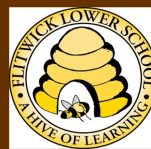


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Flitwick Lower School Newsletter



25th September 2020

Hello everyone.....

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. We have welcomed all the new foundation children this week. They look very smart in their new uniforms. I know it is a strange time for them but we are ensuring that their start to school is as smooth and 'normal' as possible.

It is lovely to see you all in the mornings, greeting me with a sunny smile even though the weather has turned cold on us. The systems in school have been working well and we are so grateful to you all for following the guidelines, however can we please ask that you do not get to school before your designated pick up and drop off times as it can cause some congestion. We are amending the timings slightly from next week to make better use of time and to try to help with the sibling and Pre-school drop off.

Group A - 8.45 – 3.15pm	Group B – 9am – 3.30pm
Turtles	Dolphins
Pandas	Polar Bears
Snow Leopards	Jaguars
Lions	Tigers
Elephants	Rhinos

As we are unable to hold our information evenings this year, every year group has put together a presentation for you to watch. This will hopefully give you an insight into the expectations of the children, introduce staff and share timetables as well as other information that would have normally been shared with you. You can access these via our website or use this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYFCSMnZ0NaqRGad3yGV-yA> . Happy watching. If you have any queries please email the class teachers on their email addresses.

The learning at home pages on our school learning platform are being uploaded with the most up to date work so that if you have to isolate or your child is unwell you can still access work from home. The teachers have put these details on the learning at home sheets or again you can follow the guidelines available on the website <http://www.flitwick-lower-school.net/Parents/Learning-at-Home/learning-at-home.html>

As we move into the winter months children and adults do come down with colds and sniffles which is why we have sent out the different correspondences this week regarding the guidelines and procedures which need to be followed. Please remember we cannot give you advice only refer you to the guidance. We have a duty to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep you all safe and I know this may mean sending your child home to monitor but we are doing this to prevent the spread of the germs and virus that are prevalent during this time.

We are asking that you limit the times you come into the school office so please ensure you send everything your child needs in with them. If you do need to come into the office we are asking that you wear a mask as it is an enclosed space.

Individual photos—29th September

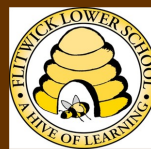
We are having individual photos on Tuesday 29th September. This year due to the restrictions regarding COVID we are not able to offer any photos with siblings or wider family groups. The photos will take place during the morning in the school hall. The children will remain in their class bubbles and there will be no mixing.

Flu Immunisations

We are now able to confirm that **all** the children in school will be offered a **Flu vaccination on Wednesday 9th December**. These will be carried out at school and in class bubbles. We will issue further information nearer the time, but we do know they will be gaining consent through an online portal which will be open 2 weeks prior to the vaccinations.

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SCHOOL DINNERS

We are beginning to reintroduce hot dinners over the coming weeks. This will be a phased process and we will monitor weekly.

Foundation to eat packed lunches and dinners in the hall.

All other years to eat packed lunches in the classrooms supported by the lunchtime supervisor and dinners in the hall with the 2 lunch time supervisors on duty in there.

The plan to introduce hot dinners is as follows:

Week 28th Sept = Hot dinners Foundation / Packed lunches years 1 – 4

Week 5th Oct = Hot dinners Foundation and year 1 / Packed lunches Yr 2 – 4

Week 12th Oct = Hot dinners Foundation, YR 1 and YR 2 / Packed lunches YR 3 and 4

Week 19th Oct = Hot dinners Foundation, YR 1, YR 2 and YR 3 / Packed lunches YR 4

The menus are all available on the website so you can plan meals with your child.

We will be offering hot dinners to all year groups from the 3rd November



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

EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CONTACT CLASS TEACHERS

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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)

These will be checked daily during the week and your queries /concerns responded to promptly. These may not be monitored over the weekend so if you email over the weekend you will have a response on the Monday.