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Flitwick Lower School Newsletter

30th April 2021



Message to everyone

It has been a busy 3 weeks since we all returned to school, the children in year 1 and 2 have enjoyed their stunning start for their Secret Garden topic. They were very active completing a day of outside activities, including observational drawings, scavenger hunt and a treasure hunt to find out who Brian is..... (in case you're wondering... Brain is a snail)



Children in Key Stage 2 returned to school to find that they had been evacuated..... This was part of their stunning start to introduce them to their new topic Evacuate.. They are finding out all about WWII from the perspective of an evacuated child.

Whereas the children in Foundation returned to school to find that the bears had come into school. There was a special bear cave and if you had the chance to walk through the grounds you would have found lots of bears... They went on a bear hunt!!! Thankfully they were all safe...



As the lockdown relaxes we are able to offer more out of school activities but with strict COVID guidelines. The year 3 children have been able to go back to swimming at the leisure centre but they have to come to school swim ready. (so far so good with items to change into!) Mrs Milward and Triline Fitness are running an after school tag rugby club for the year 4 children on the field on a Thursday 3.30—4.30pm. We are hoping to offer dance club after the half term. This would only be open to year 1 at the moment.

We are also hoping to be able to run some of our summer events, we have planned our annual Fun Run on Friday 18th June and sports day will go ahead but these will be in year groups during the week of the 21st June.

We have booked the amazing Skipping Ninja for a skipping workshop for all the children on 2nd July... he was amazing last time and his skipping tricks wowed us all. He will be selling skipping ropes at the end of the day.

We have signed up to take part in the Flitwick Town Scarecrow Festival 3rd—10th July and will be creating scarecrows per class with the theme HEROES.

We have now had confirmation regarding our new starters in September and we are really looking forward to welcoming them all to Flitwick Lower School. We are busy putting together visits and information to make the transition into school as smooth as possible.

DINNERS

The new dinner system is working really well, we have now completed the 3 week programme so the children have a better idea of what they like! So don't forget to choose their selections for the next 3 weeks.



RSE Curriculum Changes

We are introducing some changes to our RSE curriculum and would like to ensure that you are up to date on these.

These changes are in line with the Government guidelines to ensure that children grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain.

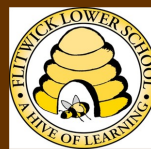
We have uploaded an information leaflet and a draft policy onto our website for you to look over. If you would like to respond to these please send an email to the school email.

<https://flitwick-lower-school.net/Statutory/Policies/RSE-21.pdf>

[Understanding Relationships and Health Education - a guide for primary school parents \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/91231/Understanding_Relationships_and_Health_Education_-_a_guide_for_primary_school_parents.pdf)

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Association News

AMAZON SMILE

We have been notified that AMAZON SMILE have donated £70.47 to FLSA recently. (that's due to all the online shopping you have been doing) Please keep supporting us by using AMAZON SMILE when you login to purchase anything from Amazon.

THE INK BIN

We have registered with 'the ink bin' to collect small ink cartridges. The collection point is in the school lobby so if you have any old cartridges (I'm sure you must from the home schooling) please bring them to school for recycling. You can find out more information at www.theinkbin.co.uk

BATTERY BIN—You can bring in your old batteries too.

Also don't forget to join the school lottery: you could win every week.....

School Dinners

As you are all aware we have a new catering company providing our meals from the 1st April. HCL are a high quality meals provider and we are really looking forward to working them. Jackie and her team will still be cooking the meals so the children won't notice any difference in the food. The main biggest change is that you **must** pre order your meals. The children will not be able to choose as they come through for dinner.

You were all sent out a ping with login details to enable you to do this with the children from home. You can do this on a daily, weekly or termly basis. If you cannot find these details or are having difficulties then please contact us.

We know that there will be a few issues in the initial stages but hopefully it will be a smooth transition.

All menus are on the website and on the School Grid website when you log on to book your child's meals.

Language of the Month

This month we are learning how to say some key sayings in:

ICELANDIC

Hello Hæ / Halló

Yes.....Já

No ... Nei

Good Day Góðan daginn, Góðan dag

TERM DATES:

Spring Term

5th Jan — 26th March 2021

Summer Term

12th April—21st July

Half Term

15th - 19th February

Half Term

31st May—4th June

EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CONTACT CLASS TEACHERS

Dolphins = dolphins@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Holyhead)

Turtles = turtles@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Giles)

Polar Bears = polarbears@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Ficuciello)

Giant Pandas = gpandas@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Palmer)

Snow Leopards = sleopards@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Tatford)

Jaguars = jaguars@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Scott)

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

Tigers = tigers@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Milward)

Rhinos = rhinos@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Miss Edwards)

Elephants = elephants@flitwick.cbeds.co.uk (Mrs Pekszyk)

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.