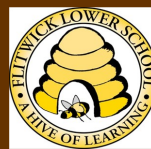


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KEY DATES:

17th Dec: Break up for Christmas

4th Jan : start of the term

25th Feb: YR 4 bike ability

14th—18th Feb: Half term

More dates will follow in the spring term

TERM DATES:

Autumn Term

7th Sept — 18th December

Half Term

26th Oct—3rd Nov

Spring Term

4th Jan — 1st April 2021

Half Term

14th - 18th February

Summer Term

20th April - 21st July

Half Term

30th May - 3rd June

Christmas Shows

Mr Yates has been busy editing the Christmas shows for Foundation, YR 1,2. Again they are brilliant and really made me smile. Year 2 and 3 will record theirs at the start of the new term once everyone is back at school. The links will be emailed out to you as soon as possible. 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

The children have been absolutely amazing and have adapted to the ever changing circumstances 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. We will plan another viewing of work during the spring term so you can come in and see their work.



We have been working hard in school to give the children a fabulous start to Christmas with lots of fun activities. Over the last few weeks the children have been taking part in a santa challenge: the challenge was to reach Lapland 2,027 miles away by recording how active they were travelling to school. The actual distance we travelled was 3,055 miles. Well done everyone and a special mention to Daniel in year 3 who won the scooter in the draw. The Christmas fun night went really well, the children enjoyed a packed tea and some Christmas crafts as well as a special visit from Santa. It is always so lovely to see the smiles on their faces when he arrives at the door. The grotto looked beautiful and he was very grateful to have somewhere to rest. He was admiring the display on the fence and thought that Santa and the reindeers were very life like. A huge thank you to Mrs Edwards and Janet and Tony for giving up their time to make the school magical for everyone and to Jess C for designing and making the Santa. It is absolutely beautiful.

A team of elves helped with the Rotary Santa Float to raise money for us and other local charities. We raised £800 and they donate 70% to us, which is £561. A huge thank you to those parents who gave up their evening to join us.

This week started with a Christmas assembly which didn't quite go to plan (the beauty of IT) but the children managed to watch it later in the day.

I spent all morning on Tuesday popping and bagging up popcorn for the children to eat whilst watching the Pantomime in the afternoon. The Association funded a virtual pantomime of Aladdin. I hope everyone enjoyed it and as it was virtual we were able to share it with those of you that were isolating at home.

Wednesday we all enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner. This year for the first time the children ate in the classrooms with their teachers. This was a great success so might well become an annual event. The ladies in the kitchen produced a beautiful roast which everyone enjoyed. Thank you Jackie, Angela and Sonya.

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 once again.

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 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

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.



Mrs Ficuciello

A huge congratulations to Mrs Ficuciello and her husband on the birth of their first child. He was born on Saturday 11th December. We look forward to meeting him in the new year.

Christmas Bauble Competition

Every class entered a competition to design and make a Christmas Bauble for Bedfordshire Police. This was a county wide competition and I'm delighted to say the Rhino's class were selected as a Runner up. Congratulations.

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 !!!!!!!!!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Association team for all their hard work with organising the different fund raising events this term.

These include the Elfridges pop up shop, coffee mornings at the village hall, Christmas fun night, Christmas raffle, and the Christmas Santa Float amongst other things.

We hope you liked the Christmas cards this year, this was a new company and the different items seemed very popular. We made £461 commission. Thank you to everyone who ordered.

We have also been donated £500 from a company charity. They nominated us through their company and we were lucky enough to be chosen. Thank you so much .

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.

Children in Need

A lovely relaxing day... PJ's to school for the day.
We raised an amazing £571.62

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