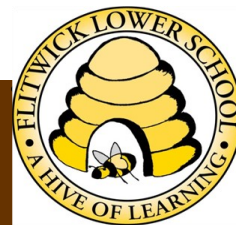


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Newsletter No. 7



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19th December 2018

KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

19th Dec—Last Day of Term

3RD JAN—RETURN TO SCHOOL
HALF TERM 11TH FEB TO 15TH FEB

6th—8th Mar—Book Fair after school

13th—15th Mar—Yr 4 trip to Grafham

28th Mar—Grafham Assembly

1st Apr—Class Photos

5th Apr—Last day of Term

23RD APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL

2nd May—School Closed for Local Elections

6th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed

HALF TERM 27TH MAY TO 2ND JUN

13th June—Dads in School

14th June—Dads in School

17th June—KS2 Sports Day

18th June—KS1 Sports Day

19th June—Foundation Sports Day

29th June—Football Tournament

18th July—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations

19TH JULY—END OF TERM

The term is coming to a close and whilst we look forward to all the new learning experiences in the Spring Term we need to review all the events of the Autumn Term which have been numerous.

The term started with the Stunning Starts for the different topics, these really help to motivate the children with their learning and inspire them to think about the different activities that they can look forward to. The Foundation children enjoyed walks in the local area and a visit to the library, Key Stage 1 have found out about space and the different planets through research and a visit from a planetarium which helped to transport them to the stars. Key Stage 2 have focused on the Mayan Civilisation and how chocolate originated, they have had the opportunity to visit Cadbury World before designing and making their own chocolate creation.

December has been a very busy month with all the Christmas festivities. The children and staff worked hard to put together our amazing Christmas Concerts which you all supported. These are an important part of the year as they really showcase the children's talents.

A group of our Year 4 children were invited to sing at the Carol Service held at the Rufus Centre. They sang a few of their favourite songs and read a poem to an audience of local people, including the Mayor.

We enjoyed our Christmas Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church with Reverend Lucy and Reverend Andrea which saw the children thinking about the Christmas story and taking part in the service.

After these events I received several emails from families and the local community to praise the children on their positive attitude, kindness and behaviour which makes me extremely proud and emphasises the importance of our values education.

Finally, I need to say a huge thank you to everyone for supporting the many events over this term. The Association have been working tirelessly to raise money to help with enriching the children's experiences. These are listed on the reverse of this letter but without this hard working team, the events wouldn't take place.

The annual Panto took place earlier this month and the performances were fabulous with the children stealing the show. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to support the work of the school, it is really appreciated.

I look forward to working with you all next term. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas



VALUE OF THE TERM

The value for the Spring term is **Inclusivity.**

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

SCHOOL DINNERS

School Dinners are now payable to Flitwick Lower School.

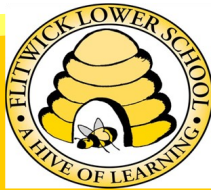
The dinners for those in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are still covered under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, but Years 3 & 4 still need to pay for their meals.

The costs for the next half term are:

⇒ Daily	-	£ 2.10
⇒ Weekly	-	£10.50
⇒ Wednesdays Roasts only (5)	-	£10.50
⇒ Funday Fridays only (6)	-	£12.60
⇒ Balance of this Half term	-	£56.70

Dinners are payable via ParentPay and must be paid in advance.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are pleased to confirm that we raised £121.76 for the Christmas Jumper Day Appeal from Save the Children. Thank you for the lovely sight of everyone in their colourful jumpers and all the donations.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING - AMAZON SMILE

For those of you who shop online, particularly in the run up to Christmas, if you choose to shop at Amazon, the Association could receive some money back.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to Flitwick Lower School Association.

Simply visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select "Flitwick Lower School Association" as your charitable organisation of choice. AmazonSmile is the same as Amazon, so please use your usual log-in details.

DECEMBER UPDATE FROM FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

December has been a very busy month for the Association and we owe a massive THANK YOU to all of the parents, staff and friends who have worked tirelessly this month.

This month alone, we have all been entertained by :-

- ◆ The Christmas Cards designed by the children
- ◆ The Christmas Fayre
- ◆ Providing Refreshments at the Christmas Concerts
- ◆ Supper with Santa
- ◆ The Elfridges Pop-Up Shop, and
- ◆ The Panto—Once Upon a Time.

All the events have been not only immensely enjoyable for all, but a great success. This can only happen as a result of a massive amount of hard work in planning, organising, manning stalls, decorating the hall, rehearsing for hours, painting sets, helping with lighting, sorting out refreshments, and even counting collections and doing the banking.

THANK YOU

Finally, we will let you know how much has been raised by all of these events, once everything has been counted and accounted for.

Thank you for all your support, The FLSA Association

Twitter: @fls_association

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/FlitwickLowerSchoolAssociation/>

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Why not join the School Lottery? A guaranteed prize to one of the supporters every week, and chance to win £25,000 in a separate draw every week. Tickets only £1 per week and all profit goes to our school. To start supporting, visit www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Flitwick.

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.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (December)

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

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.