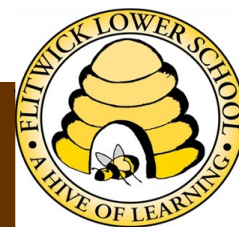


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

HALF TERM 21st OCT TO 25th OCT

28th Oct—Inset Day
29th Oct—Children return to School
31st Oct—Drop In Session for Merger—
9am—10am
4th Nov—Drop In Session for Merger—
5.30pm—6.30pm
7th Nov—Individual Photos
8th Nov—Disco—Foundation & Yrs 1&2
15th Nov—Disco—Yrs 3&4
22nd Nov—Flu Immunisations
28th Nov—Elfridges Pop Up Shop
9th Dec—Yr 3 Christmas Concert
10th Dec—Yr 2 Christmas Concert
11th Dec—Foundation Christmas Con-
cert
12th Dec—Yr 1 Christmas Concert
13th Dec—Supper Santa
17th Dec—Christmas Church Service
(Whole School)
17th Dec—Joules Sale
18th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
18th Dec—Christmas Dinner Day
20th Dec—Last Day of Term
6TH JAN—RETURN TO SCHOOL
18th Jan—Panto Performance
19th Jan—Panto Performance
23rd Jan—Panto Performance
24th Jan—Panto Performance
25th Jan—Panto Performance
HALF TERM 17TH FEB TO 21ST FEB
28th Feb—Class Photos
4th—6th Mar—Book Fair after school
5th Mar—World Book Day
9th Mar—Parent Consultation Eve-
ning—3.45pm—7pm
10th Mar—Parent Consultation Eve-
ning—3.45pm—6pm
18th—20th Mar—Yr 4 trip to Grafham
3rd Apr—Last day of Term
21ST APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL
7th May—VE Day Street Party
8th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed
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

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A message from Mrs New...

Half term is upon us and this part of term seems to have flown past. We have had lots of exciting events in school already this term, this includes years 3 and 4 taking part in 1066 events. The children were immersed in activities during the morning, these included jewellery making, calligraphy, medicine potions and sewing. The afternoon session was a banquet with dancers, soldiers and food. The children had a fabulous 2 days. We held our autumn open day on the 9th October for prospective parents to come and view the school at work. It was lovely to be able to show everyone around, the children were welcoming and totally engaged in their learning. We've had some lovely comments which is all down to the staff and children. I'm very proud of everyone.

The children in years 1 and 2 are hosting an exhibition of their home learning 'Islands' at 3.00pm today; a huge thank you to all of you for supporting your children with their learning at home.

We look forward to seeing you all after half term for a very busy but exciting half term. Christmas is on the way.....



UPDATED POLICIES

We have published our updated Attendance and Behaviour Policies on the school website. Please can you ensure you have familiarised yourselves with these so you understand the practices within school. Please remember that if your child is absent from school you must contact the school office so they know the reasons for your child's absence.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS—7th NOV

As many of you have already seen, we have sent out a SchoolPing message asking for Consent for Photos for the Individual Photos. Due to GDPR, we have to ask for specific consent for every child for these photos. Please refer to the SchoolPing message and respond to the tick box options shown. Thanks.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (November)

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

MERGER WITH BUSY BEES

Last week, we announced details of a proposed merger of Flitwick Lower School and Busy Bees Pre-School Flitwick. All parents should have received a letter and a response form. We have also issued a press release about this proposal.

Please do return your response forms as soon as possible (deadline is 3.30pm on 12th November).

If you would like more information about this proposal, we are holding two drop-in sessions in our school hall on Thursday 31st October from 9am to 10am and on Monday 4th November from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

You can also look at our website at <https://www.flitwick-lower-school.net> or you can write to the Chair of Governors, Mr David Blair at Flitwick Lower School, Temple Way, Flitwick, Bedfordshire, MK4 1LU.

VALUE OF THE MONTH (November)

The value for November is

FRIENDSHIP

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

KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

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1st July—Yr 4 Report Out

2nd July—Foundation—Yr 3 Reports Out

3rd July—Transition morning

8th July—Open Evening

14th July—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations—6pm—8pm

17TH JULY—END OF TERM



COMMUNITY NEWS

OPEN MORNING

You are invited to the Home-Start Central Bedfordshire Children and Family Charity Open Morning: **Venue:** Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Hall, Stanbridge Rd, Tilsworth LU7 9PN. **Date and Time: Tuesday 5th November 2019 10.00 to 12.00** Learn more about the work of our charity and hear presentations from our service users and volunteers.

Light refreshments available. **Please RSVP:** 01582 660061 office@home-startcentralbeds.org.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.

SEPTEMBER UPDATE FROM THE FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Halloween Craft Competition

The Association has received lots of creative and spooky entries so far; please keep them coming! The deadline for entries is Tuesday 29th October.

School Discos

The Association is holding Discos on 8th November for Foundation (during School hours) and Year 1&2 from 3.30pm—4.30pm and on 15th November for Year 3&4. Booking forms will be sent out after half term.

Elfridges is Back!

Children will be invited to visit our little Christmas gift shop with Santa's special elves on 28th November 2019. The children will visit the shop during the school morning, choose presents and have them wrapped with labels as requested. Presents cost £3 each and the children will be able to choose from a selection of gifts aimed at parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. A booking form will be sent home Tuesday 29th October.

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

COATS IN SCHOOL

Please remember to send your child into school with a coat, **whatever the weather**. We do try to let the children go outside at break and lunch-time, even if it is light drizzle or windy. As the weather gets colder, they will also need gloves and even a hat.



POPPIES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

We will have poppies for sale after half term. We will send out a SchoolPing message with more details. The Year 4s will be going round to classrooms with these items. We have paper poppies, wristbands, slap-bands, zip tags and enamel badges, all at different recommended prices.



SCHOOL DINNER MENUS

We will start new menus for the School Dinner after the half term. These will be available on our website during next week. However, we have a couple of "specials".

The first week back, the special menu will be as follows:

Tues 29th Oct—Sausages and Mash

Wed 30th Oct—Roast Dinner

Thurs 31st Oct—Halloween special—Curry / Jacket Potato and Halloween biscuit.

Fri 1st Nov—Funday Friday as usual

The following week, we also have Bonfire Night special on Tues 5th Nov of Burger or veggie sausage in a bun followed by Firework cake.

PE KITS

Please remember that PE Kits need to be in school all the time. We no longer have spare PE kit to hand out to children if they have forgotten it.

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.