



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Harvest

We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Sue Giles from Holy Trinity Church to school next week to lead our Harvest assembly on Tuesday 25th Sept. We will be collecting donations throughout the week on behalf of the Cambridge City Foodbank. A table will be in the hall for the children to leave any items on. A copy of the list of suggested items for donation is attached with this newsletter. We are very grateful for any donations.

Office Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a Finance Administrator to join our office team for one day per week. For further information and an application pack, please contact Bev Clowes on 01223 811235 or office@bottisham.cambs.sch.uk. The full advertisement can be found at www.epm.co.uk/school-vacancies/2685/finance-administrator-4/

Christmas Fundraising

Each year we have taken part in a whole school charity event in the run up to Christmas. After the success of last year, we are going to be fundraising for Save the Children again by taking part in their 'Christmas Jumper' Day on Friday 15th December. This will be a non-uniform day where the children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumper in exchange for a donation. We wanted to let you know about this early to give you plenty of time to get your Christmas jumpers sorted if you'd like to take part.

Say Cheese!

Bentley Photographic will be in school to take individual photos on Monday 8th October. Class photos will be taken later on in the year.

After School Club Theme Nights

Our after school club provider, Dawn Until Dusk, are holding theme nights from 3.30-4.30pm throughout September and October which are available on an adhoc basis to children who do not regularly attend the club. The dates are:

- 24th Sept—Photo Booth Night
- 4th & 16th Oct—Cookery Night
- 8th & 17th Oct—Sylvanian Night

For prices and information on how to book a place on a theme night, please visit the Dawn Until Dusk website at <https://kidsdawntildusk.co.uk/school-school-holiday-clubs-bedfordshire/bottisham-community-primary-school-before-after-school-club/>

Parenting Taster Course

Bottisham Children's Centre are running a three week parenting taster course which will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to learn new skills that will help them and their children. The sessions are free and are run by experienced trainers. The dates of the sessions are 2nd, 9th and 16th October and run from 12.30-2.30pm. Please contact Linda on 07786171679 or Danielle on 07770701869 for more information.

Parking

The start of the school day is an extremely busy time with Beechwood Avenue and the roads near it becoming very congested with parked cars. I have recently been contacted by a number of concerned parents and local residents about the parking at the front of the school. We appreciate that for many parents, using the car to do the school run is the only option but could I ask that if you do drive, that you ensure that you are parking safely and in a way that respects the property of local residents.

Diary Dates 2018-19

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September

24th—PTA AGM
25th— Harvest Assembly
26th/27th—Y5/6 Stibbington trip

October

1st / 3rd—Parent Consultations
4th—Y7 Open Evening @ BVC
22nd-26th— Half term
29th—Y6 Hilltop week

November

13th—Ant-Bullying Week
17th—Children in Need

December

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

23rd—INSET day (School closed)
27th—31st Half term

July

24th— Last day of term

Water Bottles

A quick reminder that the children need to bring their water bottle to school every day. Please remember to make sure that water bottles are named and children should only bring in water to drink during the day and not squash. The children can refill their water bottle throughout the day if they need to.

Drop ins

Do you have a concern or query about your child or would you just like someone to talk things over with? If so, you may find it helpful to come along to one of our Parent Drop-in sessions which are run by two experienced Family Workers from the Bottisham Children's Centre. They can provide advice and support on a range of issues including:

- Family support services
- Activities, groups, events and courses
- Early years education and childcare
- Employment and training advice
- Parenting advice and support

Dates for the sessions this term are . The sessions run from 9.15-10.45am. There is no need to book; just turn up at the school office. The next session is on Thursday 11th October.

Secondary School Applications

The window for current Year 6 pupils to apply for their secondary school places is now open until **Wednesday 31 October**. We will be sending information packs out to all children in Year 6 on Tuesday 12th September so please keep a look out for this coming home. It is important to read all the information carefully and ensure that you allow plenty of time for the application to be submitted. Bottisham Village Col-

lege will be holding a Year 7 Information Evening for Y6 pupils and their parents and carers on Tuesday 5th October.

Free and Subsidised School Milk

Did you know that every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk? Children over the age of five are entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term. Milk is available during the morning break and many children enjoy having it alongside their snack. If your child is over the age of five and you would like them to have milk, please speak to the school office who will be able to provide you with a registration form.

House Captains

We are pleased to announce that our new Y6 House Captains have been selected for this academic year.

They are:

- Shakespeare—Ellis & Florence
- Mozart—James & Libby
- Nightingale—Emily & Ben
- Darwin—Ann & Jack

Get Caught Reading!

A big thank you and well done to everyone who took part in our Summer Holiday challenge to 'get caught reading' in an usual place. We were delighted with the number of entries that we had and there were some very unusual places where children had taken their books! In the end, the winner was Daisy in Y4 who was caught reading in the bed that had belonged to Florence Nightingale!

General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM of the PTA will be on Monday 24th September at 6pm in the school hall. All parents are invited along to this meeting to find out about the events of the past year, plans for the coming months and to elect the committee for 2018-19. The PTA run a wide range of popular

events throughout the school year and have raised a phenomenal amount of money over the past years which have allowed us to undertake projects such as the refurbishment of our school library. It is a great way for new parents to meet people and get involved with the life of the school.

Facebook and Twitter

Don't forget that as well as our fortnightly school newsletter, you can keep up to date with news and events at the school by following our school Facebook page and Twitter feed. These can be found at:

www.twitter.com/BottishamPri

[Facebook.com/BottishamPrimary](https://www.facebook.com/BottishamPrimary)

Congratulations!

Well done to Charlie Johnson who has now completed his bronze, silver and gold in Rookie Lifeguarding.

Well done to Olly Sawalmeh who was recently presented with the 'Student of the Season' award at Cambridge Kung Fu. The award is given to the student that has shown focus, awareness, resilience and integration of these skills.

