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Flitwick Lower School Newsletter



23rd October 2020

KEY DATES:

23rd October: Break up for half term
3rd Nov: All children return to school
12th Nov: Parenting support sessions (pre booked)
13th Nov: children in need (come wearing spots)
9th Dec: Flu Immunisations
16th Dec: Xmas Dinner (FS, YR 1 and 2)
17th Dec: Xmas Dinner (Year 3 and 4)
18th Dec: Break up for Christmas

TERM DATES:

Autumn Term
7th Sept — 18th December
Half Term
26th Oct—3rd Nov

Spring Term
5th Jan — 26th March 2021
Half Term
15th - 19th February

Summer Term
12th April - 21st July
Half Term
31st May - 4th June

Hello everyone.....

We have made it to half term and we are all still smiling. I hope that you and the children have a really enjoyable break, I know it will be a little bit different but hopefully the weather will be kind and you can get out for some lovely long walks.

This term has been fun with lots of exciting activities for the children to enjoy. Foundation have settled well into school and have had a lovely few weeks learning the routines of school. They have been toasting marshmallows in the wooded area today... yummy.

The year 1 and 2 children have been thinking about Aliens and what they would get up to if they were to visit Earth. They enjoyed their little party to celebrate.

Key stage 2 have been learning all about the Mayan civilisation as part of their topic Scrumdiddlyumptious. I'm hoping they have some chocolate soon!!

I'm also delighted to tell you that Foundation have got their new touch screen boards, which means that all classes have now got their new screens, which is thanks to the hard work of the Association and your generosity when supporting the different events. We have also purchased web cams for all the classrooms so we can now do whole school events and assemblies. The children have loved this...

We enjoyed an assembly with Reverend Lucy the other Monday to celebrate Harvest, she shared a lovely story all about apples which was enjoyed by everyone. I would like to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful donations you provided for The Need Project... There are many families who are in need at the moment due to the current situation. We are going to have a box in the lobby for you to put items in throughout the next half term to keep the food bank stocked.

The children will bring their pencil cases home for the half term so you can replenish them and they will need to bring them back when they return to school on 3rd November.

We are going to be marking Remembrance Day slightly differently this year as we cannot march and gather at the memorial. We are asking that every child makes a poppy (or more if they wish) and bring them to school when we return. These can be either red, white, purple or black. We are then going to create our own display. You can also paint a pebble and put it next to the crosses in the Church yard at St Peter and St Paul's.



VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

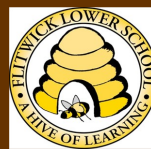
We hope everyone had a positive experience with our first ever virtual parents evening. The feedback from staff was positive and they enjoyed catching up with everyone. If you were unable to speak to the class teacher then please contact them via the class email and they will set up a different time. It is important that you talk to the class teachers to find out how your child has settled back into school and what they need to work on to help with their learning. We are thinking of a way that you can see the children's books before they bring them home at Christmas.

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

Our reintroduction of school dinners has gone well and the children are enjoying having Jackie's dinners again. They are eating dinners in year groups but within their class bubbles, in the hall, in half hour blocks. The children are now familiar with the system and have adapted well.

After half term we will be offering hot dinners to all year groups, please remember that only children having hot dinners eat in the hall, packed lunches remain in the classrooms.

Dinners for years 3 and 4 are £2.40 and we are asking that all dinners are paid for via our parent pay facility.

The menus are all available on the website so you can plan meals with your child. Please ensure you do this, as some children really don't want to eat some options and they need to have a good meal in the middle of the day.



PLANS FOR OPEN DAY

Normally at this time of year we are holding our annual open day for parents to come and tour the school before they make their choice of school for September 21, however with the current restrictions in place, we are sorry but we are not able to offer this however we do hope to be able to do face to face tours later in the year. In place of the face to face tour we are busy filming a virtual tour for all prospective parents to view and once this is complete it will be available on our website and You Tube channel. We are also going to offer a virtual open evening with a short presentation by Mrs New and Miss Giles and a question and answer session for you.

The virtual tour will be available on our website by Friday 30th October and we plan to hold the virtual open evening via zoom on Wednesday 11th November @ 6pm

We will also send out our up to date prospectus to all the local pre-schools and nurseries as well as publishing it on the school website.

If you need any further information and/or would like to talk to someone about the school please contact the school office on 01525 755444 or email us at flitwicklower@gmail.com

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

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)

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.