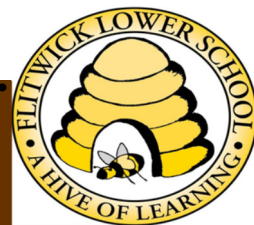


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## KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

**26th Jan—27th Jan**—Panto Performances  
**1st Feb**—Kingfishers Assembly  
**8th Feb**—Toucans Assembly  
**9th Feb**—Wear something bright for Children's Mental Health Day  
**1st Mar**—Hummingbirds Assembly  
**9th Feb**—Wear Something Bright Day  
**12th Feb—18th Feb**—Half Term  
**2nd Mar**—World Book Day—Dress as a Character—Julia Donaldson  
**5th Mar**—Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop  
**7th Mar—9th Mar**—Yr 4 Grafham Trip  
**8th Mar**—Flamingos Assembly  
**14th Mar—16th Mar**—Book Fair  
**19th Mar**—Class Photos  
**CHANGE OF DATE**  
**23rd Mar**—Grafham Assembly  
**26th Mar**—Parent Consultation Evening  
**27th Mar**—Church Visits  
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**29th Mar**—Silly Sock Day  
**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  
**11th Jun**—Father's Day Pop-Up Shop  
**18th Jun**—KS2 Sports (am)  
**19th Jun**—KS1 Sports (am)  
**20th Jun**—Foundation Sports (am)  
**23rd Jun**—School Football Tournament  
**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

So much is happening at school at the moment it's hard to keep up. We are delighted to tell you all that Mrs Steele has had a little boy. This is earlier than anticipated but mum and baby are doing well.

The Panto is well underway and the Year 4 children are fabulous, they are naturals on stage and don't seem fazed by the bright lights. If you haven't already booked your tickets then do so quickly as there are only a few performances left. The booking form was sent out last week and can be found on the website.

6th February is Safer Internet Day, we will be talking to the children about how they keep themselves safe online which builds on the teaching we do in school and the presentation we provided for parents at the beginning of January.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Our theme this year is books by Julia Donaldson. The children can come to school dress as a character from any of her books.

There will be lots of different activities related to the author and the books she has published.

We are dressing up on Friday 2nd March.

## Yr 4 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

24 of our Yr 4s took part in an inter-school competition and we are really pleased say that one of the teams came joint 1st with 2 other schools. Well done to all who took part.

## Playground Equipment

I am pleased to say that the playground is virtually completed and the School Ambassadors are working with the children to put together some guidance on how to stay safe and enjoy using the equipment. One of these is that NO child is allowed to play on the climbing equipment before and after school.

We ask that all parents abide by this so we can ensure our equipment stays as good as new.

## EARRINGS ON PE DAYS

Please can we remind parents that earrings should be removed for PE lessons. If your child is not able to take them out themselves, please could we ask that they do not wear them on days when they have PE lessons. Please check with your child's class teacher as to which days these are.

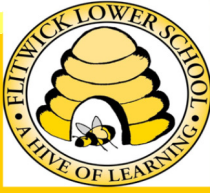
## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—Friday 9th February

We will be supporting Children's Mental Health Awareness Week from 5th—11th February and on Friday 9th February to support CHUMS with their work, we will be inviting all the children to wear bright coloured clothes and bring in a suggested donation of £1 to "spread a little kindness" and "be yourself".

CHUMS provides Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Services to children and young people from Luton and Bedfordshire helping them with with anxiety, increasing self-esteem and building resilience.



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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### DRUM LESSONS IN SCHOOL

We have been given the opportunity to offer drum lessons in school starting in September, depending on how many children would like to do this.

Mr Probert already teaches at Woodland and has taught around Bedfordshire for many years.

If you would like more information, including costs and equipment requirements, please speak to the School Office.

#### CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES Thursdays at 9.15am

1st Feb—Kingfishers  
8th Feb—Toucans  
1st Mar—Hummingbirds  
8th Mar—Flamingos  
**Fri 23rd Mar—Grafham Assembly  
(this is a change in date)**

Assemblies for all other classes will be held in the Summer Term

#### FUN RACING FOR YOUNG RIDERS MUDDY MONSTERS—SAT 27TH JAN 9.30am At Harlington Village Green

Go-Ride is a fun way to experience cycle sport. If you're a novice cyclist or if you've never raced before, go along and have a go! Races will be held for all age categories from under 8s to under 16s. Proceeds raised by this event will go towards the Harlington Playground Project. Registration takes place on the day and is £4 per rider.

To learn more about HSBC UK Go-Ride visit [www.britishcycling.org.uk/go-rideracing](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/go-rideracing)

#### ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next association meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 21st February at 7pm in the school staff room. We look forward to meeting lots of new members.

#### LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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

#### DONATIONS OF BOYS TROUSERS

We are urgently in need of donations of Boys trousers to use in cases of emergency. We are especially short of aged 5-6 and 7-8 sizes. Please bring any donations to the School Office.

#### 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.