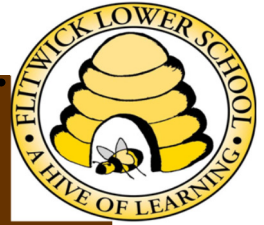


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# Flitwick Lower School Newsletter No. 9



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## KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

**19th Dec**—Break up for Christmas  
**January 2018**  
**3rd Jan**—Start of school for all children  
**4th Jan**—E-safeguarding Talk 6pm  
**20th Jan—27th Jan**—Panto Performances  
**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 Evening  
**27th Mar**—Parent Consultation Evening  
**29th Mar**—Break up for Easter  
**16th Apr**—Start of school for all children  
**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

The end of term has come very quickly and I can't believe it is Christmas Day in 6 days time. We have had lots of fun and celebrated a very successful Ofsted during a very busy term.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the snowy weather. This did mean we had to change some of our plans, including the Carol Service at St Peter's and St Pauls. Reverend Lucy very kindly came to the school and conducted the service in the school hall. The children enjoyed singing the carols and listening to the readings telling the true meaning of Christmas.

Wednesday was Christmas Dinner and Jumper day. It was a fun day and the hall looked beautiful all set up with crackers and the kitchen staff cooked up a very yummy dinner. The day was complete when Father Christmas came with presents for the year groups.

I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## FREE E-safeguarding Meeting—4th January 2018 at 6pm

Bedfordshire Police are coming to Flitwick Lower School to give a talk on "Keeping Children and young people safe in a digital world" on Thursday 4th January. The talk will be split into three sections: Unwanted Contact, Cyberbullying and peer to peer self-generated indecent images (sexting). Within the session they will cover a range of topics and issues including gaming, mobile phones, current websites of concern, tricks online offenders may use as well as touching on the PREVENT agenda and child sexual exploitation. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

## PTA News

We would like to thank all the companies who donated raffle prizes for the Christmas Fayre:

- \* Costa Coffee, Flitwick
- \* The Lounge
- \* Gallone's Ice Cream Parlour, Bedford
- \* Joseph's Hair Salon
- \* 360 Soft Play MK
- \* Box of Delights
- \* Mookie Toys
- \* The Birch, Woburn and
- \* Lola Bears, Ampthill

All of the prizes have now been collected and all of the winners are very happy to receive them.

Also, you have all received a questionnaire from the PTA which will help guide their choices of events in the future. These need to be returned by Friday 5th January and all completed questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw for a bottle of wine!



Thank you.

## Thank You

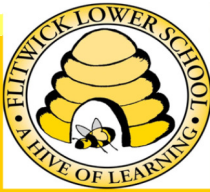
We would like to thank Paul Mead at the Cross Keys in Pulloxhill for saving the day on Christmas Dinner day and giving us some banqueting roll for the table cloths. Thank you.

## Santa Challenge

We have had confirmation that, as a School, we have travelled a total of 3,219 miles and we have got to Lapland! However, because of the bad weather, the announcement of the Bedfordshire winners has been delayed until after Christmas.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Flitwick Children's Centre

If you are a mum or dad under the age of 24, come and join us on **Friday morning from 10am until 11.30am.**

Have fun taking part in a variety of activities like messy play, cooking, arts and crafts, walks to woods and celebrating festivals while socialising and making new friendships.

### LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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

### 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.

### Bauble Decorations

We are pleased to confirm that the following pupils have won prizes in the Bauble Competition:  
Foundation Stage: 1st—Joey, 2nd—Austin, 3rd—Blake  
KS1: 1st—Ashleigh, 2nd—Erin, 3rd, Henry  
KS2: 1st—Oscar, 2nd—Jake, 3rd—Charlotte  
Congratulations to all the winners.



### Panto News

Don't forget to book tickets for our Panto at the end of January. As you know, this year, they are using an online booking system, so all you need to do is contact them with your name, contact number, the date and time of the performance and number of tickets required. Email address is:

[flitwick.panto@gmail.com](mailto:flitwick.panto@gmail.com)

### Local Opportunities to Train to become a Teacher (both Primary and Secondary Teaching)

Redborne Upper School is now a National Teaching School. They are able to offer the right candidate a very local opportunity to train to teach via their School Direct courses offered in partnership with the University of Bedfordshire. Subjects that are available are: General Primary, English, Maths, Modern Languages, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Biology, History, PE, Music and Design and Technology. If you are interested and have GCSE grade 4 or above (or equivalent) in English, Maths and Science (Science for Primary only), possess or are working towards a minimum of a 2:2 Honours degree you can apply. There is a tuition fee of £9,250; student finance can be accessed to pay this sum. Secondary subjects may be entitled to a bursary.

If you want to know more, please contact Jon Gunn on [stjgunn@redborne.beds.sch.uk](mailto:stjgunn@redborne.beds.sch.uk) to register your initial interest and go to the UCAS teacher training website to apply to Redborne Upper and Community College School direct programme.

### 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.

### 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 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.