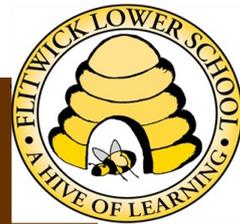


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS: 19TH JULY—END OF TERM

4th SEPT—Return to School for Yrs 1-4
4-6th Sept—Home visits for new children
9-11th Sept—Foundation Children Start

12th Sept—PTA AGM
20th Sept—Bingo night
Other dates will be advised in September

Provisional dates for September
9th Sept—Parent/teacher information evening
Years 1 and 2— 6pm
Years 3 and 4 - 6.30pm

16th Sept—Foundation Parent/ teacher information evening 6pm

8th October—YR 4 Grafham meeting 6.30pm

LOST PROPERTY

As we near the end of term, we have a box overflowing with lost property. If you are looking for anything, please pop in to the School Foyer and have a look through the box. Anything left at the end of term will be bagged up and sent to charity.

ATTENDANCE

Over the summer holiday we will be adopting the Central Bedfordshire Attendance Policy and there will be a few changes to attendance procedures.

The main change is that if your child has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence you will be issued with a penalty notice. This is £60 per child per parent.

This will be inline with the other schools in our cluster.

A message from Mrs New...

It's hard to believe that we are now at the end of the School year; it has as always been a busy one. As we look forward to new adventures in September, it is good to look back and remember all the things we have done over the year.

September saw the installation of the new playground equipment which was not as smooth as we expected however it is has been enjoyed by all the children and we even invited the YR 5 children back to play on it. This was funded through the Sports Funding we receive and with the help of funding raising you have participated in as part of the Association.

On the academic side, we introduced a new spelling programme to help children with spelling patterns to improve their writing, in maths we focussed on the 100 club for times tables and White Rose to help develop children's fluency and problem solving skills. These have been successful and our relentless focus on this is showing through in the children's work and their confidence in these areas. We hope that you will continue to encourage the children to work on these throughout the summer as they are so important.

We introduced a new trip in October as part of the Key Stage 2 topic. This was to Cadbury's world where the children thought about the origins of chocolate and not just that is yummy!!! Key Stage 1 had a surprise visit from an alien and then a planned event of the planetarium where they got to experience seeing all the planets and learn about constellations.

Christmas was as exciting as ever with the Christmas plays, panto and the a new event Supper with Santa organised by the Association which was lots of fun as Santa flew in on his sleigh to see the children!!! I wonder if he will be back again next year????

The Spring term comes around so quickly and always involves our residential trip to Grafham with Year 4. There was also a medieval day for Key Stage 1 as they were learning about Turrets and Tiaras. We ended the term with a lovely Easter service at the church and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The Summer term arrived with a flourish of sunshine and we all thought that maybe this was to stay, but this hasn't been the case. We've enjoyed a huge host of events including Dads in School, sports days, Fun Run, birds of prey, Summer Frenzy, Skipping Beatz and of course, the ever popular Freeze Pop Friday.

As we end this year, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their continued support. We are a values based School and the children are fantastic role models. We work in partnership with you, the parents, to provide the best possible education for the children. I would like to say a special thank you to Emma Gleeson and her committee who have worked tirelessly hard to raise funds to help upgrade our ICT equipment. They have had a amazing year and the attachments to this newsletter show the success they have had.

We say a sad farewell to our Year 4 children and a number of staff as they move onto new adventures. We wish them luck and hope they take many happy memories with them.

We look forward to seeing you on 4th September for the start of the new term and another amazing year.

Mrs New

SKIPPING WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, we had a fabulous day of skipping with Skip Beatz. After School, there were some skipping ropes for sale, but unfortunately, the gentleman ran out of them on the day. However, I am pleased to say that they are available online at <https://www.skipbeatz.com/product-page/skip-beatz-skillz-rope> at a cost of £5.99. .

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part! In Central Bedfordshire, the Challenge begins on 20th July and there are activities to join in at the libraries. The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round. For further information: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have had notification that from September the price for a school dinner will increase by 10p. This means it will go from £2.10 to £2.20. This will apply to Years 3 and 4 from September 2019.

Foundation and Years 1 and 2 will continue to get Universal Free school meals.

If your circumstance change and think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please speak to us in September and we will be able to advise you.

... FROM FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Association has had an incredibly busy year hosting a range of events and activities that we hope all the children have enjoyed. We have smashed our fundraising target for the year, thanks to all your generous contributions. We have already ordered one interactive smartboard and are delighted to announce that we will be ordering three more for September.

Attached to this newsletter are further details of how much profit we have made to date this year and how funds are spent.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank you for all your support this year; whether that's supporting our events or volunteering your help.

I would also like to offer a huge thank you to all committee members of the Association, the Flitwick Lower United FC team and the School's office, kitchen and teaching staff for all their support and commitment – our charities success wouldn't be possible without all of you.

