

Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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SummerTerm

5th July 2019

Sports Day

We would like to welcome all children and parents to our Sports Day on 11th July. A letter has gone home this week to explain how the event will unfold. A small alteration we would like to make, is to ask parents to send children to school dressed in suitable sports shoes, shorts and a t-shirt in their house colour. The teachers will send home the children's PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday to ensure all children have something suitable to wear. If children come in appropriately dressed it will enable the sports day to start promptly. Children won't have to change into school uniform at lunchtime and they can wear their sports day kit for the whole day.

Lost Property will also be available for perusal and collection during the morning. Please do re-claim your missing items!

Quadkids County Championships

Congratulations to our Quadkids team who competed in the county finals last week. They put on a brilliant performance and won the gold medal. We are very proud not only of the sporting success they achieved on the day but of the fair play and sportsmanship they have shown and being true Bottisham ambassadors.

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. These may be actioned for 8 non-consecutive unauthorised absences over an 8 week period or 6 consecutive unauthorised absences over a 3 day period (each day counts as 2 sessions – morning and afternoon). Every week we calculate the class attendance percentages. This week:

1st Pine 99.7%
2nd Beech 99.4%) Joint
Elm 99.4%)

Class Swap

The children enjoyed their first opportunity to meet their new class teacher on Wednesday afternoon this week. They will have a second, longer session with their new class on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th July.

Arty Science

Science and Art day was another super successful collapsed curriculum day. Children of all ages cooperated and learnt together. Siblings and parent scientists enjoyed working on a range of activities such as robotic expressionism, crystal gardens, photo-chemistry and petrie-dish art. Our thanks to Mrs Wilkes and Mrs Childs for all their efforts to facilitate such an exciting day.



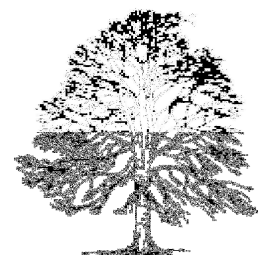
Diary Dates 2019

Summer Term

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.



PTA Summer Fair

The annual PTA summer fair will be held on Friday 12th July starting at 5.00pm. This is always a fantastic event with stalls, entertainment, BBQ, raffle and bouncy castle as well as much more. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ash Assembly

Technical hitches notwithstanding, what a super class assembly the children of Ash class presented on Friday. We learned about continents, indigenous species, characteristic of vertebrates and watched a captivating story of 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. Congratulations Ash class.

Open Evening

Many thanks to all our parents who were able to drop into school on Thursday night for our end of year Open Evening. It was lovely to see so many of you being led around by excited children who wanted to show you their old and new classrooms and to share some of the work they have achieved this year. Thanks so much for working with us to support your child.

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. 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. Please make cheques payable to Bottisham Primary School.

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.

Excellent Elm!

Elm Class have been having so much fun learning! With Sports 4 All and Science day, Art and Science day and the Inspire 2020 art project, they have been challenged and inspired across the curriculum. They have also dissected Viking and Roman Poo, written newspaper reports, explored Viking Myths and entertained the school with their Class Assembly.

Don't forget they still have their trips to West Stow Anglo Saxon



Village on Wednesday 10th and the Milton Maize Maze (thank you PTA!) on Monday 22nd July to look forward to as well! Phew!

Multi-Skills Festival

On Thursday, Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed a sunny afternoon in a mini multi-skills festival with Mr Chris Darling and some of the Year 7 and 8 students from BVC. Much fun was had by both sets of Bottisham pupils

Music Concert

Joyous, skilful, encouraging, talented—just some of the words used by parents to describe our children after the Music Concert last night. It was wonderful to listen to the singing and playing of violins, viola, drums, piano and flutes and we witnessed the next big boy band in the making. A super evening—thanks to Mrs Good

and Mrs Dunton, peripatetic teachers and to Mrs McMahon for organising the whole event.

Medicines

Please could all inhalers and epipens be collected from classrooms, and all other medicines be collected from the office on the last day of term so that dates can be checked and any new medicines returned with a good date in September. Thanks for your support with this.

Uniform

School uniform can be ordered online through our provider, USO (Uniform Shop Online). A link to the website and further information for parents can be found on our website at <https://uniformshoponline.co.uk/collections/bottisham-primary-school>

Library and Reading Books

As we are coming to the end of the school year, please could we ask that all school books are returned in the next two weeks. If you could have a good look at home to see if you have any school books, we would be extremely grateful. Please be aware that we have a standard charge of £5 per item for any books that are not returned.

Balancing the Books

As we move inexorably towards the end of the academic year, may we politely request that all outstanding monies are paid in order for us to balance our accounts at the end of term. Thanks for your support in this.

Y6 Leavers

We will be holding a special assembly to say goodbye to our Y6 leaver's at 2pm on Wednesday 24th July. Parents and carers of Y6 children are invited to join us for this end of year celebration.