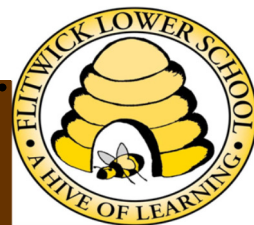


Flitwick Lower School

Newsletter No. 3



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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

16th Oct—Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm-6pm
17th Oct—Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm-7pm
20th Oct—Individual Photos
23rd Oct—29th Oct—Half Term
1st Nov—Open Day
31st Oct—Children back to School
17th Nov—Children In Need Day
3rd Dec—Christmas Fayre
4th Dec—YR 1 Concert
5th Dec—YR 2 Concert
6th Dec—Foundation Concert
7th Dec—YR 3 Concert
13th Dec—Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec—Break up for Christmas
January 2018
3rd Jan—Start of school for all children
20th Jan—27th Jan—Panto Performances
12th Feb—18th Feb—Half Term
2nd Mar—World Book Day—Dress as a Character
7th Mar—9th Mar—Yr 4 Grafham Trip
14th Mar—16th Mar—Book Fair
19th Mar—Class Photos
22nd Mar—Grafham Assembly
26th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening
27th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening
29th Mar—Break up for Easter
16th Apr—Start of school for all children
24th May—New Parents Evening for Foundation Pupils 18-19
28th May-3rd Jun—Half Term
6th Jun—Open Day
9th Jun—Flitwick Carnival
18th Jun—KS2 Sports (am)
19th Jun—KS1 Sports (am)
20th Jun—Foundation Sports (am)
6th Jul—Fun Run
7th Jul—Summer Fete
13th Jul—Transition Morning—All Classes
17th Jul—Open Evening
18th Jul—Yr 4 Leavers Production and Presentations
20th Jul—Break up for Summer

Autumn is well and truly here with the blustery days and leaves everywhere. Whilst it might be sunny there is now a distinct nip in the air, so please ensure your child has a coat in school as it can be cold on the playground.

Reverend Lucy was in school last week to help us celebrate Harvest. She led an assembly based on the story of stone soup and everyone working together. The Governors were involved in the assembly and some of them then stayed for the morning to see the school in action and try the school dinners.



This week we have been fortunate enough to have a Judo Instructor come and hold taster sessions for children in years 1–4. They have had half hour slots throughout Thursday and Friday morning. Once we evaluate this we may be able to offer a club after school.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

As a school we are having a focus on improving pupils attendance and lateness. The school's attendance policy has been updated and can be found on the school website. Regular attendance in school is mandatory and research shows that children who miss up to 17 days in school achieve lower than those who attend regularly—this can be a whole grade drop at GCSE's.

97%+ = Good Attendance
95% = Satisfactory Attendance
90 – 95% = Needs improvement
90% and below = Persistent Absence

School starts at 8.50am therefore children need to lined up on the playground ready. A child who arrives between 9am and 9.10am will be marked as late. A child who arrives after 9.10 is marked as unauthorised as the registers have closed.

We monitor attendance weekly, monthly and 1/2 termly. If your child's attendance is a cause for concern you will be invited to a meeting to discuss ways forward.

September's attendance award goes to Owls Class who have achieved 100% attendance.

PARENTS EVENING

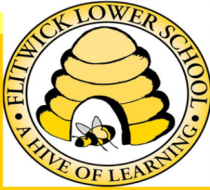
The new online booking system is up and working and I know lots of you have already booked appointments. There is a link on the school website to make this easier for you. If you are having any difficulties then please email the school office.

Parents evening will take place in the hall as it has previously.

EARRINGS

Please can we remind parents that earrings should be removed for PE. If the children wear them to school they must be able to take them out and put them back on their own. If they can't please don't send them in with them in. This is to ensure they do not catch them and rip their ears.

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TEMPLE WAY

A Hive of Learning

COMMUNITY NEWS

Halloween Fun Morning

Arts and crafts, games and cooking !!!

Thursday 26th October at the Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road.

£6.50 per child 8.45am—12 noon

Suitable for 4-9 years old

Call 01525 63100 (must pre book)

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

This month we are finding out how to speak Polish. The children will be introduced to some basic phrases and find out more about the countries that speak Polish.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School, as we have several children who are severely allergic to nuts. Please do not bring in any granola bars or spreads that contain nuts.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tempest Photographers are in school on Friday 20th October to take individual and family group photos. A letter will come out next week with more information.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

We have heard from Tesco's that we were successful in our blue token bid and have been awarded the maximum amount of £4000. This is for the playground development which is due to start this month. Thank you to everyone for their support.

We held the annual AGM last night and Gemma Stone was voted in as Chair. The next meeting has been set for **16th November at 7pm**.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Emma Herman who has been Chair for the last 4 years. She has worked hard to raise the profile of the Association and been involved in lots of projects to enrich the environment for the children.

GRAFHAM—YEAR 4

It was great to see so many of you last night at our Grafham evening. If you were unable to attend the meeting your information pack will be sent home with your child. You can pay for the trip in a variety of ways including Parent Pay. Please complete the medical form and return it school. If you have any queries just talk to a member of staff.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor due to Mrs Swannell standing down. We would like to thank her for all her support over the last few years.

If you are interested in standing as a Governor you need to complete the form that was issued last week and return it to school by Monday 9th October.

FLU Immunisations

Your child should have brought home a letter yesterday about flu immunisations. Please can you complete the forms and return them to school as soon as possible so that the NHS representatives can sort them before the 17th October which is the day of the immunisations.

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be eligible for Free School Meals which can also include additional funding to help the school in enriching their time at school e.g support with trips etc.

This is different to universal free meals for children in FS, YR 1 & 2.

Please pick up a leaflet from the school office to check your eligibility.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you need to get in touch with us during the School Holidays, you can always email us on the main address, flitwick@cbc.beds.sch.uk or call and leave a message on the answerphone.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Remember all newsletters and attachments are available to download from our School website at: www.flitwick-lower-school.net

We update the site regularly as well as uploading information sent through from outside agencies. Please check for SEND information and resources.