

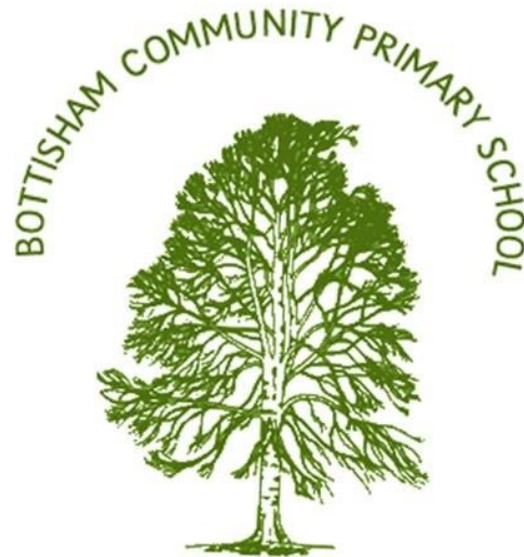
BCPS News 19.05.23



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

*Friday 19th May 2023*

## Headteacher Update



It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the PTA film night this week. Events such as this all contribute to their fundraising efforts which help us to cover the costs of the extras that we would not normally be able to do ourselves. Most recently, this has allowed us to develop our school library (see below), purchase games and activities for each class along with books to boost reading corners and significantly enhance our DT resources. We are so grateful for this support - whether you have been an active member of the PTA or contributed to an event. There are more events to look forward to in the second half of the summer term so keep an eye on the PTA website for details.

[Bottisham Community Primary School PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

Mrs Johnston

## Dates for the Summer Term

### Summer Term 2023 Diary Dates

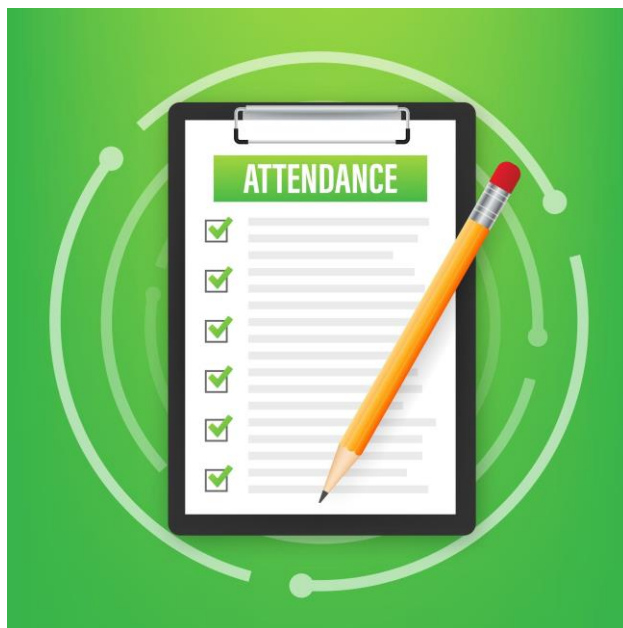
17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring term begins
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 Swimming
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5/6 Swimming
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 NHS Dental Checks
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 Swimming
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Maple Class Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3/4 Swimming
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Celebration Day
5 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Coronation Cake Stall
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Sports Festival @ BVC
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5/6 Swimming
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Hazel Class Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y5/6 Swimming
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Beech Class Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Swimming
13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day pop-up shop
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 Sport's Festival @ BVC
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Swimming
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y3/4 trip to West Stow
21 <sup>st</sup> June	YR / Y6 NHS Height & Weight check
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS2 French Theatre company visit
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Swimming
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Class allocation 2023/23 shared
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 production
28 <sup>th</sup> June	YR Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Birch Class Assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 transition visit to BVC
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class swaps
4 <sup>th</sup> July	New YR Stay and Play sessions
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Cedar Class Assembly
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school art exhibition
7 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Pine Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> July	New YR Teddy Bear's Picnic
13 <sup>th</sup> July	YR / KS1 Sports Day (am)
14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day (am)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home
17 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Disco & Y6 Leaver's BBQ
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Afternoon Tea
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Assembly

## New Library



Something really exciting happened this week in school - we had our library refurbished! Thanks to our amazing PTA, we have been able to refit the library to make it an enticing place for children to explore, discover and enjoy reading books. We love reading at Bottisham Primary and are so proud that we now have a library environment that reflects this! A big thank you to Mrs Walker and all her helpers who have spent much of this week moving boxes of books around and filling the new shelves ready for the first visitors to enjoy the wonderful texts we have available.

## Attendance reminder



We believe that for pupils to progress and achieve their full potential they need to have a good level of attendance at school. As a result, pupil attendance is monitored and analysed regularly throughout the

school year to help us identify when poor attendance is becoming an issue, understand the reasons for absence and to offer families support to improve it.

Local Authority guidance states that schools should notify parents when a child's attendance falls below 96%. Last term, this was done at the parent consultation evening when class teachers shared the children's attendance as part of the discussion and highlighted where attendance levels had fallen below the expected 96%.

