



Bottisham CPS Newsletter 03.11.23





1 - Headteacher Update

Dear All

On behalf of all the staff can I welcome you all back after the break. Can I also take this opportunity to welcome any new parents/carers to the school following a recent influx of many new pupils joining our school. I hope you and your children have enjoyed some of the Halloween festivities this week. I started the week with an assembly explaining some of the history of the origins of Halloween going back to Celtic times and the Samhain festival and why the wearing of masks and lanterns started. Perhaps you could discuss this with your child to see what they can remember.

It has come to my attention that a lot of KS1 pupils are unable to use a knife and fork well enough yet. Staff will always support these pupils in the dining hall but could I ask, if you know your child is not proficient yet cutting up their food, can you provide them with plenty of opportunities at home for them to practise please.

While I am talking about lunchtime, can I also remind parents/carers that school meals need to be ordered in advance, and I think this has caught a lot of you out with the half term break. This will mean that you will need to take a moment during the Christmas break to order your child a school meal. The pre-ordering of meals is having a major impact on reducing food waste and we really appreciate your support with this.

The behaviour and kindness of the pupils, in particular in Years 5 and 6 while they eat their dinner, was very evident this week, so a big shout out to all of them.

Can I once again kindly remind everyone about parking with consideration of others especially at the current time with some road works taking place at the front of the school.

I hope you enjoy the fireworks this weekend and everyone stays safe.

Mr Askew



At the start of this half term, Acorn Class are learning about different Festivals, Customs and Celebrations. So far we have been investigating pumpkins, making our own pumpkin and bonfire

night pictures and talking about firework safety. In the coming weeks we will be celebrating Diwali by making Diya Lamps and Rangoli pictures and starting to create our Christmas hoop decoration for the school hall.

Mrs Claydon



2 - It was popcorn and a movie for Sycamore Class on the last afternoon before half-term as they earned their first marble treat of the year. Very well done, Sycamore - on to next one!

All classes are filling up their marble jar by demonstrating the school values and displaying positive learning behaviours.

Anti Bullying Week - 13th November





3 - On Monday we are encouraging pupils and staff to wear odd socks for the day.

What is Odd Socks day?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will be taking place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week up and down the country and will help raise a greater awareness of bullying.



4 - Children In need will be taking place on Friday 17th November. We are suggesting that children can dress for school in spots or stripes on this day. There will be a voluntary donation on the day for this event to raise some money for this wonderful cause.



5 - Please see below for the upcoming events organised by school and the PTA. We will be providing more detail for certain events nearer the time but in the meantime we felt it would be useful to have the dates for your diary.

Autumn 2023 Important Dates and Events	
When	Event
13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week Pupils and staff to wear odd socks on the Monday
17.11.23	Children in Need Day Pupils can wear spots or stripes on this day – Voluntary donations will be collected on this day
27.11.23	PTA event Wreath-making evening 6:45 (Tickets required) Adults only event
01.12.23	PTA Christmas Fair (4:00 pm to 6:00 pm)
04.12.23	Flu vaccinations taking place for Reception to Year 6 pupils
05.12.23	History off the Page. Life in Ancient Egypt – Years 3/4
06.12.23	PTA event Wreath-making evening 6:45 (Tickets required) Adults only event
07.12.23	Christmas jumper day - £1 donation for Save the Children
11.12.23	KS1 Nativity performance – 2:15 pm Parents invited
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12.12.23	KS2 Carol Concert – Trinity Church – Details TBC about whether it will just be KS2 parents only...
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13.12.23	Christmas Dinner
14.12.23	PTA Christmas Elfridges – In school event
14.12.23	Early Years Sing Along – morning event (time tbc) - parents invited to come
19.12.23	Rocksteady Music Concert - morning performance (time tbc) Parents of band members invited
19.12.23	Christmas Sing Along Assembly – In school event
19.12.23	Last day of term