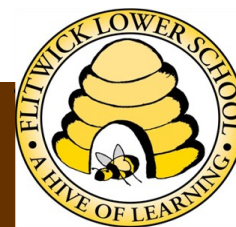


Flitwick Lower School

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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

HALF TERM 17TH FEB TO 21ST FEB

27th Feb—H'Birds Class Photo
28th Feb—All Other Class Photos
2nd—30th Mar—5p Tower
4th—6th Mar—Book Fair after school
5th Mar—World Book Day
9th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening—3.45pm—7pm
10th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening—3.45pm—6pm
12th Mar—Toucans Class Assembly
16th Mar—Mother's day pop up shop
18th—20th Mar—Yr 4 trip to Grafham
19th Mar—Owls Class Assembly
26th Mar—Kingfishers Class Assembly
27th Mar—Easter Egg Hunt and Tea
2nd Apr—Grafham Assembly—Yr 4
3rd Apr—Last day of Term
21ST APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL
24th Apr—Mrs Barber's Bingo Night
7th May—VE Day Street Party
8th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed
15th May—Foundation and KS 1 disco
22nd May—KS 2 disco

HALF TERM 25TH MAY TO 29TH MAY

2nd Jun—Foundation New Parents Evening
18th June—Dads in School
19th June—Dads in School
22nd June—KS2 Sports Day
23rd June—KS1 Sports Day
24th June—Foundation Sports Day
26th Jun—Fun Run
27th Jun—FL United Football Tournament for Yrs 2, 3 and 4.
8th July—Open Evening
9th July—Yr 4 Report Out
9th July—Foundation—Yr 3 Reports Out
10th July—Transition morning
14th July—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations—6pm—8pm

17TH JULY—END OF TERM

A message from Mrs New...

We've had a great few weeks in school, with lots going on to inspire the children in their outlook and thinking.

The children in Year 1 and 2 welcomed the Reptile Roadshow to school as part of their learning linked to 'Exciting Eggs' It was a very exciting day as they got to hold all the different animals including, snakes, bearded dragons, a chinchilla and tortoise. They found out lots of facts which they have used to create fact files. The home learning linked to this topic has been amazing. They have created some fabulously detailed fact files with lots of pictures and interesting information.

The class assemblies have begun and Hummingbirds got to be first off the mark with a very informative assembly about robots. This is linked to their topic Rise of the Machines in which they are finding out about different inventors and the way in which technology has developed over the years. Thank you to all the parents for coming along to support them.

All the children took part in the Shine Bright, Wear Bright event to support the work CHUMS do with supporting children's mental health. Their theme this year is linked to finding their brave, we talked about all the different ways we are brave and not always the obvious ones.

Another event we have focused on this half term is Safer Internet Day which took place on 11th February. The children took part in different discussions about how they can or should keep safe when online. The main focus was about personal identity and how they can ensure they don't share personal information. Through the different discussions and stories that were shared several concerns have been highlighted these are the appropriateness of the games some of the children are exposed to, their access to online channels such as 'You tube' and the user names some of them have which include their real name. We are putting some links onto the website that you can use to ensure that you help to keep them safe when on line.

World Book Day is coming up on 5th March 2020 and our theme this year is linked to animals in stories. So get creating and think of your favourite animal to dress up as.

Have a lovely half term and see you on the 24th February when we return.

Special Shove Tuesday Dinner—25th February

The Kitchen will be offering a special menu for Shrove Tuesday:

- Burger in a Bun or Veggie Sausage in a Roll
- Baked Beans, Sweetcorn and Salad
- Waffle and Ice Cream / Cream

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken on Friday 28th February for all classes except Hummingbirds, who are having theirs done on Thursday 27th February.

Please make sure that your child is wearing a School jumper that day.

SHINE BRIGHT WEAR BRIGHT MUFTI DAY 7th FEBRUARY

I am pleased to advise that we raised £244.13 for this Chums Charity event. Thank you all for your donations.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Here are the dates for the Class Assemblies this term:

- 12th March—Toucans Class Assembly
- 19th March—Owls Class Assembly
- 26th March—Kingfishers Class Assembly
- 2nd April—Grafham Assembly for Yr 4

All of these assemblies will start at 9.15am and we will advise the dates for Flamingos, Robins, and Foundation next term.



MUSIC LESSONS

Anyone Interested in Guitar ,Keyboard or Ukulele Lessons in School time please contact the School Office for details .

COMMUNITY NEWS

HALF-TERM ART COMPETITION

Redborne School Sports Partnership is inviting you to take part in an art competition for KS1 and KS2 children to design the School Games themed logo for the partnership.

The theme of the logo is the School Games Value “RESPECT”

Entries to be posted to Redborne SSP, Flitwick Road, Ampthill, MK45 2NU or emailed to andy.cavill@redborne.com by 23rd March 2020.

For more information, see the additional attachment.

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.



SPRING UPDATE FROM THE FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

There have been some changes to the Committee, Emma Gleeson has stood down as Chair and Mrs New will be standing in until further notice or the AGM in September. We need to say a huge thank you to Emma for all her hard work in raising funds to support the school and in particular the installation of our new interactive boards. She has introduced lots of new events which have been very popular.

Up and coming events include:

- 2nd-30th March 5p Tower
- 27th March - Easter Egg Hunt and Tea
- 15th May - Foundation and KS 1 disco
- 16th March - Mother's day pop up shop
- 24th April - Mrs Barber's Bingo Night
- 22nd May - KS 2 disco

Volunteer plea

The Association is only able to offer fun events and activities for our children if we have a body of volunteers to run them. We are keen to recruit new members to our team this term. Please get in touch if you would like to join us!

Follow and contact the FLSA Association via flsassociation@gmail.com or Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/FlitwickLowerSchoolAssociation/>

FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL CHARTER

Values for promoting a happy, safe and motivating learning environment which underpins our Behaviour Policy at Flitwick Lower School

- * Respect each other's differences
- * Respect that everyone comes to school to learn
- * Respect each other's safety
- * Respect all the adults and children in the school
- * Respect the school environment

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (February)

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

PARK AND STRIDE

Please remember to use the Park and Stride Scheme. You can park in Tesco's and walk to School from there, rather than parking on the road.

VALUE OF THE MONTH (February)

The value for February is

INCLUSIVITY

We will be exploring what this means to all and how we can be more inclusive in our lives.

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.