



Bottisham CPS Newsletter 15.12.23





1 - Headteacher Update

Dear All

This will be the final newsletter of 2023. It was a pleasure to see how well the pupils performed this week and how much pride and joy was felt by everyone. I wanted to take this moment to thank the Early Years team for preparing the nursery and reception classes who sang many songs to a packed school hall. In addition, thanks also to the Key Stage One team have been helping Years 1 and 2 with their Nativity rehearsals for the last 6 weeks. Finally, well done to Mrs McMahon for coordinating the Key Stage Two Carol concert in the church on Tuesday.

I also really enjoyed the PTA's Christmas fair and Elfridges event which has once again helped to raise some much needed funds to support our community. Thank you.

We will be finishing next Tuesday with a whole school Christmas Sing along assembly, and pupils will be returning to school on Friday 5th January 2024.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Jones next week who has been covering Mrs Sands maternity leave in Sycamore Class, and is moving to take up a permanent post in another school. Mrs Salters will now be teaching for the majority of the week in Sycamore with Mrs Rayment kindly doing some additional teaching too. We wish Mrs Jones all the best for the future.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your support this term.

I would like to finish by wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Kind regards

Mr Askew



2 - Flute group performing at the Carol service

Elm Class Reading Club



Elm class have been running a weekly Reading Club with parents, and for their last one of the term they held a little party with cakes being enjoyed by all. There was a brilliant turnout from parents helping us to promote and support our young people with their love of reading.

New Clubs in the Spring Term

Booking for the new clubs will go live on 20th December, and this can be done through My Child at School site.

Hazel Class Owl Pellet Investigations

The pupils in Hazel Class had a memorable experience investigating real owl pellets, finding out what owls diets consist of...



The Parent Survey has now been closed and we would like to thank you for completing this. We will be reviewing the responses to help us become even better in the new year.





New mental health text line - HEAR 85258

A new mental health free text messaging support service has launched in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to help those who are struggling to cope.

Launched by NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and in partnership with the national service SHOUT¹, the free to use text service HEAR 85258 provides real-time support to people of all ages who are struggling with their mental health.

When texting the word HEAR to 85258, the person will be connected to a trained volunteer who will take them from a place of crisis to a place of calm. During the confidential and anonymous conversation, the texter will be supported and signposted to local and national mental health services.

Texting HEAR to 85258 is free, discreet and runs 24/7. It won't appear on any bills and requires no app, data, password, or registration. It is available for anybody who lives, works, or studies in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

For more information about what mental health services are available in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, visit www.keep-your-head.com².

If you feel your or somebody's life is at risk due to their mental health, dial 111 and listen for the option for the mental health crisis team.

¹<https://giveusashout.org/>

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