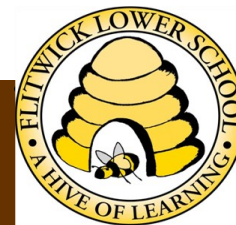


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

13th Jul—Football Presentations
13th Jul—Yr 4 Leavers' Party
16th Jul—OPEN EVENING
17th Jul—Skipping Workshops
18th Jul—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations
19TH JULY—END OF TERM

STAFF UPDATE

We would like to welcome Mrs Cheryl Edwards in her new role as Caretaker.

As you know, Mrs Edwards has been with us for many years, both in class and at Beehive, so she is not new to the School, but it is a pleasure to welcome her in this role.

LOST PROPERTY

As we near the end of term, we have a box overflowing with lost property. If you are looking for anything, please pop in to the School Foyer and have a look through the box. Anything left at the end of term will be bagged up and sent to charity.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

We have had our termly visit from the attendance officer to review our registers and highlight any families whose attendance is falling below 95% and/ or 90%. It is important that children attend school everyday to ensure they do not end up with gaps in their learning.

We will be sending letters home to those who's attendance is causing concern.

A message from Mrs New...

Summer holidays are rushing towards us and I know the children are excited and a little apprehensive about finding out who is their teacher next year. The children's school reports are sent out on Wednesday for Year 4 and Thursday for all other years. The teacher and class are named on their report.. I introduced the children to the new teachers Mr Smith, Miss Edwards and Mrs Wallis last week, so they have met them before the transition morning on Friday.

The Year 4 pupils have already started some transition events, one of which was a Values day at Wrest Park. They enjoyed a lovely day taking part in various activities around the grounds; they also had the opportunity to mix with the children from the other schools who will be transitioning to Woodland in September.

KS1 had a fabulous morning meeting different birds of prey, these included Levi the Chilean Eagle and Peanut the Owl. They were in the hall to ensure they didn't fly away so the children got to see them swoop close to their heads.

The children had a fabulous Fun Run on Friday morning; they were very enthusiastic and completed lots of laps of the field. The children all got their medals and certificates to take home and enjoyed a nice cooling ice pop after the event. Please send in sponsor money as soon as possible so this can be counted before we break for the summer.

Fun Run was followed by the Summer Frenzy after school, where there were lots of activities and stalls for the children to enjoy. We also had a showcase piece from Stagecoach. This included several of our children, all of them were wonderful. A special thank you to the Association for organising and to those who helped man the stalls. We will publish the final amount raised in the next newsletter.

I wrote to you at the beginning of this year regarding some restructuring in School due to budgetary issues. We have now finalised this and we are sadly saying good bye to several of our staff, including Mrs Fountain, Mrs Frost, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Smith. Miss Mann will be continuing her post with us as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor, although her post of a Teaching Assistant will be ceasing. I would like to say a special thank you to them for all their dedication to Flitwick Lower School; they will be missed. As you can appreciate this has been a difficult time for the staff and I would like to thank them all for their professionalism at this time.

The new staffing structure will be published online in September.

The next newsletter will be the final one of this academic year, I can't believe we are already at the end of 19-20 it seems to have flown by.

SEND INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

We have received information on the new look CBC Family Information Directory and the Local Offer for children and families with Special Educational Needs. This information and addition flyers, plus lots of other information. is now available on our website. Please follow this link.

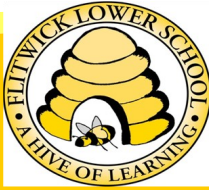
<http://flitwick-lower-school.net/Statutory/SEND/send.html>

SKIPPING WORKSHOP

We are holding skipping workshops provided by SkipBeatz for the children in Yrs 1-4 on Wednesday 17th July. We have been able to access this through the Sports Grant funding which we receive from the Government. At the end of the day, the company providing the workshop will be offering skipping ropes for sale on the playground at the cost of £5. A SchoolPing message has been sent out and you can find more information about the company at

www.skipbeatz.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part! In Central Bedfordshire, the Challenge begins on 20th July and there are activities to join in at the libraries. The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round. For further information:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (July)

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

VALUE OF THE TERM

The value for the summer term is **Friendship**

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

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The final event of the year (apart from the FreezePop Fridays) was the Summer Frenzy on Friday. A super time was had by all and we will let you know how much was raised in the next newsletter. We would like to thank you all your support. If you would like to contact the FLSA Association you can do so via Twitter [@fls_association](https://twitter.com/fls_association) or Facebook [FlitwickLowerSchoolAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/FlitwickLowerSchoolAssociation) as usual. In the meantime, any other communications will be sent out via SchoolPing.

BOOKING FOR BUTLINS?

The PTA has now set up on a scheme with Butlin's. It's simple. For every break paid in full and not cancelled, the PTA will receive 5% of the booking value!

All you need to do, is book through the following link <http://www.butlins.com/pta> and use the code FLSA1. Then, within 90 days of the qualifying break, the PTA will receive the money. It really is that simple!

So if you are thinking of take a break at any Butlin's, why not raise money for the School at the same time, by using this link.

Book a break at Butlin's using your dedicated PTA code and Butlin's will donate 5% of the break value back to your PTA.

Butlin's

Your PTA code **FLSA1**

butlins.com/PTA

*Please note that it cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

THE BIG FOREST FIND

If you're interested in wildlife or just fancy a walk in the woods, why not drop in to the The Big Forest Find at Maulden Wood on Saturday 13th July between 10am and 4pm.



Forestry England
The Big Forest Find
Join England's largest survey of forest wildlife
Maulden Wood
Sat 13 July: 10am-4pm (drop in)
Come along to the Greensand Trust's Working Woodlands Centre (MK45 3UZ) and join us for a family-friendly day discovering the woodland wildlife.
Guided nature walks, bug hunting and more!
Working with:
The Greensand Trust - celebrating 20 years caring for the Greensand Ridge
Bedfordshire Natural History Society (BNHS)
For more information please email julia.balcanoff@forestryengland.uk or look-up Maulden Wood on Facebook
forestryengland.uk/bigforestfind
#bigforestfind 100 years of forestry 1919-2019

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.