

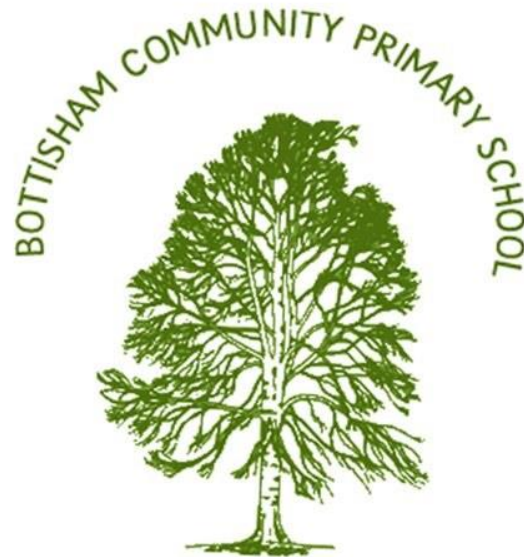
BCPS News 24.03.23



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

Friday 24th March 2023

Headteacher Update



As we come to the end of the spring term, we have a very busy final week ahead of us. There are trips for Y3/4 and Y5/6 as well as the joy of the Y3/4 production to look forward to. On Wednesday, the PTA will be holding an Easter Disco after school and on Friday, the whole school will participate in our annual Easter Egg hunt with chocolate eggs kindly provided by the PTA. Alternative eggs for those with allergies have been purchased - please speak to your child's class teacher if your child will need one of these.

Thank you to everyone who sent back the order forms for the Coronation souvenir - the window for returning these has now closed and you should hopefully be contacted soon with details of how to order items online.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Johnston

Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates

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

Online Ordering - School Lunches



From Monday 17th April, parents and carers will be required to pre-order and pay for their child's meals for the week ahead using the online portal from our caterer, Innovate.

The pre-ordering of school meals is key to reducing food waste (and our carbon footprint), as well as ensuring that kitchen staff know what they are cooking as early as possible each morning and that parents and carers have access to clear information on allergens. It also means that the children have a full choice of what is on offer each day without risk of missing something they like.

From 17th April, pre-ordering will be the only way in which school meals can be booked – we will no longer be able to accept on the day orders.

Orders for each week must be placed and paid for by the midnight of the previous Saturday. For example, to order for the first week back after the Easter holiday (week commencing 17/04/23), the

order must be placed and paid for by midnight on Saturday 15th April. You can order one week at a time or for the whole term.

In order to prepare for this change, you are invited to register on the Innovate portal from today onwards. This will enable you to be ready to pre-order at the start of the summer term. You will need to register even if your child only occasionally has a school meal as this will be the only way to book and pay for them.

All children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals programme. Children are also entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of a number of benefits including universal credit and income support. If you are unsure about your eligibility for free school meals, please contact the school office. Even if your child is entitled to a free meal you will need to register on the portal to pre-order meals.

Thank you for supporting this important change. If you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch with Innovate or contact the school office.

[Register on the Innovate portal here](#)

PTA Disco



The PTA will be running an Easter Disco after school on Wednesday 29 March 2023. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Governor Recruitment

Are you interested in becoming a school governor?

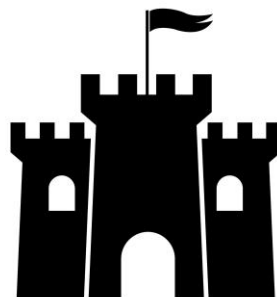
Our Local Governing Board plays an important role in overseeing strategic decision making and supporting the senior leadership team at Bottisham Primary School. The board has responsibility for overseeing the development priorities of the school, working closely with the Head Teacher and staff to ensure that the school delivers the best possible outcomes for all pupils. The current governor team is a

friendly and focused group, including parents, school staff and professionals from the wider community. Together, we hold a wide range of knowledge, experience and skills which benefits the school strategically. We currently have a number of vacancies for both parent and co-opted governors within the board and are always looking out for others with complimentary skills that would increase the expertise of the board and make a positive contribution to our school.

Being a school governor is a highly rewarding role – working towards a shared goal of providing a high quality education for the children and young people in our community. As governors we also have access to a wide spectrum of training, personal and professional skills development opportunities delivered by Anglian Learning Trust and the National Governance Association, among others. Most importantly, we are a highly supportive and close knit team and we would welcome YOU to join us, bringing more diverse skills and viewpoints to our LGB!

The LGB will be involved in the recruitment and selection of a new Head when Mrs Johnston takes on the role of Director of Primary Education for the Anglian Learning Trust. We welcome all people who feel they could add value and make a positive contribution to the governance and oversight of our school. Please get in touch with Gregg (gbaldwin@anglianlearning.org) or Liz (lking@anglianlearning.org) if you are interested in finding out more about the role of a school governor or would like to get involved in some capacity. We would be happy to meet and talk informally about what the role entails.

KS1 Visit to Mountfitchet Castle



Last Friday, the children Beech, Pine and Hazel Classes went on a trip to Mountfitchet Castle. In spite of some extremely wet weather, the children's behaviour was exemplary and they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore a motte and bailey castle. A huge thank you to all the amazing parent and carer volunteers who braved the weather and stayed overwhelmingly positive during the visit in spite of being very wet by the end of it!

World Water Day



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our World Water Day fundraiser this week - we managed to raise an impressive £280.00 for Toilet Twinning!

Nursery Places - September 2023



Do you have a child who will be three in September 2023?

