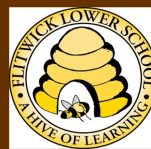


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Message to everyone

I know this is a strange time to send out the newsletter but it is a quiet time and I wanted to just catch up with you all and share some key information as we prepare to return to school on Monday 12th April.

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break so far, the weather has been particularly kind which means you can get out for long walks and hopefully some of you have managed to meet up with friends and family that you haven't seen in such a long time

The last week at school was so busy with all the Easter themed events; we enjoyed a virtual Easter assembly with Reverend Lucy, She is always so creative and finds new ways to share the story with the children. The children also met the Easter Bunny who bounced into school to join them at the Easter Extravaganza... they had a fabulous time making crafts, watching Easter movies and enjoyed a packed tea. If you haven't seen the video of the Easter bunny just click on the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZOVkrwC2M>



I would like to say a huge thank you to the Association members who helped with organising the event and to the staff for staying late and supervising the event. I hope that the children all had a lovely time, it was great to be able to spread a little happiness after the long absence from school.

We are really pleased to be able to tell you that the merger between Flitwick Lower and Busy Bees pre school has now been completed and as of the 1st April we are now one. We have always worked closely together and we are delighted to be able to welcome Carol and the rest of the team. You will not notice any differences in how the setting is run as we are not changing any practices in the short term. The main work is behind the scenes with policies and administration. We will write to you with more information during the summer term.

I am hoping that as we move through the summer term we will be able to hold some of our annual events, these include the fun run, sports days and the end of year 'something' for year 4 pupils, but this will be dependent on the government guidelines. I will update you as soon as I know more with some provisional dates.

Timings for Drop off and Pick up

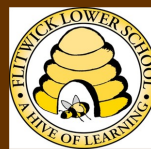
The times for the drop off and pick up times will remain as they were in the spring term. We still need to ensure social distancing as much as possible. The older children have enjoyed bringing themselves round to the classrooms in the morning. Please can I remind you that you must keep to the timings and not arrive any earlier than your allocated time.

This term we are changing the bubbles to year group bubbles. This will be mainly when they are playing outside or using the shared spaces in school. This will enable Saturday football to resume and will hopefully enable us to hold other outdoor events.

	Start	Finish
Foundation	Turtles = 8.45am	Turtles = 3.15pm
	Dolphins 9am	Dolphins 3.30pm
Year 1	G. Pandas 8.50am	G. Pandas = 3.20pm
	Polar Bears = 8.40am	Polar Bears = 3.10pm .
Year 2	Snow Leopards 8.40am	Snow Leopards 3.10pm
	Jaguars = 8.45am	Jaguars = 3.15pm
Year 3	Tigers = 8.50am	Tigers = 3.20pm
	Lions = 8.55am	Lions = 3.25pm
Year 4	Elephants = 8.50am	Elephants = 3.20pm
	Rhinos = 9am	Rhinos = 3.30pm

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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

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 for you to be able 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 **Lithuanian**.

Hello Labas

Yes..... Taip

No ... Ne

Good Morning Labas rytas

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)

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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.