Emma Gleeson, FLSA Chair

... FROM FLITWICK LOWER UNITED

I would like to offer my best wishes to all the Year 4 group who really played well in our Summer Tournament, coming 3rd overall. We are also sad to be losing Nick Timpson and Graham Farrugia from our coaching team. Both Nick and Graham (as with all of the coaches and staff) have put great care and effort into developing the Year 4 group and they will be missed. The winners of the Year 4 tournament were Maulden Mighties who beat Clophill Tigers in a sudden death penalty shoot out, a fitting end to the days excitement.

In terms of the tournament, all of our teams put in a great effort on the day, in really hot temperatures, and indeed our Year 3 team went unbeaten, winning 3 of the 4 matches and drawing the other. Let's hope this form continues next season! No pressure David & Joe!!

Our summer football tournament went really well and we took over £1380 on the day, sadly this is not the profit!!!. The barrow of booze was the best yet and so a huge thank you to both Helen Flitter and Laura James for organising this, which alone raised just over £240, and of course all the parents who donated to the Barrow, although I would like to know who put in the case of Becks Blue!! 😊

Thank you also to Busybees for helping run the tuck shop in conjunction with their own stall which also did well.

A final and special thanks also to the school staff and, Mrs New, who stayed all day and handed out medals and trophies to all the year groups. It was a long hot day but enjoyable as ever.

The school tournament is our only chance to raise money for the club over and above subscriptions which we purposely keep low to encourage more children to get involved. We should be welcoming more children into our teams next year as a lot of interest was generated at the recent school Summer Frenzy with the Penalty Shoot out stand over run at times! Please spread the word amongst your friends.

If you know of anyone who will be coming into Foundation next year who would like to coach a group then please ask them to get in contact with me directly.

I hope you all enjoyed the presentations last weekend which marks the end of the season.

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.

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.

FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

THIS YEAR WE ALL RAISED

NO. EVENTS

£15,917.73

32

HOW WE DID IT

6 Discos £890.36

3 Pop-Up Shops £1,044.20

2 Movie Nights £950.25

Supper with Santa £892.12

Easter Bunny Tea £693.91

5p Tower £587.90

Panto £336.25

Xmas Concert Refreshments
£673.01

Christmas Cards £314.46

7 Freeze Pop Sales £162.29

Summer Fun Run £1,370.01

Christmas Fayre £1,164.77

Summer Frenzy £1,248.48

Village Hall Coffee Morning £177.56

2 Bingo Nights £610.35

Donations £160

Plus: AmazonSmile, Stampastic,
School Lottery & Easyfundraising etc

FUNDRAISING WILL GO TOWARDS

PURCHASES OF/CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS:

Christmas Classroom Gifts - £300

2x Playground Noticeboards - £981

Final Playground payment (part funded
from previous years profits) - £6,000

Creative Builders Lego Workshop £1,155.00

Bookbags for Foundation 2019/20 £288.75

Yr 4 Grafham Coaches - £650.00

Carnival Float £109.48

Twinkl Subscription £683.30

Yr 4 Leavers Gifts £81.09

Foundation Woodside Farm Trip £271

KS2 RAF Hendon Trip £450

Foundation Resources £251.50

KS2 Faith Tour £800

OUR LONG TERM OBJECTIVE – THE ICT UPGRADE

This year already, we have purchased one interactive Smart touchscreen for the ICT suite, costing £1,712.99. We have just purchased 3 more costing £5,138.97 for classrooms ready for September. With your help we can continue the roll out of these.

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Email: flsassociation@gmail.com

Date for the Diary: AGM – 12th September 9.00AM -School Hall

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To use AmazonSmile, please copy the following link into your browser: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/290331-0>



Book a break at **Butlin's** using our dedicated PTA code – **FLSA1** – and **Butlin's** will donate 5% of the break value back to the Association.

For more information and terms and conditions, please visit <https://butlins.com/PTA>



If you have any old foreign notes or coins left over from holidays that can't be exchanged back into Sterling or any obsolete British or Irish coins, then please consider donating them to the Association. **Cash4Coins** will buy any currency donated with all money going to the school.



Raise donations for FLSA whenever you shop online. Whenever you use **easyfundraising** to shop with any of their 3,600 retailers, we will receive a small donation.

Please visit them at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/flitwicklsa/>



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A ticket costs £1 per week and **all** funds raised go directly to our school. Each ticket will also enter you into **TWO** draws:

1. A jackpot prize draw for **£25,000.00**.

A local draw with a **guaranteed** prize for one of the supporters of our school. The size of the prize will depend on the number of tickets bought for the school that week.

Sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/flitwick-lower-school>

Remember, all money raised by the Association goes back into the school to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all of the children.