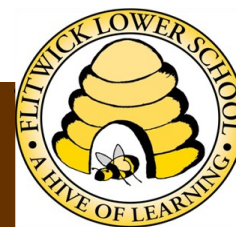


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

HALF TERM 11TH FEB TO 15TH FEB

22nd Feb—Thinking / Founders Day

22nd Feb—Superhero Night—3.30pm

21st Feb—Toy Sale for Mad About Harry

28th Feb—Hummingbirds Assembly

6th—8th Mar—Book Fair after school

7th Mar—Visit from Korky Paul
(Illustrator of Winnie the Witch Books)

13th—15th Mar—Yr 4 trip to Grafham

14th Mar—Owls Assembly

18th Mar—Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

21st Mar—Flamingos Assembly

28th Mar—Grafham Assembly

29th Mar—Tea and Egg Hunt—3.30pm

1st Apr—Class Photos

2nd Apr—Whole School Visit to Church

4th Apr—Foundation Assembly

5th Apr—Silly Sock Day for Autism

5th Apr—Last day of Term

23RD APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL

26th Apr—Foundation and KS1 Disco

1st May—KS2 Disco

2nd May—School Closed for Local Elections

6th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed

17th May—FLSA Quiz

HALF TERM 27TH MAY TO 2ND JUN

7th Jun—12th Jul—Freeze Pop Fridays

10th June—Father's Day Pop-Up Shop

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

5th Jul—Fun Run 9am-11.30am

5th Jul—Summer Frenzy

18th July—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations

19TH JULY—END OF TERM

BAD DEBT POLICY

In order to reduce the amount of money owing to the School, the Governors have brought in a new Bad Debt Policy, which came into effect last week. A copy is available to view on our School website. Anyone with an outstanding debt will be chased in accordance with this policy.

A message from Mrs New...

It was good to see so many of you at the parents events over the last few week, hopefully they have given you a good insight into the different strategies and resources the staff use to support the children in their learning. Any handouts or additional information can be found on the school website.

In the last newsletter, I shared that some of the teachers have been piloting a slightly new approach to writing and the children have excelled in their stories. The plots and language used are amazing, **SO** why not think about entering the Radio 2 500 words short story competition. This has been running for many years now but they are re-vamping it in readiness for this year.

Details about it can be found on the Radio 2 website or use the following link...

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/28zqDX98FnDYbN9j1jbk4HS/500-words-2019

I'm hoping we might be able to submit some of the stories the children have written in school.

Toucans launched our season of class assemblies on Thursday. They performed some interesting songs and rhymes as well as sharing the work they have completed on their Turrets and Tiaras learning theme.

I'm looking forward to see the other assemblies next half term. Don't forget to put the dates in your diaries so you can come along and share in the learning.

I hope you all have a nice half term. It should be a little quieter considering most of the schools outside of Bedfordshire don't break up until the following week.

CHANGE IN ASSEMBLY DATES

Flamingos Assembly will now be on Thursday **21st March** and the Robins Assembly which was scheduled for that day will now take place in the Summer Term, as will the assembly for Kingfishers.

VALUE OF THE TERM

The value for the Spring term is **Inclusivity**.

We will be exploring all the different ways in which we show this and the impact it has on others.

TOY SALE—THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY—3.30PM

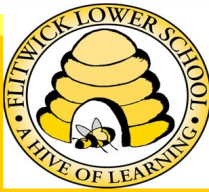
The School Ambassadors are organising a Toy Sale in aid of the Mad About Harry Charity on Thursday 21st February after School.

Please could you take some time over the half term break to see if you can find one toy which you and your child can donate to this sale (one toy per child only please).

You can bring your donations to School from Monday 18th February and hand them in to the class.

All proceeds of the sale will go directly to the Mad About Harry Charity. The charity have advised that the money raised is held in trust and will be used for Harry's care and other children with Neuroblastoma as well as research for the disease.

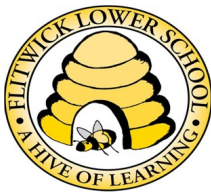
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COMMUNITY NEWS



SHOPPING ONLINE? PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE AMAZON SMILE

For those of you who shop online, if you choose to shop at Amazon, the Association could receive some money back. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to Flitwick Lower School Association. Simply visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select "Flitwick Lower School Association" as your charitable organisation of choice. AmazonSmile is the same as Amazon, so please use your usual log-in details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Upcoming dates for your diary for PTA Events this term are:

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR KS2 DISCO—NOW ON WED 1ST MAY

18th Feb—8th Mar—5p Tower Competition. (Please save up your 5ps ready for this competition).

Friday 22nd Feb—Superhero Night—3.30pm—5.30pm—Now SOLD OUT

Monday 18th Mar—Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

Friday 29th Mar—Tea and Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny—3.30pm—5.30pm

Thank you for all your support, The FLSA Association

Twitter: @fls_association

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/FlitwickLowerSchoolAssociation/>

THE BIG BATTERY HUNT—NATIONAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

The Association have signed up to the Big Battery Hunt. This is the UK's biggest battery recycling programme for schools. We are currently awaiting for delivery of the free collection boxes which we will send out to each child. Save up your old batteries for recycling as the more batteries we collect, the bigger potential for prizes—ipads etc.

For more information, please do look at their website at :

<https://nationalschoospartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>

Yr 3 WORK SHARED

We are very proud to advise that some of the Yr 3 RE work has been shared with a magazine for the local church diocese. Rev Lucy from Flitwick Parish Church was so impressed with the children's designs for the perfect church that she has taken some photographs of their work and added them to the magazine (all anonymously). Innovations the children have added include glitter balls, an under-floor fish tank, a slide to get down from the pulpit, light-up flooring and an altar with angel wings. Congratulations to all of our Yr 3 pupils.

COMPLAINTS POLICY

We have updated our complaints policy and procedures to be inline with a new DFE publication. This can be found on the school website.

Remember if you have a concern, you need to speak to the class teacher or a member of staff as soon as possible so they can help solve the issue before it becomes a complaint.

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 (February)

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

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 flitwicklower@gmail.com.

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.