



# Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome back to everyone at the start of the new Spring term. I do hope that you had a enjoyable and restful break over the Christmas period and have had a good start to 2019. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for the lovely gifts, cards and good wishes that we received at the end of last term. It was lovely to welcome all the children back to Bottisham School on Monday and to have the opportunity to greet many of you in the playground before school this week. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead of us, as the days gradually become lighter, longer and possibly a little warmer. I hope you have a wonderful start to the term!

Mrs Perry

## Parent Consultations

We have arranged two Parent Consultation evenings later in the term, which will take place on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th February. The following link will be open from Monday 14th January in order for you to book an appointment. [Bottisham.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://Bottisham.parentseveningsystem.co.uk). At this meeting the class teacher will be sharing your child's mid-year report on their progress and attainment so far and there will also be an opportunity to look through their work.

## Could You Foster a Child?

We have been asked to pass on this message from the Local Authority: *Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer? If so, now is a great time to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who could provide a home to a teenager in care and offer them the help and support they need. To find out more about how you can make a difference, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)*

## Sing for Your School

Sing For Your School is back!

Years 5 and 6 have written a song and entered it into the chart, which is now up and running. To listen to our song, please go to <https://bit.ly/2M1hVnN>

Every listen means we get another vote, so please feel free to listen to it as often as you like! If we get the most votes, our children get to sing our song at the Corn Exchange in a special finale concert

## Keeping in Touch.

Please note that it is never possible to 'keep in touch' with us using In-Touch as this is a delivery service only—we use it to send messages to parents but it does not receive them. Please use the school email [office@bottisham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bottisham.cambs.sch.uk) or telephone the school to speak with someone or to leave a message.

You may remember that we were due to migrate our email system to Microsoft 360 last term. After several postponements, this should now be happening on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, after which, our school email address may change. On the day we migrate, it will not be possible to contact us by email so do use the telephone to speak with us instead.

We will let you know further migration information as it becomes available.

## Poppy Appeal 2018

Thank you so much to all those of you who brought in donations for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The school raised over £260 for this worthwhile cause.

## Residential Visits

Our exciting residential trips will soon take place. Y5 are prepped and ready to go to Grafham Water Centre. The Y4 Burwell House, Parents Talk meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th January.

## Diary Dates 2019

### Spring Term

Thursday 3rd Friday 4th Jan - Training Days  
Monday 7th Jan—Spring Term Opens  
Wednesday 30th to Friday 1st February—Y5 to Grafham Water Centre  
Wednesday 30th to Thursday 31st January—Y4 Burwell House visit  
Tuesday 7th Feb—Class Photos  
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd—Half Term  
Thursday 7th March—YR/Y6 Height and Weight check  
Friday 5th April - Spring Term Closes

### Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April - Training Day  
School closed to children  
Wednesday 24th April—Summer Term opens.  
Monday 6th May—May Day – School is closed  
Monday 13th to Friday 17th May—Y6 SATs Week  
Monday 27th to 31st May—Half Term  
Summer Term closes – Wednesday 24th July

## Attendance

As you know, we are required to closely monitor the attendance of all the children and classes in school. If a child's attendance has dropped below 96% we will inform you of this by sending a letter home to make you aware of the amount of learning time missed by your child. Every week we calculate the class attendance percentages. At the end of each term, we calculate which three classes have had the best overall attendance. The top three classes for the Autumn term were:

1st Acorns 99%

2nd Maple 98.4%

3rd Sycamore 97.6%

## School Uniform

Thanks to all of you who ensure that your child arrives promptly at school, dressed smartly in school uniform, bearing the correct equipment including their indoor shoes. We are so fortunate to have such a large outdoor space and it is good to encourage the children in active, adventurous play. However, if children do not have their indoor shoes to change into, they do need to continue to wear their outdoor shoes inside. This would mean their outdoor play opportunities would be restricted to use of the hard surface areas only, in order to prevent the corridors becoming extremely muddy. Thanks so much for helping by reminding your children to have their indoor shoes at school.

## E-Safety

Many of the children have been telling us about their new tablets and devices that they have had for Christmas and so we thought that this would be a good time to remind everyone about the e-safety resources on our website.

You may be familiar with the popular video game Fortnite, the online shooter game. While it's not automatically dangerous, it does carry some risks. We have attached a link to a factsheet to help you to feel

more informed, decide whether you're happy for your child to play the game, and learn how to set up parental controls

Social Media platforms can present significant risk for primary school aged children which is why many—including Instagram—have restrictive age-limits excluding children under the age of 13. If used poorly, it can be possible to access for example, details regarding your child's name, friends names, village they live in, school they attend and even their online game logins where they could be contacted directly without their parents knowledge.

There are links to lots of useful websites that help parents understand how to keep their children safe online. You can access this information by following these links

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/setting-safety-and-privacy-settings-social-media-apps>

[www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk/website/e-safety/57912](http://www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk/website/e-safety/57912)

'Safer Internet Day' is on Tuesday 5th February this year and we will be sending home more information about how you can support your children in using the internet safely as part of this.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>

## School Dinners

We would be very grateful if you can pay for your child's school dinner at the start of the week. This really helps Mrs Clowes and Mrs Hobson to manage monies and payments. 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. 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
- £69.00 for 1st half Spring term
- £69.00 for 2nd half Spring term
- Whole term £138.00

Some families may be eligible to claim free school meals if in receipt of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but who are not entitled to working tax credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit

Please see the school office for more information.

## Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather we would like to remind you of the methods of obtaining information of whether the school will be closed. Announcements will be made on BBC Radio Cambridge and Heart and a message will be left at the front entrance to the school and on the school website. We will endeavour to ensure that this does not happen if at all possible. Please also make sure that children come to school with suitable footwear (including indoor shoes) and warm clothing during the winter months.

