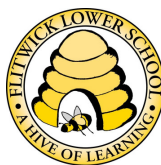


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Dear Parents

9th September 2011

Newsletter No. 1

Welcome back to all and a warm welcome to those of you joining us in the foundation unit at the beginning of your journey through school. We also welcome Mrs Whomsley and Mrs Scurfield who have joined our staffing team. The holidays seem like a distant memory now! The children are settled back into the routine of school and ready for a fabulous year ahead.

Over the holiday we have been busy making improvements to the learning environment for the children. The Foundation unit has undergone a refurbishment, with the removal of wall, new floor, total decoration and some new furnishing. The Year 2 corridor has been painted so no more orange walls! and the Key Stage 2 toilets have been painted. We hope to continue this; however it is, of course, dependent on the budget so it may take us a little time.

The newsletters will come out on a Wednesday for the rest of the term so keep a look out. Don't forget if you would prefer it electronically you can either drop your name and email address into the office and Mr Yates will add you to the list or log onto the website where we upload all our letters and information weekly.

SCHOOL VALUES

We are continuing to follow a Values Based system for our teaching at Flitwick Lower School.

Our value for September is:
Respect and Unity

INFORMATION UPDATES

We are sending out the pupil update forms over the next week. Please check all contact details are correct, including Medical/Doctor/Dentist information. Please note that it is a Data

Protection requirement that forms are returned for each child. Those parents with more than one child in school will need to complete one for each of them. Please return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL DECEMBER BALL

We had already advised you last year of the date of the December Ball this year, which will be on Saturday 10th December. With this newsletter, you will find a ticket request. Please do send your requests in as soon as possible. For those of you who are new to the school, this is an excellent evening with good food and live music. Always a good excuse to dress up in a Ball Gown or Dinner Jacket! This is one of the largest fund raising events for the school and last year raised about £4,000 through the Ball and the Auction of Promises which is held on the same evening. This year, we have a Hog Roast (plus alternatives if you would prefer) and a five-piece band to entertain you and get you dancing.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Just a quick reminder that the cost of school dinners is now £1.80 per day. The costs for this half term are as follows:

Weekly	£9.00
All Wed. Fun days (7)	£12.60
All Fri. Fun days (7)	£12.60
Both Weds and Fri.	£25.20
The Half Term	£61.20

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Also attached to this newsletter is information as to how to apply for Free School Meals and what the eligibility requirements are. All enquiries are treated with confidentiality. If you would like more information, simply call the



number mentioned - 0300 300 8306, or ask in the school office.

PARENT SUPPORT ASSISTANT

We are pleased to be able to provide support to those parents who need a little help when things get difficult. No-one is a "Perfect Parent" and sometimes a little guidance and support can go a long way. If you are looking for some new strategies, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL NEWS

School Football will restart on Saturday 10th September at 9.30am. Yrs 1, 2 and 3 will be training at school. The Yr 4s are away at a tournament. We wish them luck.

If anyone wishes to join us for training, just turn up with shin pads if possible, or call Janet Sidwick on 07717 753528 or email on janet.sidwick1@btinternet.com for further details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEARLY NEW SALE - NCT

Autumn/Winter NCT Sale will be held at Flitwick Village Hall on Saturday 17th September from 2.00pm to 3.15pm (NCT Members entry from 1.45pm with a valid NCT Members card). Suggested entry donation of 50p. For more details, contact Mid Beds NCT on 0844 243 6206 or email midbedsnctnns@hotmail.co.uk

TERM DATES

September 2010

- 5th Inset Day
- 20th Meet the Teacher
6pm - 6.30pm Foundation and Key stage 1
6.30-7pm FLSA AGM in hall
7pm - 7.30pm Key Stage 2
- 24th 9 - 1pm Governors Meeting
- 26th 7pm Human Resources Committee Meeting
- 28th 12.30pm Pastoral Committee Meeting
- 29th 7pm Curriculum Committee Meeting
- 30th MacMillan Coffee Morning

October 2011

- 4th Shoe box appeal launched
- 5th Open day
- 10th Begin Scarecrows for festival
- 14th Harvest festival - scarecrows on display
- 18th Parent consultation 6-8pm
- 19th Individual photos
- 20th Parent Consultation 4 -6pm

24th Oct - 28th October - HALF TERM

November 2011

- 31st Inset day
- 1st Bag 2 School
- 8th 7pm Grafham Parents Evening for Yr 4 parents
- 14th - 18th Anti Bullying week
- 17th Full Governors meeting
- 18th Children in Need
- 21st - 25th Road Safety Week
- 22nd YR 2 Faith Tour

28th Nov - 2nd Dec - Christmas Concert Week
(Concerts are afternoon Dress Rehearsal and Evening on the same day - as per last year)

- 28th Year 3 Concert
- 29th Year 1 Concert
- 30th Foundation Concert = PM only
- 1st Year 2 Concert

December 2011

- 14th Christmas Dinner
- 16th End of Term

