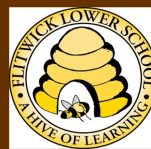


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## Flitwick Lower School Newsletter



18th Decembere 2020

### KEY DATES:

**18th Dec:** Break up for Christmas

**5th Jan :** start of the term

**12th Feb:** YR 4 bike ability

**15th—19th Feb:** Half term

**24th Feb:** Class photos

More dates will follow in the spring term

### 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

### Christmas Shows

Mr Yates has been busy editing the Christmas shows for Foundation, YR 1,2 & 3. They are brilliant and really made me smile. I have sent out a link for you to access your child's show on ping and the teachers have uploaded the link onto the class learning at home site. Please remember these are closed links and not to be shared outside your family group.



### Merry Christmas everyone.....

We have made it to the end of term and we are all still smiling ( well just), but we have had a great term with the children and managed to keep some sense of normality for them during the what is a difficult time for everyone.



The children have been absolutely amazing and have adapted to the changes in school. They have worked hard and I'm so proud of the work they have produced over this term which shows how much they have enjoyed the different learning opportunities planned by the staff. You will get a chance to see their work when they bring their books home to share with you.

We have been working hard in school to give the children a fabulous start to Christmas and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped by donating any spare decorations. Santa came to visit on the movie night and made use of the amazing grotto that Mrs Edwards and Mr Yates set up in the courtyard. It looks beautiful with all the twinkling lights. The children's colouring and drawing really brighten up the school gates along with the beautiful wooden characters which were drawn and painted by Miss Holyhead and cut out by Mr Wallis. Thank you to all of them for giving up their time to help us.

We finished the week with our first ever Santa Dash ... this was great fun ( even in the rain) The children completed laps of the playground to the sounds of Christmas music. Next year we will make this a sponsored event but this year was donations towards outdoor play equipment for the classes. The children finished the dash with a warming cup of hot chocolate ... Yummy :)

This week started with a Christmas assembly with Reverend Lucy who zoomed us from the Church. This year we thought about the candy cane and how this can represent the different elements of Christmas ask the children if they can remember, it was really interesting. The pop up shop was frantic but the children really enjoyed their Christmas shopping experience and we hope that you like the gifts they chose for you all!!! ( Remember it's their choice)

Tuesday was a quieter day in readiness for Christmas dinner on Wednesday and Thursday. This was a great success and it was lovely to have it spread over two days as the children really got to enjoy their dinner and spend time chatting. The ladies in the kitchen produced a beautiful roast which everyone enjoyed.

Normally we welcome Santa in the afternoon who gives each class a present but this year to ensure he is in good health ready for Christmas Eve he left the presents when he came the week before. So Mrs New was his little Elf and delivered the presents. We have some beautiful pictures of the classes in front of the tree.

I'm sure you are all looking forward to some rest and relaxation over the Christmas break and I hope that you manage to do that just that. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your continued support over this time, you have all been so accommodating and helped us to keep the everyone safe by following our procedures. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my staff for all their dedication and support as it has been a challenging time but they have kept positive and continued to provide a stimulating and motivating learning environment for all the children to thrive in.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE



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### Hot dinners and pack lunches

We will be continuing to offer hot dinners to all children in the Spring term. Please remember if you are in Years 3 and 4 you need to pay for dinners £2.40 via parent pay.

The menus are all on the website so you can see what is on offer.

Packed lunches will continue to eat in the classrooms so we minimise the number of children in the hall. Please can I remind you that we are a healthy, nut free school and ask that you do not give the children chocolate bars and also some children have an abundance of food that they struggle to eat.



### Parent Governor Role

We have appointed a new parent governor to our governing body. They will start after the Christmas holiday.

Mrs Stenhouse is a year 2 parent with lots of experience in education. We look forward to welcoming her to our team

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your donations for this year's poppy appeal we raised £90.53

### ASSOCIATION NEWS !!!!!!!!!

We held our annual AGM in November and we are delighted to have a great team of parents to continue the work the committee are doing. I'm sure you have enjoyed all the different activities that we have managed to put on, even though some of them been a little last minute. We are sorry for this but we weren't sure we would be able to do some of them.

All the monies raised from the events goes into the school to support the children's learning and enrichment. This year we have managed to complete the installation of interactive TV screens in every classroom, along with a webcam so we can zoom events.

Don't forget that you can join the school lottery and we are registered for Amazon Smile so you can raise money even when you are shopping. This year we have had £158.90 donated from them.

#### Our committee members are:

**Co chair:** Adrienne Wilde / Vanessa Sammut

**Secretary:** Donna Thompson

**Treasurer:** Christine Stacy

**Lottery Rep:** Michelle Laver

These are the officer roles but they are supported by a wider team of parents and of course yourselves in supporting the events.

### 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](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

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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.