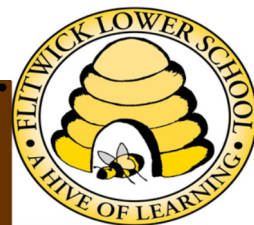


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# Flitwick Lower School Newsletter No. 14



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## KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

19th Mar—Class Photos  
**CHANGE OF DATE**  
23rd Mar—Grafham Assembly  
26th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening  
27th Mar—Church Visits  
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29th Mar—Silly Sock Day  
29th Mar—Break up for Easter  
16th Apr—Start of school for all children  
24th May—New Parents Evening for Foundation Pupils  
28th May-3rd Jun—Half Term  
6th Jun—Open Day  
9th Jun—Flitwick Carnival  
11th Jun—Father's Day Pop-Up Shop  
18th Jun—KS2 Sports (am)  
19th Jun—KS1 Sports (am)  
20th Jun—Foundation Sports (am)  
23rd Jun—School Football Tournament  
6th Jul—Fun Run  
7th Jul—Summer Fete  
13th Jul—Transition Morning—All Classes  
14 Jul—Yr 4s Leavers' Picnic  
17th Jul—Open Evening  
18th Jul—Yr 4 Leavers Production and Presentations  
20th Jul—Break up for Summer

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents evenings will be on Monday 26th March from 3.40pm to 7.30pm and Tuesday 27th March from 3.40pm to 6pm. Robins class will be only on Monday, but starting earlier in the afternoon. Nightingales class will receive a letter on Monday regarding their Parents evenings. The online booking system will be open from 8am on Monday 19th March. For those not able to access it, please call the School Office after that time.

Wow we've had the busiest few weeks in school, with some exciting visitors and trips out. We had a fun filled 3 days at Grafham and whilst it was really muddy underfoot the weather was kind to us. The children took part in lots of team building activities as well as challenging themselves to try something new. This year we added in crate stacking where the children had to build up a platform of crates whilst in a harness. I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most the adults or the children. We look forward to hearing all about this at the Grafham Assembly next week. Here are some quotes from the children about their experiences " I really enjoyed Grafham and I wish I could go back", " I really enjoyed it at Grafham because I overcame most of my fears"



Year 4 pupils have been on a transition visit to Woodland this week, taking part in Animal Capers day. They take part in 3 different activities to help get to know the school. The children enjoyed the morning, one of them said " it was a good experience because now I know what it's going to be like at Woodland.

I hope some of you have managed to see the display in the hallway of the children's pictures 'get caught reading' which you sent in. It was lovely to see all the different places they found to read their favourite book. The winners have all received a £5 gift voucher to spend at the book fair.

The book fair has been in school for the last few days and there are some great reads. So if you haven't managed to go you still have today.

It is Science Week and we had a Science Boffin visit us yesterday to share his love of Science with the children. The day started with an exciting assembly with the children taking part in some mad experiments. They watched a dragon puff out smoke, learnt how to make elephant tooth paste and who had the most puff. Children in Years 1 to 4 took part in state of the matter workshops throughout the day and the day ended with the whole school watching a rocket launch on the playground. " Science Day was the best day ever! It was amazing"



Remember you can see more photos on our Twitter feed.

## CLASS PHOTOS

Just a quick reminder that Class Photos will be taken during the day on Monday 19th. Please make sure that all children are wearing their School Jumpers.

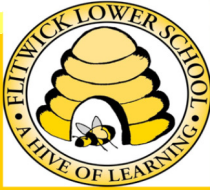
## GRAFHAM ASSEMBLY

The assembly for the Yr 4s to celebrate the Grafham Trip is on **Friday** 23rd March. Parents are welcome from 9.10am.

## MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Can we please ask you not to send any medication / pain killers in your child's school bag. All medication **MUST** be brought to the School Office and you must complete a form. Please note that School staff are not allowed to administer pain killers, so if you are not able to come in to give this to your child, you can ask a friend to do this on your behalf.

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### HAPPY'S CIRCUS

We are hosting Happy's Circus at Flitwick Lower School on 28th April 2018 from 1.30pm to 4pm. Tickets are available online or from the School Office. Tickets cost £8 each or £28 for a family ticket (4 people). Tickets are open to the public (not just the Flitwick Lower community).



#### 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.

#### VACANCY FOR A CLEANER

We have a vacancy for a Cleaner to start after Easter. The post is for 10 hours per week (2 hours after school each day) at a pro-rata salary of £15,014 per annum, term time only (which is equivalent to £7.78 per hour).

If you are interested in applying, you can collect an application pack from the School Office or you can email for a pack to be sent to you electronically.

Closing date is 12 noon on Thursday 29th March 2018.

#### COLOURING COMPETITION— FOR FLITWICK CARNIVAL

Please send any entries in to the School Office by Friday 23rd March.

#### HOW TO FOLLOW FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

As well as their Facebook page, the Association have now set up a Twitter account: [@fls\\_association](https://twitter.com/fls_association). Also, please check out their new website for forthcoming events at [www.pta-events.co.uk/flitwicklowerschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/flitwicklowerschool) You'll see all up and coming events there and you can buy circus tickets there too. Please check out these great new ways of getting information out to you.

#### GARAGE SALE

The McCarthy family are raising money to help fund a Tomcat trike to be specially made for their son, Callum, which costs a staggering £1,660.

Please come to a garage sale on Sunday 18th March at 4 Chiltern Close, Flitwick, MK45 1TU from 11am—4pm.

If you would like to donate items to be sold, these would be so gratefully received. In addition, we also have a gofundme page set up at <http://www.gofundme.com/callumstrike> as an alternative ay of helping us reach our target.

#### LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (March and April)

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

#### 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 your child and enrich 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](mailto: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](http://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.