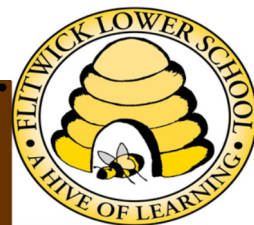


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KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

16th Oct—Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm-6pm
17th Oct—Flu Immunisations
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

It's hard to believe that half term is only a week away. This half term the children have been very busy learners. There is so much great work around the school and we are very proud of the effort the children have been putting in. I am really impressed with the Islands that the children in years 1 and 2 have been producing as part of their home learning.



Some of our year 3 and 4 children took part in an inter-school tag rugby festival on Wednesday at Wootton Upper School. They played 4 games, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. They were fabulous ambassadors for the school showing good sportsmanship.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Louise Deveney to the vacancy of parent Governor. Louise will be attending our next full governors meeting on the 20th November. We look forward to working with her to move the school forward.

Baby News!

We are really pleased to announce that Mrs Steele is expecting her first baby. Her expected due date is approximately the end of February. We will be writing to the parents of her class before the end of this term with arrangements to cover her maternity absence.



OLD £1 COINS

Please note that we can no longer accept the old style £1 coins. Any which are received will be returned to you. This applies to the Kitchen too for Dinner Money.

If you have any old style coins, I believe the banks may exchange them for new ones.

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.

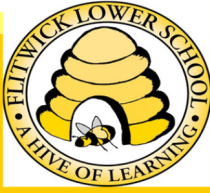
97%+ = Good Attendance
95% = Satisfactory Attendance
90 – 95% = Needs improvement
90% and below = Persistent Absence

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.

Please note: School gates are closed and locked at 9am.

Flitwick Lower



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)

LOWE-GOS —UNIFORM SALES

Lowegos have moved. They are now based at:
1b Station Square
Flitwick
Bedfordshire MK45 1DP
Email: sales@lowegos.org
Tel: 01525 839341
Website: www.lowegos.org

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. Please make sure your child is wearing their School jumper/cardigan that day.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: 28th April 2018 the Circus is coming to Flitwick Lower—tickets will be on sale at the beginning of February.

Don't forget to register for the **School Lottery**. There is a winner every week and the association receive 40p from every £1 ticket. Follow the link on the school website. So far, we have raised £876.70.

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.

HALF TERM EVENTS

Teddy Bear Treasure Hunt—starting at the Rufus Centre. Can you find the teddy bears hidden in shop windows around town during half term. Collect your form from Rufus Centre—£1 per child. Funds going to the Flitwick Christmas Lights Appeal.

Musical Theatre Workshop

Monday 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct from 10am—3pm—£125 per child at Flitwick Football Centre, Ampthill Road, Flitwick, MK45 1BA. To book a place, email contact@thestudioforperformingarts.co.uk

Zelda's Spooky Spell Trail

Jordan's Mill have Zelda the witch's creepy woodland trail from 23rd Oct to 30th Oct. Find out more at: www.jordansmill.com

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.

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.