**This term a letter of notification will be sent home to inform you if your child's attendance has fallen below the expected level, even when the absences are authorised (e.g. due to illness).** In most cases, no further action will be required. We recognise that many parents may be concerned if they receive a letter due to absence through illness which is of course, unavoidable, but it is important that we keep you informed of your child's attendance levels.

If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% so far this academic year, we may be in contact with you to have a conversation about the reasons for the absence and if appropriate, offer support.

In relation to term time holidays, please be aware that these will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The County Council expectation is that all schools in Cambridgeshire will make a referral for a Fixed Penalty Notice for term time leave – i.e. unauthorised absences. These may be actioned for 8 non-consecutive unauthorised absences over an 8 week period or 6 consecutive unauthorised absences over a 3 day period (1 day is classed as 2 sessions – morning and afternoon). Therefore, if you take your child out of school for a holiday of more than three days which is not authorised, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

We support and expect parents to keep children away from school where they may be infectious to other children, or because they are feeling just too unwell to be able to attend. Maintaining a dialogue with the school during periods of absence really helps to ensure that we are aware that the child has a legitimate reason for being absent, and that parents can seek clarification or support where they need it.

We know that you recognise the importance of regular attendance at school and the impact this has on your child's education, friendship groups and their life chances. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly.

## Well done Year 6!



A huge well done to all the children in Y6 who took part in the SATs last week. We were blown away with the mature approach demonstrated by all the pupils towards the tests. They tried their best and made us incredibly proud in the process. Thank you to all the adults involved in supporting the Y6 children throughout the week and to the PTA for providing a wonderful SATs breakfast each day - it was a brilliant way to start the day in a fun and relaxed way.

## Half Term



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*The school will be closed for half term from Monday 29th May - Monday 5th June. We will welcome the children back on Tuesday 6th June.*

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## Reception Paleontologists



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*The topic in Reception this half term is dinosaurs and this week, the children have been trying out their excavation skills hunting for fossils! They have also been enjoying books such as 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' and 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' which they have been using as a stimulus for their own writing.*

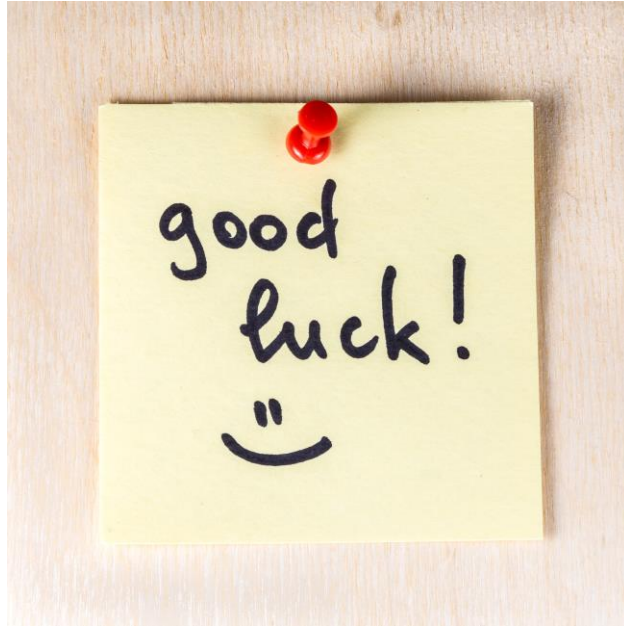
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## Year 1 Multi-Sports Festival



Last week, year 1 had a super time at a Multi-sports event at Bottisham Village College. They enjoyed a wonderful morning of different activities all led by the year 10s of the college. They were throwing, catching, running and playing team games, alongside other primary school children from the Trust. Thank you to Mr Darling from the college for organising this great experience for us.

## Class Assemblies



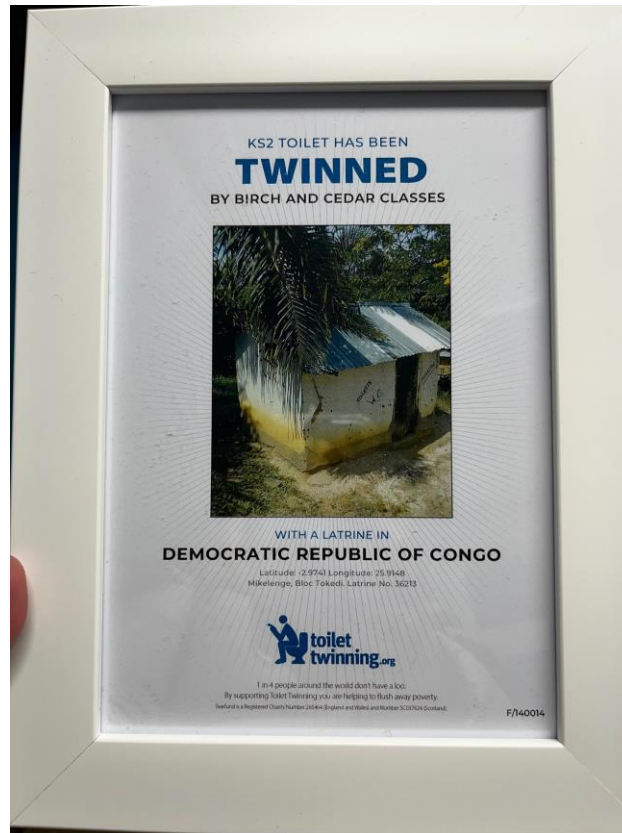
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*Good luck to the children in Hazel Class who are sharing their class assembly today with family and their friends in YR and KS1. It will be the turn on Beech Class next week on Thursday 25th May.*

