



# Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Autumn Term  
6th November 2019

## Hilltop

In the first week back after half term, the children in Y6 attended a 4 night residential at Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Sheringham, Norfolk. This trip provides the children with the opportunity to try a range of exciting and outdoor adventurous activities. This year the activities included high ropes, team games, rock pooling and bush craft. The children are encouraged to try new things and challenged to push themselves out of their comfort zones. It was fantastic to see pupils achieving things that they didn't think they would be able to at the start of the week and the positive impact that this had on their self-esteem. They returned home tired but extremely happy and proud of their achievements. A huge thank you to the staff – Clair Palmer, Diana McGrath, Helen Swift, Lesley Ling and Pam Thompson – for their hard work and dedication to ensure that the trip ran smoothly and successfully.

## Term dates

Please be aware that there has been a change to our previously published term dates. The school now closes for Easter on Wednesday 1st April 2020 instead of 2nd April as previously published. There is also a change to the Early May Bank Holiday due to 75th VE Day celebrations. This will now be on Friday 8th

May 2020.

## Christmas play

This year's Christmas play is 'Hey Ewe!' and the FS/KS1 children have already begun learning songs ready for their performance. A letter will be coming home soon with details about booking tickets using our online system but in the meantime, the dates to put in your diary for the performances are Mon 2nd am (Nursery parents only) and pm (YR-Y2) Tues 3rd (YR-Y2) and Weds 4th (YR-Y2) Dec at 2pm.

## Theatre Trip—The Wind in the Willows

We are really looking forward to our visit for the children in Y1-Y6 to the Cambridge Junction to see The Wind in the Willows in December. A reminder of the dates are below. If you need a copy of the letter and consent form, please speak to the school office.

- Weds 11th Dec—Y1-4
- Thurs 12th Dec—Y5/6

The cost of the ticket is £8.00 per child and payment can be made online using SIMS Pay.

## 40 Book Challenge

A huge well done to Emilie Jerman, Max Jerman, Lucrezia Solarno and AJ Barritt who have completed the 40 Book Challenge!

## Diary Dates 2019-20

### Autumn Term 2019

#### November

11th—Anti-Bullying Week  
12th/14th—Y3/4 trip to Sedgewick Museum  
15th—Children in Need

#### December

2nd/3rd/4th—FS&KS1 Christmas play  
6th—PTA Winter Fair  
10th—Carol concert  
11th—Y1-4 @ The Junction  
12th—Y5&6 @ The Junction  
17th—PTA Disco  
18th—Save the Children Christmas Jumper day  
18th—Last day of term

### Spring Term 2020

#### January

6th—School opens to children

#### February

17th—1st Half term

#### April

1st—last day of term

### Summer Term 2020

#### April

20th—School opens to children

#### May

8th—Bank Holiday  
22nd—INSET day (School closed)  
25th—31st Half term

#### July

21st—Last day of term

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 15th November, we are going to be raising money for Children in Need by asking everyone to come to school wearing something spotty! We are suggesting a donation of £1 per child which can be given to the class teacher on the day. If you don't have something spotty to wear, then non-uniform is fine too.

### **Reception Admissions 2019**

Parents may now apply for a school place in Reception for September 2020. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you require any information please speak to the office staff. Applications can be made online by following the link [here](#).

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

It is National Anti-Bullying Week starting Monday 11th November and the children are going to be doing lots of activities in class that week focussing on this. Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Change starts with us'. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. This year the goal is to inform schools and settings, children

and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. Classes will be exploring the issue of bullying and how to tackle it throughout the week and we will be finishing off with a special assembly on Friday 15th November. Further information on Anti-Bullying week can be found on the Anti-Bullying Alliance website at [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week). We will also be tweeting information and links to resources throughout the week.

### **Lost Property**

We have a mountain of lost property in the hall at the moment and most of it is not named! Please come and have a look through before or after school if your child is missing an item of clothing and just a reminder to please make sure that all their clothes have their name in them. Thank you.

### **NSPCC Parent Guides**

The NSPCC is a great source of information for parents about keeping their children safe. From talking PANTS to approaching difficult issues, they have a range of tips and advice to help you keep children safe whether they're at home, out and about or online. The link to their parent resources can be found [here](#).

### **Maths website**

If you would like some useful guidance about ways to support your child with mathematics the following website contains some really useful tips:

<http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/>

The Family Maths Toolkit is full of ideas to help parents, families and children aged 13 and under enjoy everyday maths activities together. Parents and families can help children's confidence by being positive about maths, praising effort rather than talent and highlighting maths in everyday life.

### **Congratulations!**

Well done to Archie Borley-O'Connor for achieving a Level 3 in Ninja training. Congratulations also to Amelia Kennedy for attaining her Stable Care badge at Pony Club.

