



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Autumn Term
18th October 2019

Hilltop

The children in Y6 are really looking forward to their residential visit to Hilltop when we return after half term. Remember to bring your case to the front of school on Monday morning before you go to your classroom and don't forget that you need a packed lunch for the first day!

Term dates

Just a reminder that we break up for half term today. School will reopen for the children on Monday 28th October.

Christmas Cards

This year the PTA will once again be organising a Christmas card fundraiser. Every child has been busy designing their own Christmas cards, which will be available for you to purchase. Further information will follow from the PTA but you may want to hold off purchasing your Christmas cards until then!

Applications to Year 7

A reminder to all our Y6 parents and carers that the deadline for parents of children in Year 6 to complete the application form is fast approaching. All online applications must be completed by 11.59pm on **Thursday 31 October 2019**. All paper applications must be received at the Admissions Team office by 5pm on

Thursday 31 October 2018. Applications made after this date will not be considered until the second round of allocations on 2nd March 2020. Please note that there is no automatic transfer to secondary school; an application must be made. You can apply for a place at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/363/apply_for_a_school_place/5

Bad weather

In the event of bad weather we would like to remind you of the methods of obtaining information of whether the school will be closed. Announcements will be made on BBC Radio Cambridge and Heart and a message will be left at the front entrance to the school and the school website. We would only close the school in the most serious of situations and will endeavour to ensure that this does not happen if at all possible.

Bread Making Workshop

On Tuesday 29th October, the children in Y3/4 are going to have the opportunity to work with one of the specialist chefs from our school catering company in a bread making workshop. The children will all be able to make their own bread which they can bring home to share!

Diary Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019

October

21st-25th - Half term
28th - Y6 Hilltop week

November

1st - FS/KS1 Storytelling workshop
11th - Anti-Bullying Week
15th - Children in Need

December

2nd/3rd/4th - FS&KS1 Christmas play
11th - Y1-4 @ The Junction
12th - Y5&6 @ The Junction
18th - Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
18th - Last day of term

Spring Term 2020

January

6th - School opens to children

February

17th - 1st Half term

April

2nd - last day of term

Summer Term 2020

April

20th - School opens to children

May

22nd - INSET day (School closed)

25th - 31st Half term

July

21st - Last day of term

Book Review by Vi Overton

One of the most recent books I have read in by J.K Rowling, who is a very well-known children author. Her most famous novels are the Harry Potter books. I have read all of them books except for the seventh one. The one I've just finished is called the Half Blood Prince. It is a thrilling and inspiring book brining with mystery. The Harry Potter series are about a dark wizard called Lord Voldemort who is destroyed when he fails to kill a boy called Harry Potter., His spirit tried re-generate by possessing Professor at the magic school. Hogwarts. But in Harry's fourth year, he returns and tries in vain to kill Harry. In this book, Harry and his friends, Ron and Hermione, have to stop the Death Eaters destroying Hogwarts and seizing power. They also have to destroy the fragments of Lord Voldemort's soul. I would fully recommend this book for children ages 8-14. This gripping book will overpower you with danger and suspicion.

ESFA Football Tournament

On Thursday, 10th October our school was represented in a football competition organised by Cambridge Sports Partnership. Congratulations to all the children who took part. The boys came 4th overall while the girls came in second place. The girls will represent the school and sports partnership in the county final which will take place in January. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hames and Mr Wild for their

time and commitment to preparing our teams for this event.

Cross-Country Trials

Congratulations to all 76 children in KS2 who took part in an afternoon of cross-country trials. They had to fight changing weather for a spot in the cross-country championship that will take place on the 29th November at Netherhall School. We are now busy collating all the individual times and the first 5 runners from each gender and year group will be invited to represent the school at the inter-school event in November. Watch this spot!

Hockey Club- Advance Notice

We are always busy promoting new clubs and opportunities for your child to engage with sports. From January, for the duration of the Spring Term Mrs McGrath, supported by Mr Hames and Mr Jerman will run a Hockey club. There will be 20 spaces available with the most talented 8 players being offered the opportunity to compete in a local tournament. More details will follow, but as we anticipate a high level interest, we would like to invite all children and parents interested to look out for the letters that will go out on the first week back after half-term and return them as soon as possible because places will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.

Storytelling

The children in FS & KS1 are

looking forward to finding out about Diwali on Friday 1st November when they take part in a 'Storytelling through movement' workshop. There will be the opportunity for them to explore different music and movements within the workshop and we will make sure that we take lots of photos so that we can share what they get up to!

Nuts

Please could we remind everyone that nuts are not allowed in school under any circumstances. This includes nuts within cereal bars and peanut butter sandwiches. Thank you for your support with this. Could we also ask that if your child has a diagnosed allergy that you inform the school office so that our records are up to date.

40 Book Challenge

A huge well done to Sofia Friar and Grace Gaskin who have already completed the 40 Book Challenge! This is a really impressive achievement and we will be presenting them both with a certificate and prize when we return after half term.

