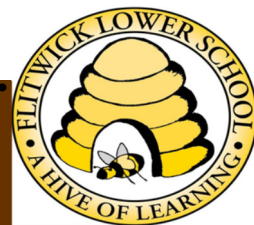


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

20th Jan—27th Jan—Panto Performances

1st Feb—Kingfishers Assembly

8th Feb—Toucans Assembly

9th Feb—Wear something bright for Children's Mental Health Day

1st Mar—Hummingbirds Assembly

12th Feb—18th Feb—Half Term

2nd Mar—World Book Day—Dress as a Character

7th Mar—9th Mar—Yr 4 Grafham Trip

8th Mar—Flamingos Assembly

14th Mar—16th Mar—Book Fair

19th Mar—Class Photos

CHANGE OF DATE

23rd Mar—Grafham Assembly

26th Mar—Parent Consultation Evening

27th Mar—Church Visits

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)

23rd Jun—School Football Tournament

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

A warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone. Life is very busy at School, the children are all excited about their new learning and looking forward to finding out about; Bears in Foundation, Exciting Eggs in Years 1 and 2 and Vikings in Years 3 and 4.

We facilitated an e-safety talk by the police last week to help parents keep their children safe when online or using electronic devices. The parents that attended found this very useful, we have uploaded some of the links shared on the school website. We will be running this again next year. We are hoping to book a few slots for the police to come along and speak to the children about the things they need to do to keep themselves safe.

The children may come home and talk to you about relaxing and mindfulness. This is because we are starting to use this technique to help calm the children and ready them for learning after lunchtimes when their minds are racing. We have had a staff training session to share practice and ensure we are implementing this correctly. We will keep you updated on this and share some of the activities so you can support the children at home.

Panto starts next weekend and I'm really looking forward to watching. Remember to get your tickets so you can support the school in raising money whilst having a great time.

Clubs—Signing up and paying

There have been a few clashes with clubs this term due to parents paying on Parentpay before the information has been sent out by the office. Clubs change every 1/2 term and the office staff issue letters with all the dates and costs on. Once you receive this, please return it to school, identifying how you intend to pay. Just because a parent pays on line does not mean they get a place before someone returning their form. Once a place has been allocated, you will receive a confirmation slip and then you can pay online.

Playground Equipment

I am pleased to say that the playground is virtually completed and the School Ambassadors are working with the children to put together some guidance on how to stay safe and enjoy using the equipment.

One of these is that NO child is allowed to play on the climbing equipment before and after school. We ask that all parents abide by this so we can ensure our equipment stays as good as new.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES Thursdays at 9.15am

1st Feb—Kingfishers

8th Feb—Toucans

1st Mar—Hummingbirds

8th Mar—Flamingos

**Fri 23rd Mar—Grafham Assembly
(this is a change in date)**

Assemblies for all other classes will be held in the Summer Term

SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

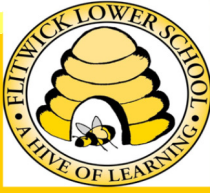
As I'm sure you are aware, there are football teams for nearly all year groups which meet on Saturday mornings for training for matches against other local Schools.

The Flitwick Lower United FC is run entirely by volunteers who give up their time to arrange the activities and games and coach the children.

However, we are now short of players in pretty much all year groups. If you are interested in your child going along, please contact Steve Coates on 07960 215053 or email on enquire-FLUFC@gmail.com. Or you could just ask the other parents in your child's year group and they will know who the coach is for those children.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

PANTO TICKETS FOR CHILD ACTORS

If you have a child in the show and you wish them to join you after the interval when you have booked to watch, please let us know so that we can reserve a seat for them. Children in the show will be free of charge for the 2nd act. Just a quick email to Flitwick.panto@gmail.com will ensure their space.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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

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 DINNERS

Please find below the costs for School Dinners for this half term for Years 3 and 4. If your child is in Yr 4, please remember to deduct for the Grafham Trip.

Daily	£2.05
Weekly	£10.25
All Wed. Roast days (6)	£12.30
All Fri. Fun days (6)	£12.30
Both Weds and Fri.	£24.60
The Half Term	£57.40

All dinner money for the week should be paid in on the **Monday** of that week. If paying by cheque, please make payable to L.B.C., with the child's name and class on the back and the days you are paying for. Please note that as this is not payable to the School, this cannot be paid via ParentPay.

Local Opportunities to Train to become a Teacher (both Primary and Secondary Teaching)

Redborne Upper School is now a National Teaching School. They are able to offer the right candidate a very local opportunity to train to teach via their School Direct courses offered in partnership with the University of Bedfordshire. Subjects that are available are: General Primary, English, Maths, Modern Languages, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Biology, History, PE, Music and Design and Technology. If you are interested and have GCSE grade 4 or above (or equivalent) in English, Maths and Science (Science for Primary only), possess or are working towards a minimum of a 2:2 Honours degree you can apply. There is a tuition fee of £9,250; student finance can be accessed to pay this sum. Secondary subjects may be entitled to a bursary.

If you want to know more, please contact Jon Gunn on stjgunn@redborne.beds.sch.uk to register your initial interest and go to the UCAS teacher training website to apply to Redborne Upper and Community College School direct programme.

CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

We have now managed to access the Co-op Local Community Fund, which means that members of the Co-op can choose to give their 1% to Flitwick Lower School Association. This funding period is open for 11 months until 27th October 2018.

Every time members shop at the Co-op 1% of what they spend on selected own brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.

Please do help us with raising more money for the playground refurbishment.

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 eg support with trips etc.

This is different to universal free school 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.