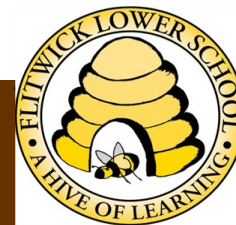


# Flitwick Lower School

## Newsletter No. 9



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### KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

**25th Jan**—Bingo Night 7pm  
**28th Jan**—Phonics Session for Foundation Parents—9am  
**29th Jan**—KS2 Maths Skills Info Session—3.30pm  
**30th Jan**—KS1 Key Skills Info Session—2.30pm  
**7th Feb**—Toucans Assembly  
**HALF TERM 11TH FEB TO 15TH FEB**  
**22nd Feb**—Superhero Night—3.30pm  
**28th Feb**—Hummingbirds Assembly  
**6th—8th Mar**—Book Fair after school  
**7th Mar**—Visit from Korky Paul (Illustrator of Winnie the Witch Books)  
**13th—15th Mar**—Yr 4 trip to Grafham  
**14th Mar**—Owls Assembly  
**18th Mar**—Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop  
**21st Mar**—Robins Assembly  
**28th Mar**—Grafham Assembly  
**29th Mar**—Tea and Egg Hunt—3.30pm  
**1st Apr**—Class Photos  
**2nd Apr**—Whole School Visit to Church  
**4th Apr**—Foundation Assembly  
**5th Apr**—Silly Sock Day for Autism  
**5th Apr**—Last day of Term  
**23RD APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**26th Apr**—Foundation and KS1 Disco  
**2nd May**—School Closed for Local Elections  
**3rd May**—KS2 Disco  
**6th May**—Bank Holiday—School Closed  
**17th May**—FLSA Quiz  
**HALF TERM 27TH MAY TO 2ND JUN**  
**7th Jun—12th Jul**—Freeze Pop Fridays  
**10th June**—Father's Day Pop-Up Shop  
**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  
**5th Jul**—Fun Run 9am-11.30am  
**5th Jul**—Summer Frenzy  
**18th July**—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations  
**19TH JULY—END OF TERM**

### A message from Mrs New...

It's been a busy two weeks in school, the children are immersed in their learning and producing some fabulous work. We have been trialling some new approaches to writing in Year 2 as this is one of our school development points. This involves developing children's sentence structure and scaffolding their writing. We will be able to share some of their work at the next parents evening in March or if you would like to have quick look at their books just speak to the class teacher to arrange a mutually agreeable time. We will be taking this approach forward in other year groups as the year progresses.

Next week looks to be a busy one for parents to find out more about how your child is taught and how you can support them at home....

- Monday 28th—Phonics session for Foundation Parents @ 9am in the School Hall
- Tuesday 29th—Maths information meeting for Year 3 and 4 parents and children @ 3.30pm in Hummingbirds class. Children work with you to share their learning.
- Wednesday 30th—Key Skills meeting for Year 1 and 2 parents @ 2.30pm in the School Hall.

Please try and come along to these as they will really help you to understand the learning process.

We are currently planning for our visit from Korky Paul in March for World Book Day and wondered if anyone has a copy of 'The Dog Who Could Dig', 'Winnie Under The Sea', and 'Captain Techum's Buried Treasure' that we could borrow. If you do, please can you drop them into the School Office. I promise we will take great care of them.

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our non-uniform day to raise funds for the 'Mad about Harry' fundraiser. So far we have raised £605, there is still time to contribute, all donations to the office please.

### WANTED—ITEMS FOR CRAFTING

We are looking for the following items for crafting:

Old CDs (music or data), milk bottle lids, buttons and empty kitchen rolls.

Please leave these at the School Office. Thanks.

### BAD DEBT POLICY

In order to reduce the amount of money owing to the School, the Governors have brought in a new Bad Debt Policy, which will come into effect next week. A copy is available to view on our School website. Anyone with outstanding debt will be chased in accordance with this policy.

### 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.

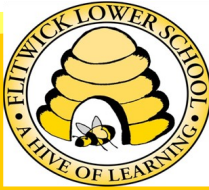
### THE BIG BATTERY HUNT—NATIONAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

The Association have signed up to the Big Battery Hunt. This is the UK's biggest school battery recycling programme. We are currently awaiting for delivery of the free collection boxes which we will send out to each child. Save up your old batteries for recycling as the more batteries we collect, the bigger potential for prizes—ipads etc.

For more information, please do look at their website at :

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### NO CHOCOLATE IN LUNCH BOXES

Please could we remind parents that they should avoid putting chocolate into children's lunch boxes. Biscuit based snacks are fine (like Club, KitKat, Penguin Biscuits), but pure chocolate is not suitable (like Dairy Milk or Galaxy bars).

#### SHOPPING ONLINE? PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE AMAZON SMILE

For those of you who shop online, 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](http://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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Upcoming dates for your diary for PTA Events this term are:

- Friday 25th Jan**—Mrs Barber's Brilliant Bingo Night—Doors Open 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm
- 18th Feb—8th Mar**—5p Tower Competition. (Please save up your 5ps ready for this competition.
- Friday 22nd Feb**—Superhero Night—3.30pm—5.30pm—Last few tickets left.
- Monday 18th Mar**—Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop
- Friday 29th Mar**—Tea and Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny—3.30pm—5.30pm (more details will follow soon)

Thank you for all your support, The FLSA Association

Twitter: @fls\_association

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### 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](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk) and search for Flitwick.

### CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES FOR TEMPLE WAY

We are very pleased to advise that we have received notification of proposed changes to Temple Way. These include a 20mph speed limit outside the School, changes to waiting restrictions (zones for no waiting at any time, no stopping on School markings and limited waiting spaces) and traffic calming measures with a humped zebra crossing. If you would like to know more, the Public Notices are on our website (as well as on lamp-posts on Temple Way, and you can visit

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices)

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER FOUND

After Christmas Jumper Day back in December, a very lovely, brand new Tesco's jumper (aged 5-6) has been handed in to the School Office. We have been waiting for someone to claim it, but no-one has come forward yet. If you have lost a Christmas Jumper, please speak to the School Office.

### LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (February)

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

### 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 [flitwick-lower@gmail.com](mailto:flitwick-lower@gmail.com).

### 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.