



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Spring Term
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Happy Easter

It has been a busy and fun-packed Spring term here at Bottisham Primary. We have had school trips and residential visits and it has been wonderful to hear the positive feedback from those organisations that we have visited. They have particularly commented on the children's behaviour and manners which have been exemplary and made us all feel very proud.

Thank you so much for all of your support this term, as we continue to work together to help our pupils grow in knowledge, understanding, kindness and friendship. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable Easter.

Mrs Perry

Easter Egg Hunt

With great 'egg-citement' the children will be taking part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 4th April. Thank you to the PTA for kindly purchasing the chocolate eggs for this event.

Lost Property

We have come to that time in the term when the lost property box is overflowing! We will be putting a table out at the front of school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please come and have a look through to see if there is anything that belongs to your child.

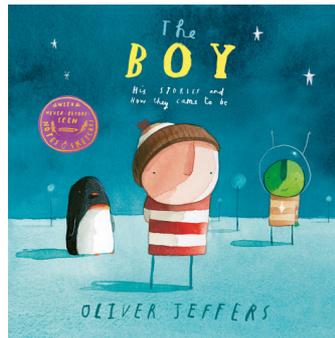
Checking Out the Chicks!

On a sunny Tuesday morning, the Reception children enjoyed a visit to Hilton Park Care Home where they had the chance to hold some newly hatched chicks—an egg-citing egg-sperience! Thank you to all the volunteers who accompanied the children, in order to make the trip possible.

Oliver Jeffers

You have a chance to join multi-award winning picture book creator Oliver Jeffers on Saturday 30th March at The Cambridge Union Society as he takes you on a thought-provoking journey exploring our planet and the ways we live on it.

This very special exclusive event, from 1:00– 2:00pm, promises to impart a sense of wonder in the young and the young-at-heart and will include a mixture of drawing, stories and questions by and for Oliver. Tickets are available from Cambridge Live—Adult £10 Child £7



Shadowy Studies

In Pine class's science lessons, children have been investigating shadows by creating shadow puppets and exploring how the shadow changes depending on how close it is to the sunlight. So, the next time there is a power cut after dark, Pine pupils will have a new game to play!

Queries

If you have any queries or concerns, your first port of call is your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you to discuss these. For more complex issues, please contact the team leaders to arrange a meeting. Mrs Childs is the team leader for FS/KS1 and Mrs McGrath for KS2. Mrs Perry is regularly on the playground before school or you can make an appointment via the school office

Diary Dates 2019

Spring Term

Monday 1st April— Rock Steady Concert
for parents
Tuesday 2nd April—Y3/4 Production
Thursday 4th April—Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 5th April - Spring Term Closes

Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April - Training Day
School closed to children
Wednesday 24th April—Summer Term
opens.
Monday 6th May—May Day – School is
closed
Monday 13th to Friday 17th May— Y6
SATs Week
Thursday 16th May—Vision Screening—
Reception Children
Friday, 17th May—Maple Class Trip
Friday 24th May— Training Day
School closed to children
Monday 27th to 31st May.—Half Term
Summer Term closes – Wednesday 24th
July

School Dinners

Thanks to all of you who pay in advance for your child's school dinner at the start of the week. This really helps Mrs Hobson and Mrs Halpin to manage monies and payments and prevents the need to send Payment Reminder letters. Of course, you are able to pay for the half term in one payment if you prefer. Payments can be made using the school's online payment system Agora. If you do not yet have an Agora password or need help in using it, please speak to the school office. Alternately, payments can also be made using cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to Bottisham Primary School.

School dinners are free for children in YR-Y2. Prices for children in KS2 are as follows:

- £2.30 per day
- £11.50 per week

Please see the school office for more information.

If children have a packed lunch, we encourage them to be healthy and not to include chocolate or sweets. Please remember that we operate a strict nut-free policy in school.

Eco Council Efforts

The Eco council had a busy meeting this week as we had some jobs to get on with outside.



Mrs Crown had bought some flowering plants to brighten up the area near the mobile classrooms, so we filled the troughs on the pagoda with compost and planted the plants carefully before watering them in.

Liam and Elsa carried a bin to the forest area to help keep the area beautiful and litter-free.



Lola and Ella made a sign to put on the bin to encourage everyone to recycle.



National Trust

The National Trust are holding Easter Egg hunts at locations all over the country this Easter.

Bring the whole family together in April for fun and nature-filled discoveries as you spot the first signs of spring at the places we care for. Follow the bunny's clues and finish your adventure with a delicious, chocolatey treat. You can find out where the nearest one to you is by going to their website at

<https://easter.cadbury.co.uk/>

We will be sending PE kits and indoor shoes home for the holiday.

Time for the Gruffalo

In Beech class the children have been creating their own Gruffalo character and describing it using adjectives and rhyming words. In maths they have been telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes—now everyone can tell how long it is until lunchtime!

Attendance

As you know, we are required to closely monitor the attendance of all the children and classes in our school. If a child's attendance has dropped below 96%, for whatever

reason, we are required to inform you of this by sending a letter home to make you aware of the amount of learning time missed by your child.

Every week we calculate the class attendance percentages. This week:

1st Beech & Acorns 100%

2nd Sycamore 99.1%

3rd Maple 98.6%

Sport Success!

Congratulations to our Tag Rugby team who retained the title they won last year! We are very proud of them for the way they represented the school. We would like to thank Mr Green, for coaching them and Mr Skingley and all the other parents who accompanied them on the day.

And...to our football team who are currently County Champions and who travel into London on Saturday to compete in the Regional Final—good luck girls!

If you feel that you could help support Mrs McGrath with all the wonderful sporting tournament arrangements by providing a little administrative support—letters etc, please do let her know—she would be really grateful.

Term Dates

Just a reminder that the last day of term is Friday 5th April. School will reopen for the children on Wednesday 24th April.

