

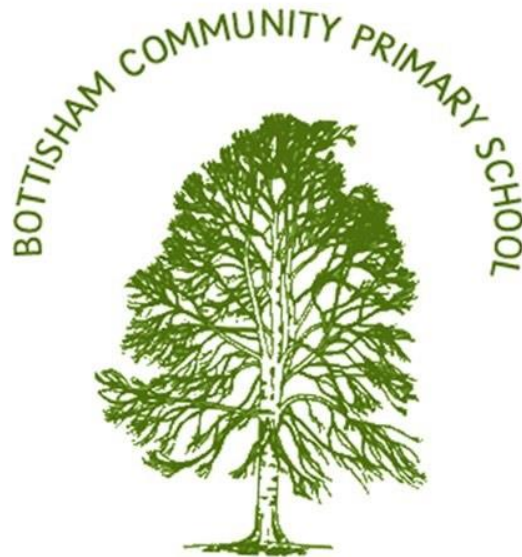
BCPS News 10.03.23



**Welcome to this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter!**

*Friday 10th 2023*

## Headteacher Update



It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to the school last week for the mid-year consultation meetings. These meetings were an important opportunity to share with you information about your child's attendance and progress and a chance for you to look through some of the work they have done this academic year. If you were not able to attend an appointment last week, please do speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to find an alternative time for you to meet with them.

We also updated the My Child At School last week to enable parent consent for photographs and other school activities to be collected via the portal. If you have not done so already, please complete the consents which can be found in the menu bar under 'Parent Consents'.

Finally, we have some important information coming out shortly about changes to the school meal system so do keep an eye for that.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Johnston

### Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens to pupils
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Cool Choices session
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Burwell House residential trip (Y4) – information event
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Film Night
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Diversity Role Models Workshop – Y5/6
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	O2 Choir visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4 residential visit to Burwell House
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Valentine's Cake Stall
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Young Apprentice event – Y5/6
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent / Carer Consultations
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent / Carer Consultations
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Sycamore Class Assembly
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Grafham Water residential visit
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Mother's Day Gift event
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 visit to Mountfitchet Castle
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	YR Village Walk
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Water Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Anglian Learning Y5/6 Cross Country competition
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Production
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Willow visit to Wellcome Genome Campus
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple & Sycamore visit to Wellcome Genome Campus
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Anglian Learning Y3/4 Music Event @ West Road
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term

## Y6 Residential Visit to Grafham



This week, the children in Y6 have been away on their residential visit to Grafham Water. In spite of some very cold and wet weather, they have had a wonderful taking part in all the adventurous activities including the high rope challenge seen in the photo. The children's behaviour has been fantastic throughout - they have been so positive in spite of the weather and made the adults very proud. A huge

thank you to Mrs Rayment who led the trip supported by Mr Green, Mrs Preston, Mrs Walker and Mrs Ling.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

# QUIDDITCH



**27TH FEBRUARY 2023**  
**MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY**



18 STUDENTS FROM FEN DITTON, BOTTISHAM AND MARLEIGH TOOK PART IN A FRIENDLY QUIDDITCH EVENT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SCHOOL'S RESPECTIVE HISTORIES AND WHAT A MONUMENTAL EVENT IT WAS! WITH WORLD BOOK DAY TAKING PLACE ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH, WE KICKED OFF THE WEEK LEARNING TO PLAY QUIDDITCH, A SPORT WHICH WAS MADE FAMOUS BY THE HARRY POTTER BOOKS! QUIDDITCH IS A SPORT WHICH COMBINES THE SKILLS OF AN INVASION GAME (LIKE HANDBALL AND NETBALL), DODGEBALL AND TAG GAMES! IT'S A FAST PACED GAME WITH GOALS BEING WORTH 10 POINTS! TOWARDS THE END OF THE GAME, A PLAYER WEARING THE 'GOLDEN SNITCH' TAG IS RELEASED AND THE TEAM WHO CATCHES THEM FIRST RECEIVES 150 POINTS AND ALSO ENDS THE GAME! THE STUDENTS LEARNED THE SPORT THROUGH SMALLER GAMES WHICH HELPED THEM PLAY THE FULL VERSION IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE EVENT. THERE WAS AN ARRAY OF SMILES ON SHOW AND ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS HAD AN AMAZING TIME AND REPRESENTED THEIR SCHOOL WITH PRIDE! WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY WORLD BOOK DAY, AND REMEMBER, READING FOR THE MIND IS WHAT EXERCISE IS FOR THE BODY!



