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Flitwick Lower School Newsletter



September 2021

Message to everyone

It is so lovely to welcome everyone back to school this term, we've even had some face to face assemblies which has been a learning curve for lots of the children. Our assemblies are in key stages so not the whole school together just yet. We are still cautious about mixing too much so the children are working mainly in year group bubbles unless they are outside where the Key Stage play together. I've attached a flow chart for your reference regarding what to do if your child is ill.

The children are looking fabulous in their school uniforms and we are doing regular checks to ensure that they are in uniform, but remember that on your P.E day they come to school P.E ready.

All the year groups held their annual information evening virtually last week. The presentation that was shared is available on the school website so you can refer to them if you missed the meeting. I hope you found these useful and that you now have a better understanding of what to expect as well as meeting the staff. Parents evenings will also be virtual this term, further information will be sent out nearer the time. (see dates).

We are reinstating the class emails for you to be able to contact the class teacher. These will not be checked everyday but will be checked several times a week. If you have an emergency then please email into the school office and they will contact the class teacher. Links are available on the school website.

We have some exciting projects running over this year... Inspiring Music are working with all the children in Years 3 & 4 to have whole-class instrument and professional singing lessons this academic year. This is mainly funded through grants and the Association but we are asking parents for a contribution to this. Every child has their own musical instrument to use for the duration of the term with the possibility of them coming home!! The children in Year 3 are learning the trumpet and year 4's the violin.

We are also working with Luton Town Community Football Trust to support the teaching of P.E. They will be coming in for 1 day a week to work with each year group across the school to support the development of skills like agility and balance. We know that the children will love these experiences.

We are delighted to welcome all our new children who have now started school. They look so smart in their new uniforms coming through the school gates. We look forward to getting to know all our new families over the next few weeks.

The newsletters will come out monthly from now. Please remember to check ping daily for any updates or messages regarding school, clubs etc.

EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CONTACT CLASS TEACHERS

Dolphins = dolphins@flitwickschool.co.uk (Mrs Ficuciello)

Turtles = turtles@flitwickschool.co.uk (Miss Giles)

Polar Bears = polarbears@flitwickschool.co.uk (Mrs Tatford)

Giant Pandas = giantpandas@flitwickschool.co.uk (Miss Scott)

Snow Leopards = snowleopards@flitwickschool.co.uk (Mrs Cole)

Jaguars = jaguars@flitwickschool.co.uk (Mrs Palmer)

Lions = lions@flitwick.school.co.uk (Mrs Wallis)

Tigers = tigers@flitwickschool.co.uk (Mrs Milward)

Rhinos = rhinos@flitwickschool.co.uk (Miss Edwards)

Elephants = elephants@flitwickschool.co.uk (Mrs Groves / Mrs Steele)

These will be checked during the week and your queries /concerns responded to. These may not be monitored over the weekend so if you email over the weekend you will have a response during the next week

Important / Pupil Photographs

We have individual photos this Friday 24th September. The children will have individual photos and siblings in school photos. We are not able to have siblings from outside school. All children will have their photograph taken unless you tell us otherwise. Year 4 children will need to be in uniform for the top half and P.E for the bottom half or come in uniform and bring their P.E kit with them.

Google Classroom

We are no longer using the learning platform (It's learning) to upload information. We are in the final process of moving to Google Classrooms. We will update with logins etc once we have completed the transfer process.

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Key Dates this term

21st September . All Foundation children in school
12th October - Parent Consultations (3.45—6.30pm)
13th October - Parent Consultations (3.45 –6.30pm)

HALF TERM - 25th October— 1st November

2nd November - All children return to school
4th November - Woodland Open Evening (virtual)
12th November - FLSA hosting the coffee morning at the village hall.

6th December - YR 1 Christmas Concert
7th December - YR 2 Christmas Concert
8th December - Foundation Christmas Concert
9th December - YR 3 Christmas Concert
15th December - Christmas Dinner / Xmas Jumper day
17th December - Break up for Christmas

APPLICATION FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2022

Foundation Place

The application for children starting school in September 2022 is now open.

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you will need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2022

Transfer to Middle 2022 - Closing date 15 January 2022

This is for all children in year 4 who will be transferring to middle school in September 2022

(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

Association News

The Association are looking to hold their AGM in the next few weeks. They are a fantastic group of parents who give up their time to support the school in raising funds. These are used to enhance the provision and environment for the children at the school. Once the date has been set please try to attend so you can find out more .

They are planning some exciting activities over the next few months so keep a lookout for more information.

Don't forget that you can help raise money through signing up to AMAZON SMILE . You do this through selecting us as your charity in 'settings' - 'Amazon Smile' in the main menu.

You can also sign up the school lottery via the association link on the school website.

CAPTURED FROM THE SKY

As many of you know to celebrate the schools 40th anniversary we arrange for an aerial photo to be taken of the children forming a big 40 on the school field. We would like to say a huge thank you to Tom Degan for giving up his time to come and do this for us. You can see the action by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrpO8Bxjicac>

Beehive

Beehive is now open to all children. The booking forms are available on the school website but places are limited. If you are using the club for the first time then children must be registered (forms on the website)

If you need to contact us regarding Beehive please use the new email account..

beehive@flitwickschool.co.uk

Parent Governor Role

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and invite any interested parents to consider applying for this position.

Each Governing Body is made up of parents, staff and members of the community who, together with the Head, are responsible for a wide range of matters affecting the life of the school and the work of the pupils.

Our current team is a very committed group, offering a wide range of skills and expertise and all members are part of the Flitwick Lower School Community.

The Governor's role is to be a critical, supportive friend to the Head and her team, helping to develop the strategic direction of the school, monitoring that the learning programme offered to all children is challenging and presented in a varied and enjoyable manner and ensuring that financial resources are spent wisely.

If you are interested in applying for this role, further information will be sent out via ping and all information and forms are available on the website.