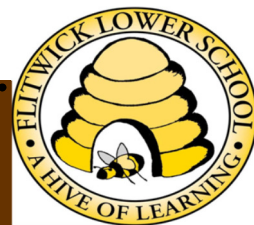


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# Flitwick Lower School Newsletter No. 6



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## KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

**24th Nov**—Mufti Day  
**24th Nov**—Bingo Night 7pm  
**3rd Dec**—Christmas Fayre  
**4th Dec**—YR 1 Concert  
**5th Dec**—YR 2 Concert  
**6th Dec**—Foundation Concert  
**7th Dec**—YR 3 Concert  
**13th Dec**—Christmas dinner and  
Christmas Jumper Day  
**19th Dec**—Break up for Christmas  
**January 2018**  
**3rd Jan**—Start of school for all chil-  
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**4th Jan**—E-safeguarding Talk 6pm  
**20th Jan—27th Jan**—Panto Perfor-  
mances  
**12th Feb—18th Feb**—Half Term  
**2nd Mar**—World Book Day—Dress as  
a Character  
**7th Mar—9th Mar**—Yr 4 Grafham Trip  
**14th Mar—16th Mar**—Book Fair  
**19th Mar**—Class Photos  
**22nd Mar**—Grafham Assembly  
**26th Mar**—Parent Consultation Even-  
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**27th Mar**—Parent Consultation Even-  
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**29th Mar**—Break up for Easter  
**16th Apr**—Start of school for all chil-  
dren  
**24th May**—New Parents Evening for  
Foundation Pupils 18-19  
**28th May-3rd Jun**—Half Term  
**6th Jun**—Open Day  
**9th Jun**—Flitwick Carnival  
**18th Jun**—KS2 Sports (am)  
**19th Jun**—KS1 Sports (am)  
**20th Jun**—Foundation Sports (am)  
**6th Jul**—Fun Run  
**7th Jul**—Summer Fete  
**13th Jul**—Transition Morning—All  
Classes  
**17th Jul**—Open Evening  
**18th Jul**—Yr 4 Leavers Production  
and Presentations  
**20th Jul**—Break up for Summer

Today, we have the pleasure of seeing all the children dressed in their spots and stripes for Children in Need day and I know they are looking forward to celebrating at their discos this afternoon.

It was great to see so many parents at the two information sessions yesterday. In the Key skills session for Yrs 1&2, the children showed off their knowledge and understanding of the resources and the parents enjoyed their explanations. The Phonics session for Foundation Stage parents in the afternoon was equally well received and interactive. The powerpoint presentation will be available on the School website and if you have any questions, please do feel free to approach the teachers in Foundation who will be able to help you.

I hope that you have now all seen the copy of the Ofsted report which was sent home this week. We are very pleased with the outcome and very proud of all our staff whose hard work and diligence has been recognised and rewarded with the Ofsted grading.

On 24th November we are having a mufti day. Instead of money donations, we are asking for donations of wine or chocolates for the Christmas Fayre. Please bring the bottles straight to the office. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

Order forms went home yesterday for the Christmas Concert tickets. Please return them as soon as possible. Please note that entry will be by programme only (one programme per person, regardless of age). Initially, these will be limited to TWO per family. Any additional seats/programmes will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Closing date for programme orders is **Friday 24th November**. Programmes will be distributed from Tuesday 28th November.

N.B. Programmes will not be issued for the Foundation Stage performance on Wednesday 6th December.

## NEEDED URGENTLY

Spare boys under-  
pants needed for  
emergencies. If you  
can donate any,  
please drop them off  
at the School Office.  
Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

As a school, we are having a focus on improving pupils attendance and lateness. The school's attendance policy has been updated and can be found on the school website. Regular attendance in school is mandatory and research shows that children who miss up to 17 days in school achieve lower than those who attend regularly—this can be a whole grade drop at GCSE's.

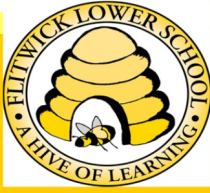
**97%+ = Good Attendance**  
**95% = Satisfactory Attendance**  
**90 – 95% = Needs improvement**  
**90% and below = Persistent Absence**

School starts at 8.50am therefore children need to lined up on the playground ready. A child who arrives between 9am and 9.10am will be marked as late. A child who arrives after 9.10 is marked as unauthorised as the registers have closed.

We monitor attendance weekly, monthly and 1/2 termly. If your child's attendance is a cause for concern you will be invited to a meeting to discuss ways forward.

**Please note: School gates are closed and locked at 9am.**

## Flitwick Lower



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MOOKIE TOYS CLEARANCE SALE SAT. 25th NOVEMBER 2017

Mookie Toys is a company based in Flitwick that makes brands such as Swingball, TP Toys, Fluffimals, Pillowpets and Dreamlites. They are holding a one day sale for the local community with many items reduced to nearly 50% of RRP.

The sale is on Saturday 25th November from 9am to 12 noon. Sales will be cash only, sold as seen and no refunds.

For an idea of some of the many toys that will be on sale, please go to their website at [www.mookie.co.uk](http://www.mookie.co.uk).

### 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.

### CIRCUS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We have been given the opportunity to get commission on the ticket sales for the Circus at the Village Hall on 9th and 10th December. Tickets are available from the School Office.

Family Ticket is £25 (for 2 Adults & 2 children). Individual Adult tickets are £8 and child tickets are £6. There are 3 shows on Saturday 9th December and 2 shows on Sunday 10th December.

Tickets are available now. Cash only please.



### CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

We have now managed to access the Co-op Local Community Fund, which means that members of the Co-op can choose to give their 1% to Flitwick Lower School Association. This funding period is open for 11 months until 27th October 2018.

Every time members shop at the Co-op 1% of what they spend on selected own brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.

Please do help us with raising more money for the playground refurbishment.

### LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

We have now signed up for **Aviva Community Funding**.

Voting is now open! Now's the time to share our project with friends and family to get as many votes as possible. We hope to raise more funds for the playground. Here's the project link that you'll need:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-2744>

Everyone can cast 10 votes and we need at least 1000 to be guaranteed some funding. The more support our project gets the better our chances of securing funding.

### 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 the school in enriching their time at school e.g support with trips etc.

This is different to universal free 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.