World Book Day





Last Friday, we celebrated World Book Day across the school. It was wonderful to see the fabulous costumes and onesies that the children wore which really added to the sense of occasion. The whole school came together at the start of the day to find out from Mrs Walker what the text was that we were all going to be enjoying for the day. She introduced us to the wordless picture book 'Quest' by Aaron Becker which is a sequel to the book 'Journey' that we studied for World Book Day last year. Each class spent the day exploring the themes and imagery presented inside this beautiful book and we were blown away by the children's responses. The day ended with our amazing school librarians holding a second-hand book sale with all proceeds going towards the purchase of new books for the school. It was a fantastic day all round and a huge thank you to Mrs Walker for her hard work in organising the day.

## Bread Making



The children in Hazel, Beech and Cedar Class have been getting stuck into bread making as part of their topic in DT.. They have started off with tasting different types of breads and then moved on to baking some of their own! The children have really enjoyed this unit and there have been some wonderful smells coming from KS1 this week!

## Theatre Group



We are looking forward to welcoming M & M Productions to the school next week who will be performing their version of 'The Jungle Book' to the children in KS1 and KS2. This is a lovely event for the children which is being funded by the PTA.

## School Car Park



A reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors only and is not to be used for school drop off and pick ups. This area is used by a high number of pedestrians coming on the school site which of course, includes lots of children. We have recently seen an increase in the number of cars coming on site which is creating a significant hazard. Unfortunately, if the car park continues to be used for school drop off and pick ups, we will have to close the gates during the period at the start and end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your help and co-operation with this matter.

## School Uniform Supplier

We are pleased to announce that we have a new supplier for our branded school uniform, Price Buckland. Uniform with the school logo can be ordered via their website, following the guidance below.

[Click here to view our school page on the Price Buckland website.](#)

### **OUR UNIFORM IS:**

Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo) with either

- Red or white polo shirt (with or without school logo) and
- Black or charcoal grey trousers, shorts, pinafore dress, skirt or culottes



Or

- Red and white checked dress

**FOOTWEAR:**

- A pair of hard-soled indoor shoes (no slippers – black plimsolls or Croc-style shoes are ideal)
- A sensible and hard-wearing pair of outdoor shoes; no flip-flops, open-toed sandals or beach-style footwear.

**OUR PE KIT IS:**

- White t-shirt
- Black or navy shorts
- Black or navy jogging trousers
- Trainers or plimsolls

Uniform without the school logo is acceptable and can be purchased from a range of well-known retail outlets, including supermarkets.

# ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE

Our uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland, who have been manufacturing exceptional schoolwear since 1959. Visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.



## HOW TO ORDER

Please visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.

- 1** Visit the school finder located on the Price and Buckland website.
- 2** Browse the range and buy your uniform.
- 3** Enter your delivery details and await your order.
- 4** Register your details or log in to your account to view your order status and history.

[price-buckland.co.uk](http://price-buckland.co.uk)

## Cambridge Holiday Orchestra



Cambridge Holiday Orchestra is a fantastic opportunity for children aged 7 - 18 to make music which will be running over the Easter holidays. Children don't need to play an orchestral instrument to join - it is open to anyone, whatever the level of musical ability. Activities will include choirs, drumming, steel pans, Gamelan, folk for fun, string groups and wind groups. The course will run over 4 mornings, but there are some family activities running in the afternoons as well. For more experienced children there is also a training orchestra in the afternoon. For more information:

### [Cambridge Holiday Orchestra](#)

**Easter holiday  
Athletics camps**

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays

**Monday 3 and/or Tuesday 4 April  
10am to 3.30pm**

**Wiberforce Road  
Athletics Track  
CB3 9AD**

**For children in  
Year 3 to Year 9  
of all abilities**

**£  
£25 per child per day  
£22 per child per day  
each for families, or children  
attending multiple days  
(netball and athletics)**

- ✓ All coaches are suitably checked and qualified.
- ✓ Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential.
- ✓ Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought.

**In a safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice**

**Book now for a place on our Easter athletics camps!**

For more information:  
✉ [holiday.camps@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:holiday.camps@scambs.gov.uk)  
☎ 01954 713070  
To book:  
🌐 [www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps)





**Easter holiday  
Netball camps**

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays

 Wednesday 5 and/ or Thursday 6 April 10am to 3.30pm	 Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX	 For children in Year 3 to Year 9 of all abilities
 £25 per child per day £22 per child per day each for families, or children attending multiple days (netball and athletics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All coaches are suitably checked and qualified.</li> <li>✓ Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential.</li> <li>✓ Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought.</li> </ul>	 In a safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice

**Book now for a place on our Easter netball camps!**

For more information:  
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 ☎ 01954 713070  
 To book:  
 🌐 [www.scamb.gov.uk/sportscamps](http://www.scamb.gov.uk/sportscamps)



## Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

**Child Protection** involves taking steps to safeguard children and young people at risk of, or suffering from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. It also means protecting children from witnessing Domestic Abuse and Violence as well as supporting families who are in financial or medical difficulties. It is vital that **everyone** takes personal responsibility to look after children, families and friends and report their concerns. If we all watch out for each other then we will ultimately support and protect the future lives of our children.