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## Toilet Twinning



This week we were delighted to officially announce that our KS2 toilets are twinned with toilets in Democratic Republic of Congo. We were able to achieve this through your generous donations to Toilet Twinning as part of our World Water Day celebrations so thank you to all that contributed!

## 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.

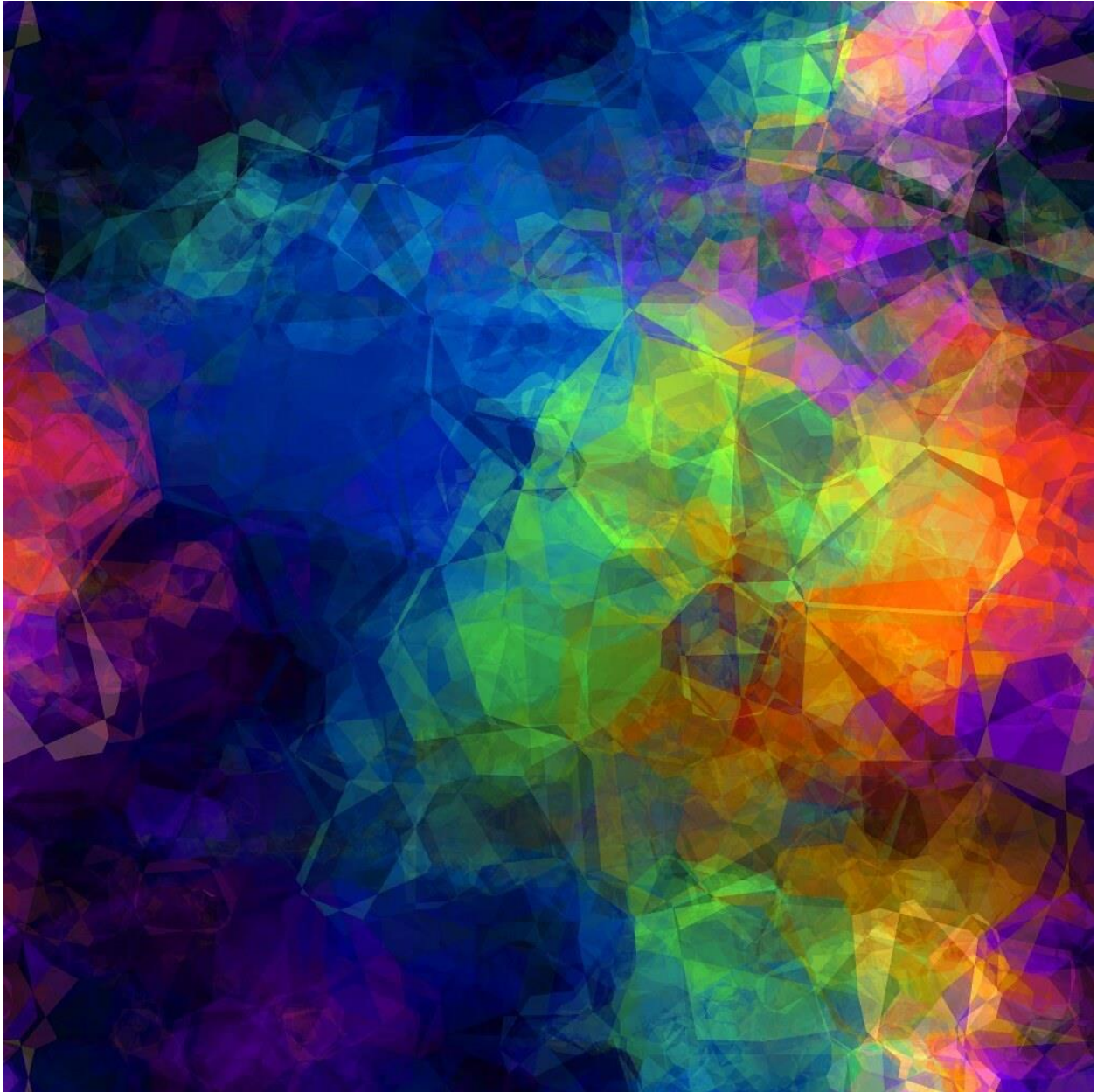


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*If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on [safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org](mailto:safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org).*

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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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