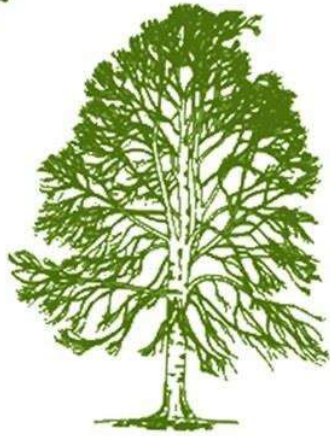


BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



# **Bottisham Community Primary School**

## **News 15.09.23**



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

Friday 15th September 2023

## Headteacher Update



Dear All,

Can I start by passing on my thanks to the whole school community for their warm welcome, this has also been reflected with the lovely weather since we returned to school.

A new academic year brings many opportunities for everyone, with children and staff refreshed and ready for a positive year ahead for all. We had a successful training day and we have identified some new priorities for this year that we are going to strive to further improve the outcomes and experiences for the pupils. Along with myself starting, I would also like to introduce Mr Donaghy, who is the new caretaker and Mrs Keith (Willow Class) who has worked at the school briefly before .

I shared my views with staff during our training day on what I believe creates a successful and happy school, and the staff reassured me that these core principles are also the 'Bottisham way'. My overarching view is that we should all be striving to be the best that we can be. This is for the pupils and our staff team.

The pupils are working very hard in class and demonstrating our school values with staff promoting them as we begin another school year. I recognise that you are probably familiar with the Bottisham core values, but if I could take a moment to remind you, and kindly encourage you all to promote these with your child, that will be very much appreciated.

- **Welcoming people to feel safe and secure**
- **Working with other people**
- **Look after our environment**
- **Respect each other and property**
- **Enjoy learning and new challenges**

You may know that the school office was reduced by one staff member at the end of the last academic year, and it is my intention to recruit someone new to the team, but this process will take a little while. If you know of someone with school or HR experience, perhaps you can encourage them to come and talk to me, and look out for an advert coming out in the near future.

Unfortunately Miss Sanders is also going to be absent for a little period of time, meaning Mrs Keech will often be on her own in the school office, occasionally supported by Mrs Clowes. Therefore can I ask that you are aware of the current office capacity and your queries might take a little longer than usual.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with me if you see me at drop off and pick up times.

Kind regards

Mr Mark Askew

## PTA Events

### 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

## Autumn Term Clubs

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00-8.45	Gymnastics- Premier Sports Year R to Year 6		Target and Team Games Year 1 to Year 6	Dance and Drama- Premier Year R to Year 6	
15.30-16.30	Junior Golf Year 1 to Year 6	Tag Rugby Year 5/6	Netball KS2	KS1 Football Club	

We are pleased to share with you the extra-curricular sports clubs that will be on offer in the Autumn term.

**Gymnastics**-a range of gymnastics skills performed as individuals, in partners and in groups on mats, apparatus and wall bars

**Target and Team games**- activities meant to develop team work skills; some of the games include laser tag, archery, new age curling, dodgeball and boccia. All games are inclusive and suitable for children of all ages to play together

**Dance and Drama**- workshops and activities designed to help your child develop their inner performing artist

**Junior Golf**- an adaptation of the well-known game of golf; children will take part in activities to develop hand-eye coordination, learn the scoring system in golf, practise shots and aim at set targets

**Tag-rugby**- an adaptation of the game of rugby, designed to be non-contact, the game focuses on passing and catching techniques, running with a ball, strategies, and tactics when playing against another team

**Netball**- specifically designed for the under 11s to introduce them to netball. We've put the emphasis on getting kids to pick up key skills and experiences through flexible, fun play that inclusion

**Football**- a game that needs no introduction!

The clubs are delivered by Mr Green or in partnership with Premier Sports. We would like to ask for a contribution towards the cost of the clubs – this will be £26.00 for the term.

The cost of the club is subsidised using our Sports Premium Funding and we hope that this will enable every child to make a choice based on their personal interest and that the cost will not prevent anyone from attending. If you are receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Credit, please speak to the school as we can offer free and supported places.

## Y5/6 visit to Ely

On Thursday, year 5 and 6 visited Ely Cathedral as part of their English learning. They explored parts of the Cathedral that relate to the book by Marcus Sedgwick- Foodland. The main character, Zoe,

escapes by boat to 'Eels Island' (Ely Cathedral) and encounters adventures along the way. The children worked hard to print their own scenes from the book, navigate their way by compass around the cathedral and of course enjoy their packed lunch in the September sunshine! A big thank you to the parent helpers who came to help us on the day.