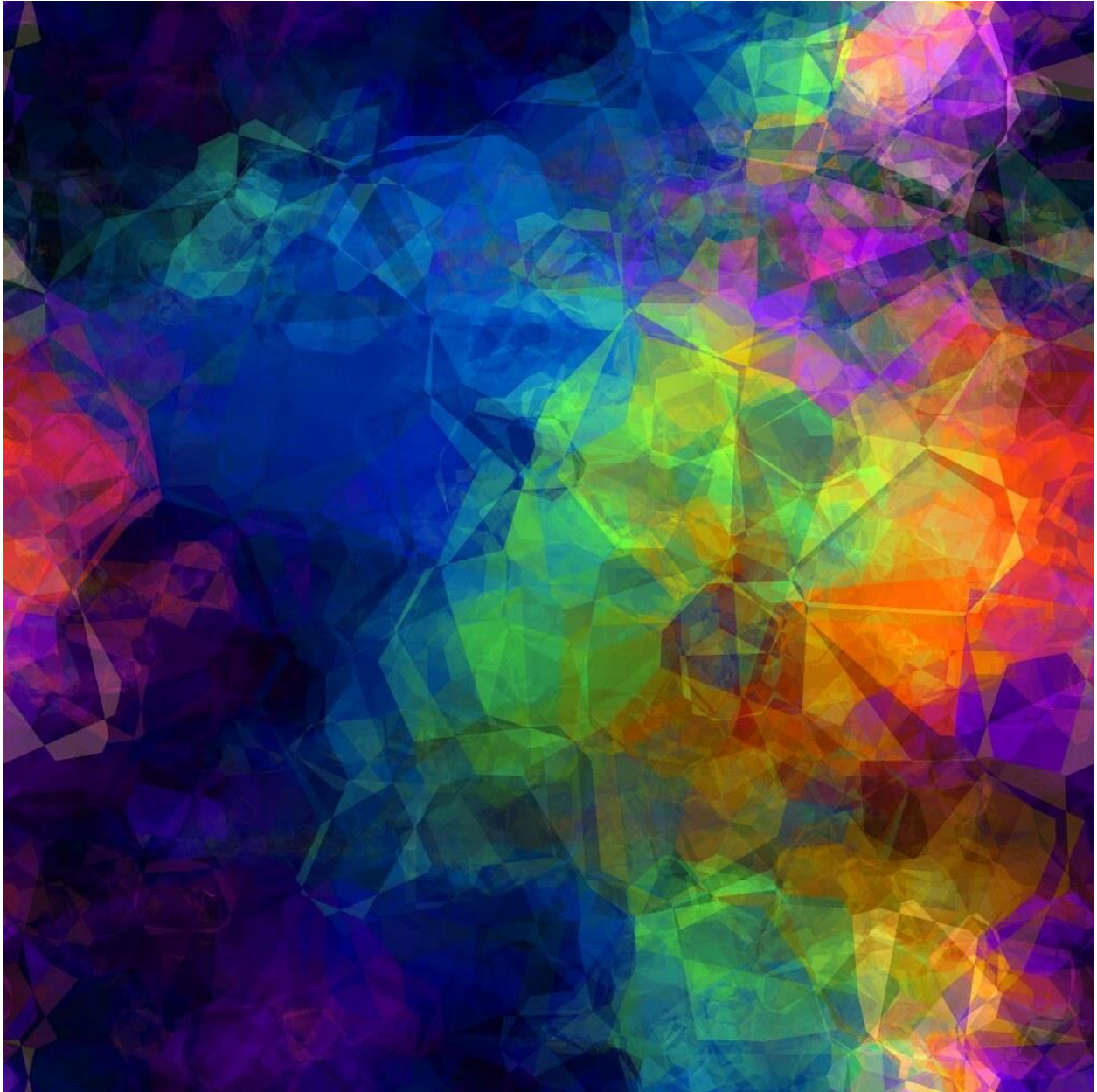


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*If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on [safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org](mailto:safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org).*

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## Term Dates 2022-23



### **Autumn Term 2022**

Thursday 1 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 2 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5 September - Start of term

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October - Half term

Wednesday 21st December - End of term

### **Spring Term 2023**

Wednesday 4 January - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 January - Start of term

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February - Half term

Friday 31 March - End of term

### **Summer term 2023**

Monday 17 April - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 18 April - Start of term

Monday 1 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half term

Monday 5 June - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 19 July - End of term

## Contact Us



Please get in touch if you have any queries - our office team will be happy to help

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