



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Autumn Term
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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 29th 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 **Wednesday 31 October 2018**. All paper applications must be received at the Admissions Team office by 5pm on Wednesday 31 October 2018. Applications made after this date will not be considered until the second round of allocations on 24 April 2018. Please note that there is no automat-

ic 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

Staffing News

As some of you may be aware, Mrs Wendholt has been on maternity leave following the birth of her little boy at the start of the year. She has decided that she will not be returning to her post and I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for the future. I am pleased to inform you that Miss Cridland will continue to teach Cedar Class when we return after Christmas.

Message from Mrs Johnston

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the good luck messages I have received as I go on maternity leave today. I am incredibly proud of the children and staff here at Bottisham Primary and feel very lucky and privileged to be the headteacher of a school in such a wonderful and supportive community. I know that Mrs Perry will do a super job of looking after everything in my absence and that you will make her feel very welcome. I wish you all the very best for the remainder of the academic year and look forward to seeing everyone again when I return at the end of the summer term.

Diary Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

22nd-26th— Half term

29th—Y6 Hilltop week

November

2nd—PTA Cake Stall

12th—Anti-Bullying Week

13th—KS2 Limitless Games workshop

16th—Children in Need

December

7th Y3/4 History Off the Page Day

11th—Birch Class Assembly

12th—Carol concert @Holy Trinity Church

14th—Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

19th—Last day of term

Spring Term 2019

January

7th—School opens to children

February

18th-22nd Half term

April

5th—last day of term

Summer Term 2019

April

24th—School opens to children

May

24th—INSET day (School closed)

27th—31st Half term

July

24th— Last day of term

Flu Vaccinations

We have been contacted by the NHS to inform us that they will be coming to administer flu vaccinations to children in YR—Y5 in November. The vaccination is delivered in the form of a nasal spray and you will have the option for your child not to have the vaccine if you wish. A separate letter with further information will be coming home.

Armistice Centenary

To mark the 100th anniversary of the armistice, over 7000 knitted and crocheted poppies have been made for display on the churches and war memorials in the five Anglesey parishes. It has been a real community effort and Year 5&6 in Bottisham Primary contributed by making felt poppies.

There is a further opportunity for children to be involved: a family poppy workshop on the first Monday of half term (Monday 22nd October at 2pm) to help tie the poppies to the netting for the Swaffham Bulbeck Church Tower (best suited to KS2 age group). This is in the Downing Farm Barn, Swaffham Bulbeck - park in the main car park and walk through to the barn.

There will be a further tying on workshop in Downing Farm Barn on Saturday 27th October – time TBC. Keep an eye on Facebook AngleseyinStitches for further details and progress on the installations.

The felt poppies and artwork made in school will be displayed in the parish churches of Bottisham, Lode and Quy.

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. Please also make sure that children come to school with suitable footwear (including indoor shoes) and warm clothing as we enter the winter months.

Birthday Treats

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey gathering parental views on birthday treats in school. The results showed that 80% of parents that responded were happy for birthday treats in school to continue. As a result, we have decided to continue to allow children who wish to, to bring in a **small** chocolate or sweet token for their class on their birthday. There is, however, no expectation from the school that the children will do so and we will continue to celebrate and recognise all birthdays in the same way regardless of treats. Any treats that are brought in will not be consumed in school so that parents can decide if and when they would like their child to have them. Alternatively, if you would like to send treats in for your child's birthday but would prefer to send a healthy or non-food item instead, that is also fine. Please be aware that as with all food in school, any treats should be nut-free.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our football teams who took part in the ESFA Cup organised by Cambridge Sports Partnership. They honoured the school with their brilliant behaviour, team work and positive attitude. The boys came 4th in their group, while the girls managed the fantastic performance of retaining the title for the third consecutive year and will soon embark on training for the county finals which will take place in January. We are extremely proud of all of them. The full match reports can be read here: <https://www.cambridgessp.com/william-westley-and-bottisham-retain-the-winning-shields/><https://www.cambridgessp.com/william-westley-and-bottisham-retain-the-winning-shields/>

