



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Summer Term

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Team Bottisham

As the staff team and I continue to finalise the plans in place for the coming weeks, I am aware that my departure time is drawing near. I am going to miss the real sense of community here at Bottisham and I am going to miss the wonderful children in the school. I was reminded of that this week when I overheard a visitor to our school commenting on the children he had encountered during the day, describing them as 'absolutely super' and 'amazing'. Our school community is a welcoming, vibrant, engaging place to be because of the behaviour and attitudes of each of its members. Well done Team Bottisham!

Mrs Perry

Choco-lotta-fun!

♪ Didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Cadbury's! ♪

So much fun on this day, and so much chocolate! We wrote in chocolate, we smelt chocolate and finally we got to eat some. We came home all 'Cadbury'd' out but much more knowledgeable about chocolate.



RNLI Day

Initiated by Nathan Waterson in Beech class, we held a 'wear yellow day' on Friday 14th to raise funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. As Nathan reminded us, this is a charitable organisation which relies on donations from the public. We were delighted to count the donations at the end of the 'citrusy' day to find that £206.76 was raised by everyone.

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.

There is a County Council expectation that all schools in Cambridgeshire will make a referral for a Fixed Penalty Notice for term time leave – known as unauthorised absences. Every week we calculate the class attendance percentages. This week:

1st Sycamore 100%
1st Birch 100%
2nd Oak 99.3%
3rd Elm 99.1%

Year 5/6 Production

Rehearsals for the Y5/6 production of 'Aladdin Trouble' carry on apace and Mrs Perry keeps being distracted by the wonderfully melodious sounds emanating from the rehearsal space to her office. We look forward to this exciting performance on Wednesday 10th July.

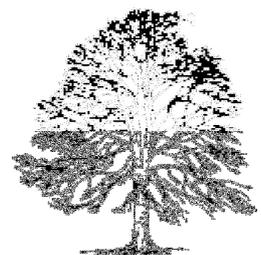
Diary Dates 2019

Summer Term

Friday 21st June—Science Day
Monday 24th June—New Reception lunch
Wednesday 26th June—New Reception Parents' Evening
Friday 28th June—Ash Class Assembly
Thursday 27th June—New Nursery Parents' Evening
Monday 1st July—Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 2nd July—Arty Science Day
Thursday 4th July—Open Evening 5-6pm
Thursday 4th July—Music Concert 6-7pm
Wednesday 10th July—Year 6 Play
Thursday 11th July—Sports Day
Friday 12th July—PTA Summer Fair
Wednesday 17th July—Y1 and Y2 transition meeting 3:40 - 4:10.
Wednesday 17th July—PTA disco 5-8pm
Wednesday 24th July—Leavers' Assembly
Summer Term closes – Wednesday 24th July

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September and
Tuesday 3rd September - Training Days.
School closed to children
Wednesday 4th September—Autumn Term opens.



Governor Updates

Our governing board are continuing to seek some new recruits! Please get in touch with the Chair to arrange an informal chat, if you think you may be interested.

Governors most recent meeting was on 12th June, in order to monitor the school budget to date, and to finalise the budget for 2019/2020. Our last meeting of the academic year will be held on 12th 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. 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. **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.

Fliers

Please note that due to the high numbers of fliers we have been receiving from external companies for distribution to parents, we have made the decision to no longer offer this service. We will of course continue to distribute events for our school, PTA Trust and Cambridge |Council educational events.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the Girls Cricket team who participated in

a tournament on 20th May. They played well showing excellent team spirit and were a credit to the school. Congratulations also to the Quaddkids team who also made the school proud by their attitude and behaviour. The team were crowned County Champions and will go on to represent the school on Thursday 27th June Due in no small part to Mrs McGrath's tireless efforts (with Mr Green's stalwart support), BPS have achieved their Gold School Games Award—hooray!



Wonderful PTA Support

All the money raised by the PTA, over £6000 this year, goes back to the children in school, assisting the school with funding areas that wouldn't have received any funding or by paying for coaches or trips that the parents would have been asked to fund instead.

A huge thank you to all parents and children for giving their whole-hearted support to fundraising events and projects led by the PTA. We have most recently been over-whelmed by the effort and determination shown by those participating in The Silver Smarties and The Young Apprentice events, with £350 and around £1000 being raised respectively. Winners are due to be announced in a Whole School Assembly on Monday.

PTA money this year has been spent on a range of projects like the re-development of the courtyard area, KSI play equipment, a new bench, coaches, eggs for the

Easter egg hunt and a 'pot' of money for each class to spend on an experience of their choosing. So far this has included trips to Cadbury World, Shepreth Wildlife Park and the seaside, an Animal Experience for Reception and a planned visit from Grafham Water's Outreach team. PTA funds have also been used in the funding of new CleverTouch, Interactive Whiteboards, which have been installed in some of the classrooms.

Angles and Animals

Congratulations to Cedar class and Oak class on their wonderful assemblies! It is always a delight to be reminded of what topics the children have been studying and what knowledge they have learned as the weeks have progressed. Some super skills were used around confidence, speaking clearly, listening attentively, turn-taking, and team work. Well done to both classes and to their teachers who worked extra hard to help the children to be ready.

Energy Challenge Team

Lola, Tina and Libby were the team chosen by judges from Astra Zenica to represent the school at the Science Challenge finals which took place in Dullingham Village Hall. They admirably presented their project "Fudge Olympics" to three more judges, explaining how they had investigated how much fudge you would need to eat in order to have enough energy to swim the English Channel.

