



# Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Autumn Term  
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## Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge run by Bottisham Library

- Ajay Barritt
- Esme Rose Beeston Bonner
- Nina Bettoney
- Chloe Callen
- Rosie Callen
- Alexander Cole
- Iona Edwards
- Isaac Edwards
- Aurora Furlow
- Zoe Greeves
- Beth Northover
- Amelie Woloszyn
- Lyla Woloszyn

## Harvest Collection

A big thank you to everyone who made a donation to our Harvest collection this year. We were amazed at the amount that we collected and the Cambridge Foodbank were extremely grateful for the donations.

## Photos

Just a quick reminder that the children will be having individual photos taken on Monday 7th October.

## Reception Vision Screening

The YR vision screening will be taking place on 17th October. A

letter has been sent home with further information but please speak to the school office if you need another copy.

## 40 Book Challenge

We are nearly half way through the Autumn term and it has been good to hear how some of the children are getting on with the 40 book challenge! For those that complete it, there will be a certificate and prize awarded in assembly. For ideas of good reads, our suggested reading list is attached with this newsletter and has ideas from YR-Y6.

## 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.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

This meeting will have a pastoral focus and the discussion will mainly be around how the children have settled into the new academic year, Each appointment is 10 minutes and we ask that if you feel that you need longer with the class teacher, to make an alternative time to meet with them.



## Diary Dates 2019-20

### Autumn Term 2019

#### October

- 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
- 11th—Y1-4 @ The Junction
- 12th—Y5&6 @ The Junction
- 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

- 2nd —last day of term

### Summer Term 2020

#### April

- 20th—School opens to children

#### May

- 22nd—INSET day (School closed)

- 25th— 31st Half term

#### July

- 21st— Last day of term

### **Maple Class Assembly**

Each class takes it in turn to do an assembly throughout the year and this a great opportunity for them to show off what they have been learning. Parents and carers are invited to come along to watch the assembly and to join the children in the classroom afterwards to look at some of their work. Maple Class will be doing their class assembly on Friday 18th October at 9.30am. Tea and coffee will be available from 9am.

### **Parking—West Walk**

We have received a request from the residents of West Walk for those that park there at school drop off and pick up times to do so considerately. The school is in a residential area and we ask that parents and carers are respectful of our neighbours when parking. Thank you.

### **Y4 Winter Festival**

The Y4 children will be taking part in the Winter Sport's Festival at Bottisham Village College on 16th October. For more information, please speak to Mr Legge.

### **Y5/6 Football**

Good luck to our Y5/6 football team who will be taking part in the ESFA cup on 10th October.

### **Pantomime**

We have booked for the children from Y1-Y6 to see the

Christmas production of 'The Wind in the Willows' at the Cambridge Junction on 11th (Y1-4) and 12th (Y5 & 6) December. A letter with more information will be coming home shortly but we wanted to give you plenty of notice. The ticket price is £8.00 per child and the PTA are generously paying for the cost of the coaches. We will be needing parent helpers to join us for the trips so if you're available and would like to come, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Book Review by Laura Botherham**

A book I read recently and would like to share with everyone is *To Be a Cat*, by **Matt Haig**. The story of this book is centred around the main character, Barney Willow. He is not a happy boy and there are many things that are not quite right in his life. In fact, everything about his life sounds bad: he doesn't live with both of his parents, his dad is missing, his headteacher is very mean. Together with his friend Rita, they want nothing else but to be like cats or to become cats. They think a cat has it all. Until one day...when they experience for themselves the joys and the fun of sneaking around, or sleeping all day but also the "monsters" of the human world. Despite the title, this book won't teach you how to become a cat or how to train a cat. This book will grip you with Barney's adventures and it will

help you see your own world through a new light.

### **House Team Names**

There are two weeks left to submit your suggestions for the new house team names. We are looking for the names of people who have made a difference to the lives of others to name our four house teams. We will be shortlisting over half term and opening up the voting for the final choices when we return. There is a box next to the school office where suggestions can be left.

### **Colder Weather**

As the weather begins to get colder, we like to remind the children to make sure that they have warm outdoor clothing so that they can still enjoy being outside at break and lunchtimes. We go outside in most weather and so a warm, waterproof coat is important as well as a hat, scarf and gloves for the colder days. Wellies are also a good idea for the wet weather. Please make sure that all items are clearly named.

