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Flitwick Lower School Newsletter



22 October 2021

Message to everyone

There has been so much going on this month that it is hard to keep up. The children have really enjoyed being able to interact more with their friends but this comes with challenges. I am sure that many of you are aware that we have had a number of children testing positive for COVID 19 in the last few weeks. We are following LA guidance and informing you if the cases are in your child/ren's class. There are particular thresholds set and if we trigger one of these then social distancing and additional measures are put in place. We have now breached the thresholds and the year group in question is working as a bubble. We are asking that ALL parents remain vigilant as we approach half term so that we can try to stop the spread of this and start the second half term as COVID clear as possible. The latest flow chart for parents is attached to this newsletter and available on the website.

This term we have started to work with Inspiring Music to deliver music lessons to years 3 and 4. These have been amazing and the children are so eager to learn. Parents, I would like to say a huge thank you for your support in this as I know the children love practising at home.

It is so lovely to see learning at home projects coming back into school. Foundation children have been busy making super hero fruits or vegetables, Key Stage 1 have been making some amazing Islands and Key Stage 2 have been making Roman temples,.The children have been so proud to share their work and it is so interesting to see the various materials used, there was even a baked island (Yummy!)

We have noticed that some of the children have been playing games on the playground that are not appropriate. This is mainly around the Netflix show 'Squid Game' . This show is for children aged 15yrs and the children should not be exposed to this type of programme. As part of our safeguarding practices we will be speaking to parents regarding this on a one to one basis but we are asking that you monitor what your child is watching particularly if you have older children who may be watching this. Central Bedfordshire Council has raised this as a concern across schools in the county. We have spoken to the children concerned regarding this and hope that you will support us with this.

We are all looking forward to half term this week, it has been a busy 7 weeks and the children have all been amazing. Our Value for September was Friendship and the children have really shown what it is to be a good friend, helping and supporting each other. Our Value for October is ' tolerance' which is what we all need to be at the moment given the circumstances we are living with.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those of you that contributed towards our 'HARVEST' food collection. You were very generous and we are able to support the local food bank and charity groups with donations to families in need.

EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CONTACT CLASS TEACHERS

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

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

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

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

Snow Leopards = sleopards@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

SAVE THE DATE / CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

We are hoping to be able to hold a Christmas performance for each year group but we are still going to have strict guidelines in order to keep everyone safe.

Each year group (not year 4) will hold 2 performances on the same day so we can invite one class at a time to ensure social distancing and to limit mixing.

We will also be recording the performance so you can share them with the wider family members as places will be limited to 2 per family.

Monday 6th December - 9.30am Polar Bears -
2.15pm Giant Pandas

Tuesday 7th December—9.30am Snow Leopards -
2.15pm Jaguars

Wednesday 8th December - 10am Turtles - 2.15pm
Dolphins

Thursday 9th December - 9.30am Tigers - 2.15pm
Lions

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Key Dates

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

16th - 18th March 2022- Year 4 Grafham Trip

PARENT GOVERNOR

We have appointed Amy Toinko as your new parent governor. She will take up her position in November. We welcome her to our governing body and look forward to working with her.

We will be organising 'open afternoons' in November to give you the opportunity to view your child's work.

More information to follow after half term.

SPELLING SHED / TTRS

We have now set up all the new classes on spelling shed and the teachers have been busy organising the spellings and games for the children to complete at home. If you haven't got your child's sign in details then please email the class teachers and they will be able to help you

The children should be completing these tasks daily.

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

Beehive

Beehive is very popular at the moment, particularly breakfast club, so if you haven't returned your booking forms on time we cannot guarantee that you will get a place. There are no places available at Breakfast Club on a Wednesday as we are completely full.

If you need to contact us regarding beehive please use the email below.

beehive@flitwickschool.co.uk

OPEN DAY

Is your child due to start school in September 2022?

We are hoping to be able to offer some visits to view the school on a Saturday so we can ensure the safety of everyone.

We are offering face to face viewings on Saturday 6th November 9—12pm and Saturday 13th November 9-12pm. These will be half hour slots.

You can also view our virtual tour on our website.

If you would like to book a viewing please contact the school office on 01525 744555 (please remember it is half term) or email on flitwicklower@gmail.com.

DINNERS

The dinner menus are changing from the 1st November. These are available on the website and the school grid site so you can choose your child/ren's meals for when they return to school.

PLEASE can you choose meals with your child as they don't always like what you choose and are throwing away a lot of food.

If your child has packed lunch please can we remind you not to put sweets or chocolate bars in.