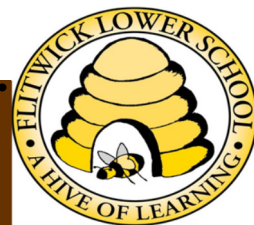


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

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

Christmas fever has arrived at Flitwick Lower School. The Christmas Fayre on Sunday was a great success, the Year 4 children opened the event with their beautiful singing which set the mood. We managed to arrange for Santa to take a couple of hours out of his busy schedule to pop in and I'm sure Rudolph and all the other reindeer will love the food many of you made. We will be able to let you know how much money we raised by the end of term.

Many of you have watched the Christmas concerts this year; we started with "Whoops-a-daisy Angel" performed by the Year 1 children, followed by Year 2 on Tuesday with "A Mid-wife Crisis". On Wednesday our youngest children wowed us with their performance of "Donkey for Sale" and finally Year 3 performed "Lights ,Camel, Action!", a fabulously funny show based on Strictly Come Dancing but with the important message of Christmas.

I would like to thank everyone who took part, the children, staff and parents. It was lovely to see how confident the children are and the pride they take in their roles.

We have some more festive activities planned over the next week.

On Tuesday 12th, we are all going to visit St Peters and St Pauls Church for a carol service with Reverend Lucy. We are going in two parts, one at 10am and the other at 2pm.

Wednesday is Christmas dinner and come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper with your school uniform. This is a charity day for Save the Children, suggested donation of £1. Hopefully we will have a special visitor in the afternoon.

Christmas parties are Monday 18th for Foundation and Year 1 and 2. Tuesday 19th for Year 3 and 4. Children can come to school in their party clothes for their parties.



Crossing on Temple Way

TEMPLE WAY: ROAD SAFETY PETITION

We have been asked to bring to parents' attention that a local child minder recently started an online petition at www.change.org to try to get Central Bedfordshire Council to review road safety on Temple Way.

Nana Pat's petition currently has just over 1,000 signatures but needs 1,500 before the Council will consider the request.

The petition is especially timely as a former pupil was involved in a collision with a car on Temple Way at home time last Friday, 1st December. We are relieved to report that the child, now a Year 5 at Woodland Middle School, received no major injuries.

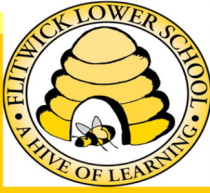
If you have not already signed the petition but would like to do so, you can visit <http://chm.ge/2zDHLm>

Message from Governors

Over the last few months the Governors have been liaising with the Highways Department at Central Bedfordshire Council. The department is investigating possible actions for inclusion in the Highways Capital Programme for the 2018/19 financial year. The School Travel Plan is available on the school website which outlines our plans to improve the road safety for the children.

In the meantime, we would ask that you consider the safety of the children when parking and use the Park and Stride Scheme at Tesco's to minimise the traffic at drop off and pick up times.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Flitwick Children's Centre

If you are a mum or dad under the age of 24, come and join us on **Friday morning from 10am until 11.30am.**

Have fun taking part in a variety of activities like messy play, cooking, arts and crafts, walks to woods and celebrating festivals while socialising and making new friendships.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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

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.

CIRCUS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We have been given the opportunity to get commission on the ticket sales for the Circus at the Village Hall on 9th and 10th December. Tickets are available from the School Office. Cash only please.

Family Ticket is £25 (for 2 Adults & 2 children). Individual adult tickets are £8 and child tickets are £6. There are 3 shows on Saturday 9th December and 2 shows on Sunday 10th December.



Playground News

Hopefully, you will have noticed that the new playground equipment is now being installed. We hope that it will all be finished and signed off by the end of term, so will be useable from January.

Santa Challenge

Don't forget to send your completed Santa Challenge forms to the School Office. Let's get to Lapland!

Bauble Decorations

The children have been sending in some excellent baubles, which are all hanging on trees around the School. Closing date for the competition is today and Mrs New will announce the winners on Monday.

CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

We have now managed to access the Co-op Local Community Fund, which means that members of the Co-op can choose to give their 1% to Flitwick Lower School Association. This funding period is open for 11 months until 27th October 2018.

Every time members shop at the Co-op 1% of what they spend on selected own brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.

Please do help us with raising more money for the playground refurbishment.

News from Miss Eames

We have had several postcards from Miss Eames with news of her adventures. She is obviously having a brilliant time and making a big difference. Scans of the cards can be seen on the School website.

Panto News

We are pleased to announce that the competition for the Panto Poster has been won by Amber Farrugia. Also, Libby Dawes has won the competition for the front of the programme.

A letter has been sent home about how to buy tickets for the Panto. This year, they are using an online booking system, so you need to contact them with your name, contact number, the date and time of the performance and number of tickets required. Email address is: flitwick.panto@gmail.com

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 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.

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.