



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Autumn Term
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Advent

Christmas is coming to Bottisham Primary School! The Christmas tree, kindly donated once again by Scotsdales, has arrived and awaits decoration, and the famous Christmas Hoops have been made ready to hang. It has been wonderful listening to the Nursery/YR and Y1/Y2 children practising for their Nativity plays next week and I know that friends and family coming to watch are in for a real treat.

We were also impressed with the wartime 'blitz spirit' shown by our Y5 children last week as they evacuated their 'homes' and found temporary accommodation. Fortunately, repairs were swiftly carried out and they ended the week back in their own classrooms. Thanks to Mrs McMahan and Mr Legge for managing the situation so calmly and positively.

Mrs Perry

A Digestive Plea

After the success of the last Science Day, with the help of some of our parents, we are planning both a Science Day and an Arty Science day on Friday 21st June and Tuesday 2nd July respectively. We would be grateful for offers of help and support for either of these events, so if that could be you, please do email Clare Wilkes, clarewilkes33@btinternet.com. Finally, Mrs Childs is very keen to find the knitted digestive tract that was last seen after the previous science day. If you can help us to 'tract' it down, she would be very grateful!

Musical Fun

It was a particularly busy day on Wednesday this week as we had a Steel Band day. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful assembly and then the children participated in workshops in the afternoon. Much fun was had by all involved.

In addition, Mrs McMahan and her musical ensemble recorded their entry for the Sing for Your School competition on Thursday. The song was composed and

written by the children themselves and is excellent. We look forward to finding out how they get on.

Congratulations

We are always pleased and impressed when children are thinking about others and Children-in-Need week was a good example of this: £333: 05 was raised on the day -thank you for your generous donations. Thank you also to Grace Gaskin who held a sponsored silence and to the group of Sycamore Girls who baked for Pudsey. Congratulations also to Annabelle Timmins who endured a 5-hour grading exam, to achieve a black belt in Tang Soo Do.

Puddle Suits

Acorns class were delighted to use their PTA gifted money to buy wet-weather clothing. Waterproof trousers, waterproof coats and a pair of wellies mean that the nursery children can be out and about, splashing in puddles with impunity. *There is no such thing as bad weather—just bad clothing* is now the Acorns mantra.

Road Safety

We have been asked by the County Council Road Safety Team to remind drivers that they must stop when asked to do so by a School Crossing Patrol (whether this is outside their own children's school or encountered on a daily commute). If ignored, it is not only dangerous but there is a chance of a fine and points on their driving licence. Please remember – Stop means Stop!

Admissions

Cambridgeshire County Council, is required to consult on any proposed changes to the admission policy for community schools. In accordance with this, parents are invited to view and comment, no later than 23:59 on Sunday 13th January 2019, on the Consultation Document via: [Annual consultation of Admission Arrangements and Co-ordinated Schemes for admission in 2020 - 2021](#)

Diary Dates 2018-19

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December

Mon 3rd – N/YR Nativity
Mon 3rd - PTA—Elfridges
Wed 5th - Y1/Y2 Christmas Play
Wed 12th - Christmas Lunch
Weds 12th—KS2 Carol concert
Fri 14th—PTA Winter Fair
Wed 19th - Last day of term



Spring Term 2019

Training Days - Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January. School closed to children
Spring Term Opens – Monday 7th January
Half Term – Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February
Spring Term Closes – Friday 5th April

