

Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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SummerTerm

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Easter Holiday Updates

Although the Easter holiday seems a while ago now, especially after enjoying a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, over the Easter break we were really pleased to have some new technology installed to support teaching and learning in our classrooms. New Interactive Whiteboards have been installed in Ash, Beech, Oak and Cedar. Although this involved a significant outlay of funds, it is already having a big impact on the children's ability to see the board even in when the classroom is filled with sunshine. Staff are really happy with the new technology and are excited about the possibilities it presents. As we seek to engage the children's interest and prepare them to live in the modern world, up to date technology is an important part of the classroom—we'll keep saving to fund the next updates!

Mrs Perry

Premier Sport

Last Monday, the children took part in a wonderful assembly delivered by Premier Sport. The children learned about a variety of clubs that are run in partnership with our school and we would like to encourage all the children to join a club. Some of these clubs will incur a small charge while some others are free.

Please visit www.premier-education.com to discover the full range of clubs available for your child and book your space.

Police Community Support Officer

We were pleased to welcome PC Harvey who popped in on Friday to wander around the site with Mrs Perry, meeting and greeting children as they played in the playground. The children were excited to see PC Harvey on the school site and many came over to say hello. We are hoping to arrange a time for her to come into our EYFS classes to talk to the children about ways in which the Police help us.

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 now 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 100%
1st Elm 100%
2nd Sycamore 99.5%

Wreck It Ralph @ BPS

One hundred of our pupils settled quietly together to enjoy a film night arranged by our wonderful PTA. With

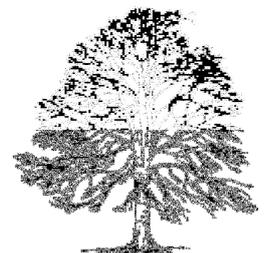
Diary Dates 2019

Summer Term

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May— Y6
SATs Week
Friday 24th May— Training Day
School closed to children
Monday 27th to 31st May—Half Term
Tuesday 2nd July—Arty Science Day
Thursday 11th July—Sports Day
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.



an interval of pizza to fortify them, the children enjoyed watching *Wreck It Ralph Breaks the Internet*. A lovely evening was had by all—thanks to the PTA for organising this for our children.

Governor Updates

We are very fortunate to have a committed team of volunteers who work on behalf of the school as School Governors. They meet regularly throughout the school year, most recently on 13th March when they were joined by Charity Main (Trust Director of Finance) in order to discuss the school budget. This was followed by a visit to the re-organised EYFS area and Governors thanked the EYFS team for their efforts in creating a much improved outdoor space for our younger children. The Governors also discussed monitoring of Attendance, Safeguarding, and Health and Safety. The Governors hope that you had a restful break and are looking forward to a warmer, sunnier Summer Term.

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. Of course, you are able to pay for the half term in one payment if you prefer. 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. Alternatively, 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.

Outdoor Developments

We are really excited to confirm that plans are afoot to further develop the EYFS outdoor area. After a significant allocation of £25 000 by Anglian Learning trust we have plans to extend the Reception space, fit an all-weather surface and install a larger covered area. We are working with Mr Paul Dunn, Head of Premises and Operations Manager, Anglian Learning to gather quotes with a view to the work taking place over the Summer holiday.

Stationery Shop

Thank you to everyone who has paid our Stationery Shop a visit already. Please come along on a Wednesday break time to take a look at all the wonderful stationery items we have to offer. All the funds raised are going towards Hilltop Residential.—Mrs Palmer

Caterlink

The current school menus are on our website. If you wish to know more about this, or have any other questions about school lunches, do visit the website <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/> or pop in to speak with Becky in the kitchen.

Flapjack Friday

Year 5 classes are using their very generously donated pot of funds from the PTA to take a trip to

Cadbury World this week. In order to raise sufficient funds to cover the slight shortfall, they have organised a flapjack stall where those who are allowed a Friday treat can purchase home-made flapjacks. Good entrepreneurial skills Y5!

Successful Swimming

Thanks go to those parents who are able, and willing, to offer their time to enable us to take the children to Bottisham Village College for swimming lessons. Generally the children enjoy these opportunities during the Summer Term and it would not be possible without parental support. Swimming lessons will continue for KS2 classes throughout the Summer Term

Reduce, Reuse, Re-cycle

In an effort to reduce the amount of plastic we use as a school, particularly single-use plastic, we will be sending Annual Reports to Parents home in an A4 paper envelope this year, rather than a plastic folder. In this way, you can add this year's report to the folders you have already received or perhaps create a paper-based storage system to store them in at home.

No Nuts Please

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School as we have children who are allergic to all nuts. These are often present in the cereal bars available for children's lunchboxes so please would you check the food label carefully if you are including this type of snack.