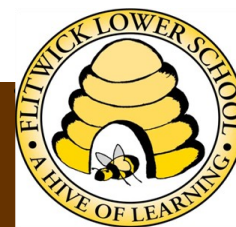


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

15th Oct—Parent Consultation Evening—3.45pm—7pm
16th Oct—Parent Consultation Evening—3.45pm—6pm
HALF TERM 22TH OCT TO 28TH OCT
29th Oct—Inset Day
2nd Nov—Individual Photos
8th Nov—Bag2School Collection
9th Nov—Foundation and KS1 Discos
16th Nov—CHILDREN IN NEED
16th Nov—KS2 Disco
20th Nov—Flu Immunisations
30th Nov—FLSA Christmas Cupcake Competition
30th Nov—Christmas Fayre 4pm—6.30pm
3rd Dec—Yr 1 Christmas Concert
4th Dec—Yr 2 Christmas Concert
5th Dec—Foundation Christmas Concert
6th Dec—Yr 3 Christmas Concert
7th Dec—FLSA Supper With Santa
8th Dec—Panto Performance—3pm
9th Dec—Panto Performance—1pm and 5pm
11th Dec—Christmas Church Service (Whole School)
12th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
12th Dec—Christmas Dinner Day
13th Dec—Christmas Pop-Up Shop
15th Dec—Panto Performances 2pm and 6pm
19th Dec—Last Day of Term
3RD JAN—RETURN TO SCHOOL
HALF TERM 11TH FEB TO 15TH FEB
6th—8th Mar—Book Fair after school
13th—15th Mar—Yr 4 trip to Grafham
28th Mar—Grafham Assembly
1st Apr—Class Photos
5th Apr—Last day of Term
23RD APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL
2nd May—School Closed for Local Elections
6th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed
HALF TERM 27TH MAY TO 2ND JUN
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
18th July—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations
19TH JULY—END OF TERM

We've had another busy fortnight in School. This week has seen lots of visitors coming to our Open Day on Wednesday. They were all given a full tour around the school and spent time in our Foundation Stage Unit. We look forward to these new children joining us in September 2019.

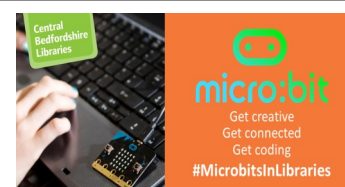
We have also seen lots of strange behaviour around school with the staff all dressed up for Christmas! It's OK, they've not forgotten what time of year it is, it was just when the children were designing their Christmas Cards! These have now been sent off for printing and we will send the examples home as soon as we get them back.



Finally, thank you to all of you for signing up for Parents' Evening on SchoolPing. This has gone very smoothly this time. We look forward to seeing you next week.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMPUTER CODING?

Central Bedfordshire Libraries are now able to lend out micro:bits. They are tiny programmables which you can take out on loan for three weeks like a book. All the local libraries have them. Why not have a fun and give them a try!



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—2ND NOV.

You will have received a SchoolPing message today about Individual School Photographs which will be taking place on Friday 2nd November. We will NOT be sending the forms out by paper this year, as we are using the "Forms" facility in SchoolPing, which allows you to respond electronically. It is very simple and just requires you to tick boxes and write your child's name.

Please ensure that you respond for **EACH** child (so if you have two or more children, we will need replies for each of them). Also, we do need to know definitely if you do or do not consent to these photos, in line with the GDPR regulations. The deadline for responses is Friday 19th October (just before the half term break).

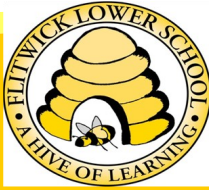
LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can you remember to return your child's library book each week. Pupils will not be able to borrow another book unless they have brought back their original one.

Also, please can we remind you that the Library books have cost the School a great deal of money. Any book that is returned damaged or defaced (whether by one of our pupils, a younger sibling or even a pet) you will be charged in full. Please be respectful of school property.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

DANCE SHOWCASE

The Channel Babes, who recently organised a sale of pre-owned clothes, are now organising a Dance Showcase—Sophie O'Brien's SPECTRA on 17th November at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm) Featuring the Amalfi String Quartet. This is being held at The University of Bedfordshire Theatre, Polhill Avenue, Bedford, MK41 9EA

Tickets cost £10 per ticket—Please contact Elaine on 07525 842097.

There will also be special guest performances and a raffle.

All proceeds go towards Channel Babes swimming the channel in 2019 for Autism Bedfordshire.

www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Channelbabes

UPDATE FROM FLSA

Do you shop at Amazon? Then please use Amazon Smile

You shop and Amazon gives!

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 Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

(Just remember to use the website not your app)

Do you shop at Flitwick Co-op?

Did you know that until October 2018, every time you* shop at the Flitwick Co-op, 1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund for Flitwick Lower School

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Log into your Co-op account and select Flitwick Lower School as your local cause, then swipe your card when you go shopping. You also get 5% back to spend in store.

That's it! Co-op do the rest.

*Membership required.

If you don't have an account and want to find out more, watch this

video <https://youtu.be/YVIt-pw7INK>

and register at <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Why not join the School Lottery? A guaranteed prize to one of the supporters every week, and chance to win £25,000 in a separate draw every week. Tickets only £1 per week and all profit goes to our school. To start supporting, visit www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Flitwick.

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 (October)

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

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.