We currently have some spaces available in our wonderful Nursery Class, Acorns, for September 2023. We are able to offer provision from 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday with the children in Nursery also able to access our wraparound care at the start and end of the day. We accept 30 hour funded childcare places as well as universal 15 hour provision and can offer a mixture of whole days, mornings and afternoons. The children at Acorns have access to a superb Early Years provision which helps develop their independence and learning to prepare them for the transition into school. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office on 01223 811235.

Class Photos - 31 March 2023



A reminder that the photographer will be in school on Friday 31 March to take class photos.

Y3/4 Production



We are really looking forward to the Y3/4 production of 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan' by Craig Hawes which they will be performing to parents and carers on Tuesday next week. The children have been working incredibly hard practicing over the last couple of weeks and we can't wait to enjoy the show!

Y5/6 visit to Wellcome Genome Campus



Year 5/6 are now fully immersed in their Science topic looking at Evolution and Inheritance. Through the topic they have been learning about: inherited characteristics, Charles Darwin and The Theory of Evolution and The Tree of Life. To further enrich this topic, we have arranged a visit to support their understanding further to the Wellcome Genome Campus at Hinxton.

The Genome Campus has a dedicated engagement team who welcome visits from schools to learn about first hand Science on the campus. The Y5/6 children will visit the laboratories and meet real Scientists! During the visit, they will be focussing on:

- 'Living Things and The Tree of Life'
- 'Me and My DNA'

It promises to be a super trip and we look forward to hearing all about it on their return!

Y3/4 Spring Music Festival



We are very fortunate to be able to offer a music day for the whole of year 3 and 4 on Thursday 30th March, at West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge. The day is being jointly organised by music leaders in schools in Anglian Learning Trust, and should provide a memorable event for children to enjoy. Coaches will transfer the children to this marvellous music venue in the morning, and they will spend the morning joining in with several activities, with a performance to each other in the afternoon.

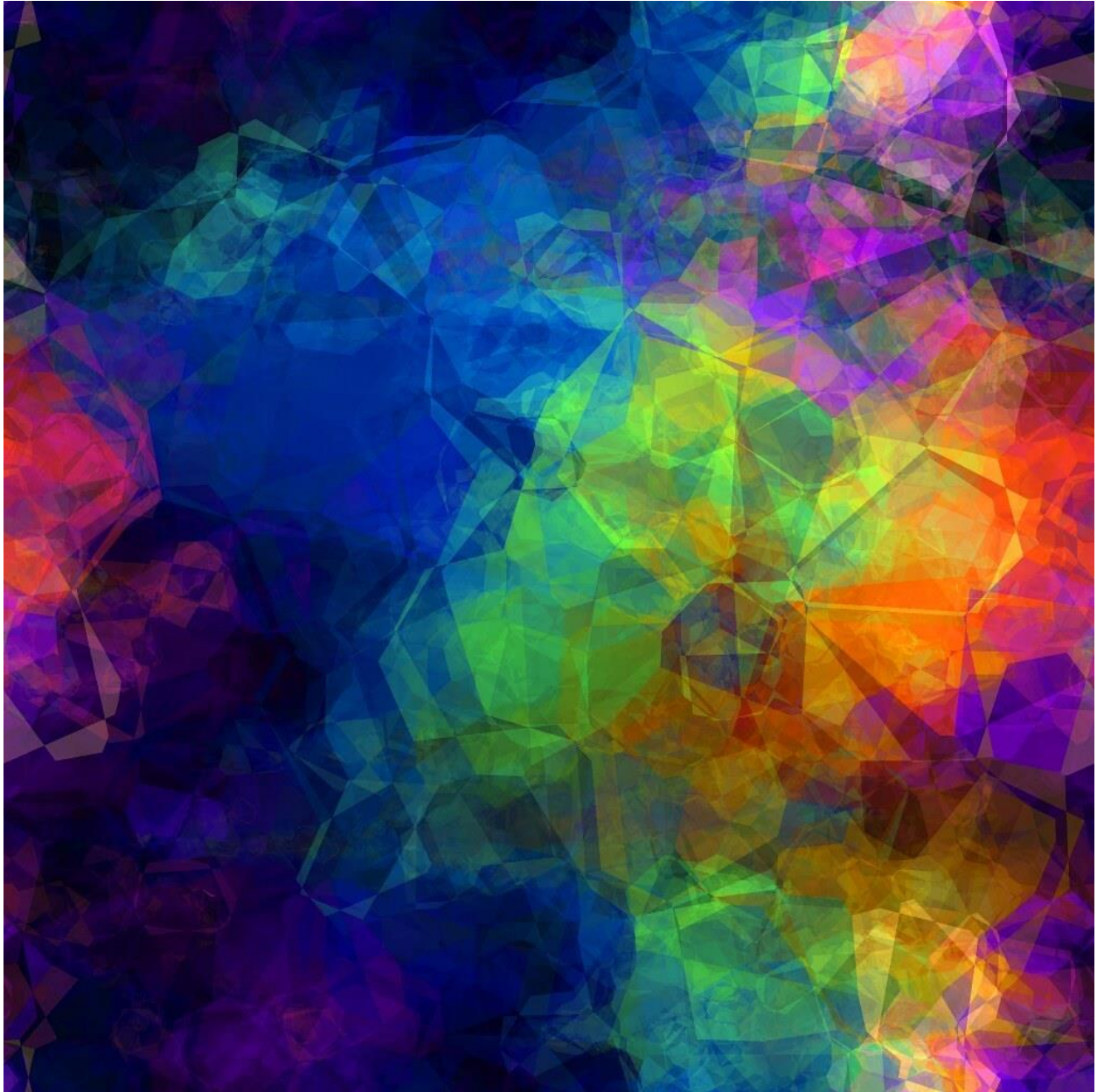
Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

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.



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.

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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