



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Autumn Term
20th September 2019

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 24th 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.

School Photos

Bentley Photographic will be coming in to take individual photos of the children on **Monday 7th October**. A letter with more information about this will be coming home shortly.

Hilltop Parent's Meeting

There will be an information session for parents about the forthcoming Y6 residential trip to Hilltop at 3.30pm on Wednesday 25th September. The session will be led by Mrs Palmer and take place in Maple Classroom.

Secondary School Applications

The window for current Year 6 pupils to apply for their secondary school places is between **Thursday 12 September** and **Thursday 31 October**.

day 31 October. 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 College will be holding a Year 7 Information Evening for Y6 pupils and their parents and carers on Thursday 4th October.

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 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).

House Team names

There is a box outside the office window where any suggestions for House Team names can be left. The closing date for suggestions is 18/10/19.

Diary Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019

October

3rd—Y7 Open Evening @ BVC

7th—School Photos

8th / 10th—Parent Consultations

14th—Phonics information evening

18th—Maple Class Assembly

21st-25th— Half term

28th—Y6 Hilltop week

November

11th—Anti-Bullying Week

15th—Children in Need

December

2nd/3rd/4th—FS&KSI

Christmas play

18th-Save the Children

Christmas Jumper day

18th—Last day of term

Spring Term 2020

January

6th—School opens to children

February

17th-21st Half term

April

2nd —last day of term

Summer Term 2020

April

20th—School opens to children

May

22nd—INSET day (School closed)

25th- 29th Half term

July

21st- Last day of term

Reception Balance Bikes

The children in Reception have been enjoying balance bike training this week in sessions lead by Outspoken Cycles. Balance bike training offers a great introduction to cycling, developing the essential skills of balance and coordination needed to ride. Delivered on balance bikes (specific bikes without pedals), the game-based sessions focus on encouraging children to push and glide, supporting the progression from balance bikes to pedal cycling.

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.

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.

Christmas Jumper Day

We know it is a long way off but we wanted to let you know that we are going to make the last day of term a Christmas Jumper / non-school uniform day! This will be on Wednesday 18th December and the children (and staff!) are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or their own to school for the day. We thought we'd give you plenty of notice in case you spot a jumper that you like!

Lost Property

If your child has lost an item of clothing at school, you are welcome to look through our lost property box in the hall before or after school. Please make sure that all your child's clothes are named as it makes returning them much easier! This includes coats and shoes which believe it or not, can be hard to find the owners of!

Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that our parent consultation meetings are on Tues 8th and Thurs 10th Oct. Appointments can be made through our online booking system at <https://bottisham.parentseveningssystem.co.uk/>

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a school midday supervisor. Duties include helping children in the dining hall and being a play supervisor during the lunchtime (12-1.15pm). Full training and

induction will be provided. The post would suit someone looking for a part- or full-time position during school term time only. Please contact the school office for further details and an application form on 01223 811235. The closing date is Friday 11th October 2019.

Toy Donations

If you are having a clear out of any old toys, our Early Years classes would be grateful for any donations. We are particularly in need of small world and construction toys but any that are in good condition would be gratefully received, We will ensure that any we don't need or use are donated to a local charity shop. Thank you.

Theatre Group

On Friday 13th September we welcomed M & M theatre group to the school to perform 'Treasure Island' to Y1-6/. The children loved the performance and Y5 were able to participate in a theatre workshop following the performance, Thank you to the PTA for supporting the school with the cost of this experience for the children.

