

FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We are quickly heading towards the end of the autumn term but before we break for Christmas, we would like to welcome those children, parents and carers joining Flitwick Lower School for the first time. Hopefully for existing and new families alike, you will find this information a useful snapshot of some of the things the governors have been up to over the last year.

Changes to the Governing Body

The Governing Body is very pleased to welcome two new Governors this year. Joanne Mallams joins us as a Co-Opted Governor and Rebecca Wakeling as a Parent Governor. We are hugely grateful to them both for offering their time, knowledge and enthusiasm to support the school.

School Travel

We aim to promote healthy, safe and sustainable travel to school. We are therefore delighted that after many months of liaison with CBC Highways, a pedestrian crossing was installed outside the main school entrance on Temple Way over the summer holidays. We hope that this will continue to encourage you to 'actively travel' to school. Additionally, we are proud to announce the school's achievement of the Bronze Award for our Travel Plan which is available to view under "School Policies" on the "Statutory" tab of our school website. Please do have a look for tips and routes for getting to school (especially for those of you thinking of becoming more active in the new year...!).

Busy Bees Merger

Thank you to those of you who commented on the proposed merger and attended the drop-in sessions to share your views with us. As always, your views and opinions are invaluable. The initial consultation period is now complete and Central Bedfordshire Council will be requested to initiate a statutory second consultation early in the New Year. If all goes according to plan, the merger could be effective by next September.

Governor visits to school

Meeting with the children is always an enriching yet integral part of our role and so we are always seeking new ways of getting to know them whilst monitoring the school's progress. Governors have now been paired and linked to a specific year group with the expectation of developing stronger links with the children and their class teacher. It is our hope that we will maintain that link as the cohort progresses through the school so please do look out for us at sports days, concerts etc whilst we continue to undertake our formal "behind-the-scenes" visits too.

Pupil Feedback

The governors continue their discussions with small groups of pupils to gain an understanding of life at FLS through the eyes of the pupils. The children have an opportunity at these meetings to freely share genuine concerns and feedback positive thoughts which often inform various FLS functions.

We are always interested in hearing any suggestions for the Governing Body. You can contact us by using flitwicklower@gmail.com or drop a note into the school office.

Thank you to all members of the Flitwick Lower School PTA, as well as those that get involved to support the many essential fundraising events that take place throughout the year. Years 2, 3 and 4 have received new interactive screens in their classrooms as a result of PTA fund-raising and we hope to purchase more soon for years 1 and Foundation courtesy of the PTA.

Finally, thank you to you all for your continued support and of course a huge thank you to Mrs New and all the staff for their enthusiasm, hard work and dedication.

We hope that you have a very happy Christmas with best wishes for 2020.

Governors, Flitwick Lower School

