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Flitwick Lower School Newsletter



9th October 2020

Hello everyone.....

We've been very busy with our learning over the last few weeks... Foundation children have been enjoying the outside as part of their Forest School activities, they do these on Friday even in the rain!!!! The children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning all about the planets as part of their topic Earthlets, I've seen some lovely photos of their learning at home so please remember to email these to the class teachers so we can share in their success. Years 3 and 4 have been carrying out some interesting science experiments to see what happens to their teeth if they eat or drink certain things... hopefully this will show them what is good and what they should avoid.

We held our first whole school assembly on Friday via Zoom, this caused great excitement for everyone as they got to see everybody together for the first time in a long time. All the classes have now got web cameras and we are holding our celebration assemblies every week via Zoom. This is where the children are presented with certificates for their achievements in class, Dojo points and TT Rock Stars. We also celebrate any birthdays for that week.

We continue to be extra vigilant regarding the COVID 19 procedures and these are working well in school. The children are amazing and so are the staff for helping them to cope with all the changes.

I have had several parents talk to me about parents congregating on the path towards Dunstable Road, please can I ask that you leave the site quickly and do not allow children to play on the field or climb the trees at the bottom of the path. We need to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable when entering and exiting the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We have 2 weeks left before half term and they look to be busy, with harvest and parents evening to name but a few events.

Half term is the week of the 26th October and children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

You should have received a school ping this morning inviting you to book a time for our virtual parents evenings next week. We are holding them virtually via Zoom on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Wednesday 21st October

Wednesday 14th Oct- 4-6 pm

Thursday 15th Oct 4 -6pm

Wednesday 21st Oct 4-5pm (Not Elephants)

You need to book your slot using the link in the ping and follow the other instructions.

We will email you the zoom link next week in readiness for your appointment.

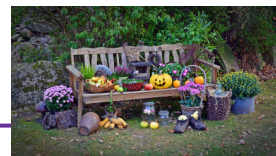
Please remember that these are timed appointments so please keep to the 10min slot so other parents are not kept waiting.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY and DONATIONS

On Monday we are celebrating Harvest with an assembly led by Reverend Lucy (Via Zoom). The children will be talking about what harvest is and why we celebrate it during class time.

We will be collecting items for the local food bank to help support families in difficulty. They accept most food items but also ask for other things like toiletries and cleaning materials. We will have drop off stations in the playground on Monday morning and after school, so look out for the boxes.

Thank you in advance.



PHOTOS

You should have all received the proof of your child's photo this week. We hope you liked them ..

If you would like to order a copy of the photo you can either complete the form and return it to school and we will send them off or you can order them online and choose to have them delivered either to school or to your home. (Instructions are in the envelope)

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

As many of you are aware we have now begun to gradually introduce hot dinners, this has been going well and the children have managed the new systems well. The children come into the hall in year groups and we wipe down between every year group which means that lunches are taking longer but everyone is happy and enjoying their meals. From next week Year 2 can order hot dinners. Packed lunches remain in the classrooms (apart from Foundation Children)

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

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

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 but 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 challenge. 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 23rd 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 75544 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.