
Weekly	£10.25
All Wed. Roast days (7)	£14.35
All Fri. Fun days (7)	£14.35
Both Weds and Fri.	£28.70
The Half Term	£67.65

All dinner money for the week should be paid in on the **Monday** of that week. If paying by cheque, please make payable to L.B.C., with the child's name and class on the back and the days you are paying for. Please note that as this is not payable to the School, this cannot be paid via ParentPay.

REACH YOUR GOALS THIS YEAR

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week to support a local struggling family with young children? Are you a caring reliable person? Are you looking to increase your skills or considering a career in health or social care?

Home-Start, the leading UK family support charity are looking for parents and grandparents to join their volunteer team to support the increasing number of families who are coming to them for help. We train our volunteers for their role and they are supported and supervised by a paid Co-ordinator.

For more information about what we do why not take a look at our website www.homestartcentralbeds.org.uk or follow us on Facebook at / HomeStartCentralBedfordshire

Don't miss the chance to volunteer with us. We have an 8 session induction course beginning this month.

To enquire give us a call on 01582 660061 or email office@homestartcentralbeds.org.uk