## 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.

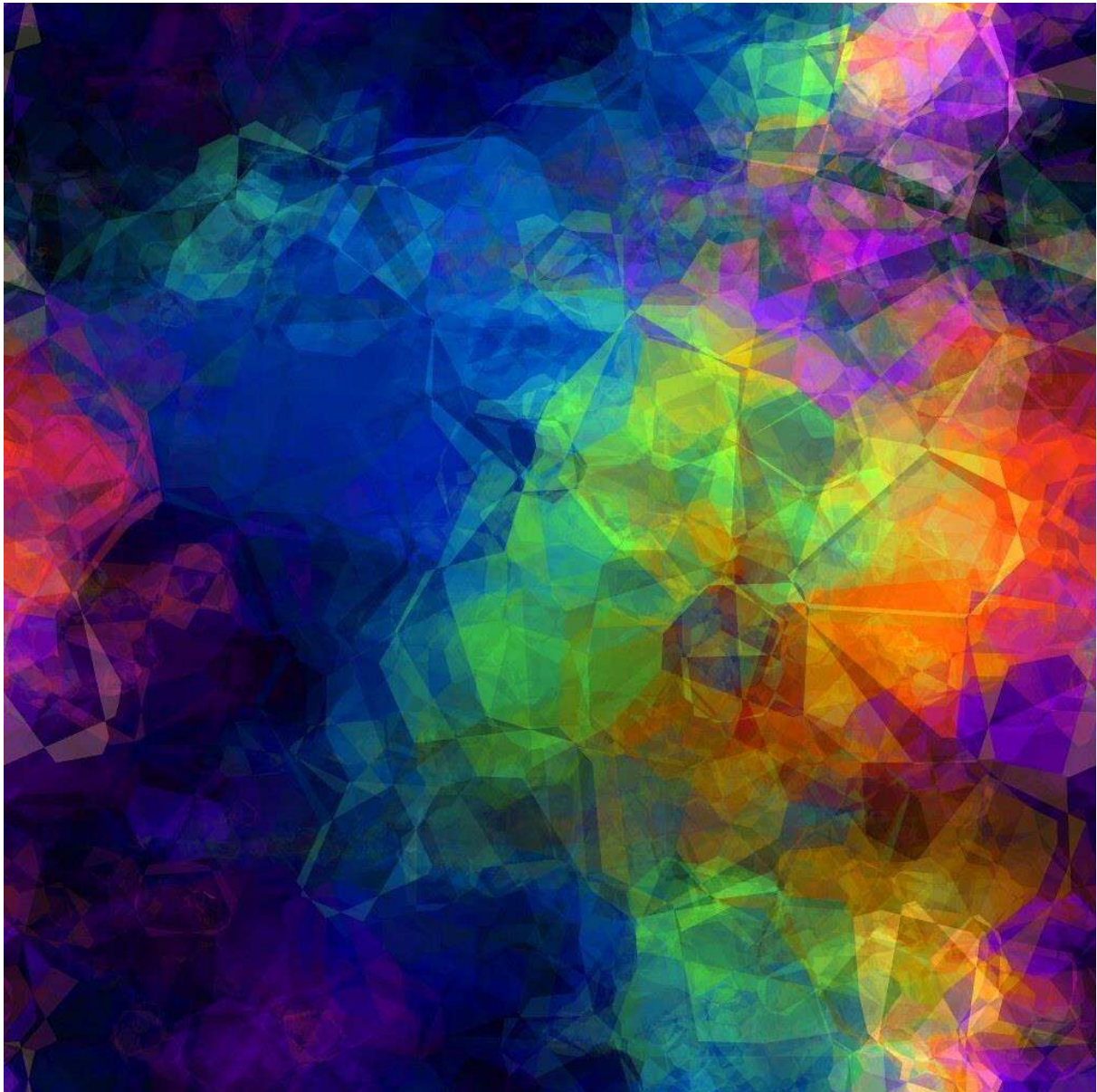


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*If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on [safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org](mailto:safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org).*

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## Term Dates 2023-24



### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Friday 1 September Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 4 September School opens for pupils

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October Half term

Tuesday 19 December Last day of term for pupils

Wednesday 20 December Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

### **SPRING TERM 2024**

Thursday 4 January Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 5 January School opens for pupils

Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February Half term

Monday 26 February Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 28 March Last day of term

### **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Monday 15 April School opens for pupils

Monday 6 May May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May Half term

Friday 19 July Last day of term for pupils

Monday 22 July Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

## Contact Us



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

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