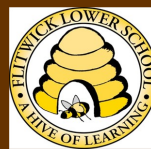


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11th September 2020

Hello everyone.....

It's been so lovely to be able to welcome everyone back to school to this week. The children have all been amazing and have adapted so well to the new routines and procedures in place to keep everyone safe and well. I know that for many of the children this is their first time back to school since we closed to everyone in March and they are really enjoying seeing and playing alongside their friends. Our main focus this week has been to settle the children back into school after the long break, we are also assessing the children to identify where they are in their learning so we establish individual starting points

The systems we have put in place to help ensure the safety and well being of everyone on the school site are now embedding into everyday life and I would to say thank you to all of you for helping with this. The drop off and pick up of the children is going much smoother however I would ask that you ensure you are not entering the school site until the designated time for your year group. No child should be dropped off before the 8.40am start as the staff are still ensuring everything is set up for the day. Also if the path at the back of the school (Year 2 and 3) classrooms is busy, please wait on the playground until the line moves down. I will keep you updated on any changes that are needed to keep the system moving smoothly.

The children should have brought home the COVID-19 agreement which needs to be signed and returned to school, this is to help everyone know their roles and responsibilities in these new times. As a school we also have the duty to provide remote learning should any child / family or bubble need to self isolate due to being symptomatic or testing positive. We will do this through the learning platform which staff will update with the learning resources they are using in class. If you are not able to print any of these off, we will also provide hard copies of the resources.

The children can still access TT Rock Stars to help with their timetables practise and recall. This was really successful during the summer term so we have renewed our subscription for this year

I'm aware that you are not having as much face to face contact with your child's teacher due to the quick drop off and pick up times, but as we did in the summer term we have set up class emails for you to email the class teacher directly and these will be checked daily or you can ring into the school office and leave a message and the teacher will get back to you by the end of the school day. We have reading logs on order and once these arrive the children will have these in their book bags for you write messages in.

On a different note; we are really pleased to be able to let you know that Mrs Groves gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 16th August. They are all doing really well.

I will be writing to you weekly to keep you updated on all the things happening in school and any changes we need to make. Remember if you need to contact us we would prefer you to ring or email the school office rather than come into school.

EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CONTACT CLASS TEACHERS

Dolphins = dolphins@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Holyhead)
Turtles = turtles@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Giles)
Polar Bears = polarbears@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Ficuciello)
Giant Pandas = gpandas@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Palmer)
Snow Leopards = sleopards@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Tatford)
Jaguars = jaguars@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Scott)
Lions = lions@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Wallis)
Tigers = tigers@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Milward)
Rhinos = rhinos@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Edwards)
Elephants = elephants@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Pekszyk)

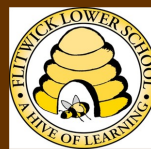
PE READY

Don't forget that children are wearing their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. This is the school kit of black joggers / shorts a white or black round neck t-shirt and either their school jumper or a school hoody. They need a pair of good fitting trainers, not plimsolls.

Foundation = Monday
Year 1 = Tuesday
Year 2 = Wednesday
Year 3 = Thursday
Year 4 = Friday

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We currently have the following positions available in school, if you are interested then the application packs can be downloaded from the school website. The forms can be either emailed back or dropped into the tray in the school office.

CLEANER

The post is for 2 hours per day and which can be taken either from 6.30am to 8.30am or from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The current rate of pay for this post is £9.00 per hour, but we have just been advised that there will be a pay increase. We are currently awaiting confirmation of the new rate.

Midday Supervisor

The post is approximately 1.5 hours per day between 12 noon and 1.30pm (hours and timings may vary slightly depending on year group) The current initial rate of pay for this post is £9.00 per hour, but we have just been advised that there will be a pay increase. We are currently awaiting confirmation of the new rate.

At present, we have two posts available, one of which is to work directly with a child with an EHCP plan.

Closing date for all applications is Tuesday 15th September at 12.00 noon.

APPLICATION FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2021

Foundation Place

The application for children starting school in September 2021 is now open.

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you will need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2021.

Transfer to Middle 2021 - Closing date 15 January 2021

This is for all children in year 4 who will be transferring to middle school in September 2021. (Therefore all our families currently in year 4)

The application form is available on our website or you can apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions