



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Anti-Bullying Week

After the sparkling excitement of Bonfire Night and the solemn thankfulness of Remembrance week, this week has been Anti-Bullying Week. We are all very clear at Bottisham School that bullying is bad—no one wants to be a bully and no one wants to be bullied. The Anti-Bullying Alliance have encouraged us to think about *Respect*. We have been reminding ourselves of how to treat one another with respect, to think of others' feelings before we speak, and to make good behaviour choices. It has been an opportunity to remind ourselves of our Golden Rules and of our expectations of how we treat one another in our school community. It has been another thought-provoking week.

Lisa Perry
Interim Head

Autumnal Weather

After a few drizzly days, we would like to remind you to send your children into school with a rain-coat. This helps to keep the children happy, dry and warm as they make the most of their outdoor environment. Thank you also to all of you who have named these items to avoid confusion.

Limitless Games with Steel Bones

On Tuesday, we welcomed the charity Steel Bones to run their Limitless Games workshop. Steel Bones work to support amputees and their families across the country. Limitless Games is a fantastic all-inclusive event, working with school children to help them understand all about prosthetics, and learn about what they do and how they work. It also raises the children's awareness of inclusive sport. After very inspiring assembly, some of the children were lucky enough to have a go at trying out some of the sports and had a fantastic time doing so!

Classroom Volunteers

We are always very grateful for the support of our parent helpers. This team of volunteers have a significant impact on the learning journeys of our children. If you feel that you have some time to spare, and would like to volunteer to support some of our happy, lovely learners, please do pop in and speak to your child's class teacher.

Cash Free Office

As we move towards the new year, we are aiming to become a cash-free office. This will really help Mrs Clowes and Mrs Hobson as they seek to keep our school running smoothly and efficiently on a day-to-day basis. Whenever possible, we would be really grateful if you could make payments to the school using Agora—our online payment service. If you are having problems accessing Agora, or need any support with this system, please do pop into the office so that we can assist you.

Healthy Snacks and Birthday Treats

Thank you to those who engaged with our Survey Monkey question regarding birthday treats. To the statement: *I am happy for children to bring in birthday treats to share with my child and I don't mind if they are sweets or chocolate*, there was an agreement of 68%. The responses to *...only healthy treats* and to *...I would prefer no treats*, were 17% and 20% respectively. After positive feedback from parents, we will continue to allow children to bring in sweet birthday treats to share with their class. However, being mindful of a balanced diet being a healthy diet, we would remind parents that the every-day snacks for break at school should be healthy snacks and not sweets, chocolate or other fatty but flavoursome foods! Thank you for your support with this.

Governor News

The Governing Body met on Wednesday 7th November as part of the annual programme of meetings. At this meeting, the school's financial position was discussed, as were vacancies for parent and staff governors, the recent parent survey, an update on Trust governance meetings, the governor visit plan and link governor requirements. The Minutes of this meeting will be uploaded to the website in due course.

Children in Need Day

Thank you for your support for Children in Need - we had a spot-acular day! Thank you for all your generous donations; we are busy counting them all up and will let you know the total very soon!



Diary Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

November

11th-Birch Class Assembly
21st- PTA Disco
5:00 –7:00

December

11th-Birch Class Assembly
12th-Carol Concert
@Holy Trinity Church
14th-Save the Children
Christmas Jumper Day
19th-Last day of term

Spring Term 2019

January

7th—School opens to children

February

18th-22nd Half term

April

5th—Last day of term

Summer Term 2019

April

24th—School opens to children

May

23rd—INSET day (School closed)

27th—31st Half term

July

24th- Last day of term

