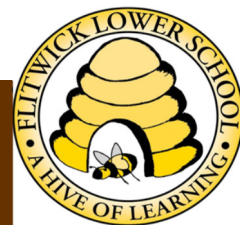


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

6th Feb—Flamingos Class Assembly
(Postponed new date to be advised)
7th Feb — Mufti Day for Chums
13th Feb—Hummingbirds Class Assembly
HALF TERM 17TH FEB TO 21ST FEB
28th Feb—Class Photos
4th—6th Mar—Book Fair after school
5th Mar—World Book Day
9th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening—3.45pm—7pm
10th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening—3.45pm—6pm
12th Mar—Toucans Class Assembly
18th—20th Mar—Yr 4 trip to Grafham
19th Mar—Owls Class Assembly
26th Mar—Kingfishers Class Assembly
2nd Apr—Grafham Assembly—Yr 4
3rd Apr—Last day of Term
21ST APR—RETURN TO SCHOOL
7th May—VE Day Street Party
8th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed
HALF TERM 25TH MAY TO 29TH MAY
2nd Jun—Foundation New Parents Evening
18th June—Dads in School
19th June—Dads in School
22nd June—KS2 Sports Day
23rd June—KS1 Sports Day
24th June—Foundation Sports Day
26th Jun—Fun Run
27th Jun—FL United Football Tournament for Yrs 2, 3 and 4.
1st July—Yr 4 Report Out
2nd July—Foundation—Yr 3 Reports Out
3rd July—Transition morning
8th July—Open Evening
14th July—Yr 4 Leavers Performance and Presentations—6pm—8pm

Second Hand Uniform

We have a lots of second hand uniform which we would like to sell, however we need some help!! If you are able to volunteer to run a stall after school one day please can you contact the school office and let them know your availability. We will then notify you of a date for the sale.

A message from Mrs New...

It's hard to believe that we've already been back in school for 4 weeks....so much has been happening.... As part of our work with a company called Skill Builders which helps children to develop the essential skills to succeed in life, we took 18 children on the train to Luton Mall for a behind the scenes look at how the centre runs. The day involved activities to develop different skills, looking at the jobs within the Mall and designing their own shop window. The following link will take you to their website and a press release

www.skillsbuilder.org/press/Flitwick-Lower-School-visit-The-Mall-Luton-2020-01-23

It was lovely to see so many Foundation parents come along to their open session last Wednesday to look through their books and see what the children have been up to. I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity for the children to share their learning with you. The Foundation team are hosting a Phonics Workshop for Foundation parents on Monday 3rd February after drop off, so come along and see how the staff teach phonics and how you can support your child at home.

Year 4 have been out to a couple of sports festivals as part of our work with the Redborne Sports Partnership, the first one was Sitting Volley Ball at Alameda Middle School and the second one was part of the transition programme to Woodland Middle and focused on Multi Skills. The 3 lower schools worked in mixed teams which is one way that they get to know each other before starting school in September.

We have some up and coming events this side of half term.....

On Tuesday 4th February Years 1 and 2 have the reptile roadshow visiting, they will have the opportunity to hold and learn about the different animals as part of their topic 'Exciting Eggs'.

On Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th we are hosting Judo taster sessions for all year groups, so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on those days as well as their normal PE days.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have sent several pings out regarding Water Melon... We have a child who is severely allergic to it. Please ensure you don't send it for snack or in lunch boxes. Thank you.

SHINE BRIGHT WEAR BRIGHT MUFTI DAY 7th FEBRUARY

We are joining Chums Charity to support Children's Mental Health Week 3rd—9th February
Their theme this year is "Find your Brave".

We have a member of the team coming along to lead an assembly on Tuesday 28th January

We will be holding a **Mufti Day on Friday 7th February** so please come to school wearing brightly coloured clothes or accessories. Suggested donation is £1.

For more Information on Chums please visit their website chumscharity.org



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Here are the dates for the Class Assemblies this term:

6th February—Flamingos Class Assembly (postponed, new date to be arranged)
13th February—Hummingbirds Assembly
12th March—Toucans Class Assembly
19th March—Owls Class Assembly
26th March—Kingfishers Class Assembly
2nd April—Grafham Assembly for Yr 4

All of these assemblies will start at 9.15am and we will advise the dates for Robins and Foundation next term.



COMMUNITY NEWS

BEANSTALK READING SCHEME

The [Beanstalk Reading Scheme](#) is looking for volunteers to work with our Looked After Children in schools. Full training, support and resources are included. If you would like to volunteer then please contact:

Please email Denise Meehan, denise.meehan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or Davina Ramen-Christensen, davina.ramen-christensen@corambeanstalk.org.uk for further details.

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.



PARK AND STRIDE

Please remember to use the Park and Stride Scheme. You can park in Tesco's and walk to School from there, rather than parking on the road.

VALUE OF THE MONTH (January)

The value for January is

INCLUSIVITY

We will be exploring what this means to all and how we can be more inclusive in our lives.

SPRING UPDATE FROM THE FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Last term was such a busy fundraising period for the Association. We are pleased to advise the following profits: Supper with Santa - £1,372.60, Joules Seconds Sale - £881.73, Mrs Barber's Winter Bingo - £271.07, Christmas Concerts Refreshments - £212.57

A big thank-you to everyone involved in helping us organise and run these events. The Association are able to continue with its long-term aim of financing the Schools current ICT upgrade as a result of this fundraising and this term we will be able to purchase the ICT Smart screens for the year one classrooms.

Volunteer plea

The Association is only able to offer fun events and activities for our children if we have a body of volunteers to run them. We are keen to recruit new members to our team this term. Please get in touch if you would like to join us!

Follow and contact the FLSA Association via flsassociation@gmail.com or Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/FlitwickLowerSchoolAssociation/>

FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL CHARTER

Values for promoting a happy, safe and motivating learning environment which underpins our Behaviour Policy at Flitwick Lower School

- * Respect each other's differences
- * Respect that everyone comes to school to learn
- * Respect each other's safety
- * Respect all the adults and children in the school
- * Respect the school environment

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (January)

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

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.