



Bottisham CPS Newsletter 17.11.23





1 - Headteacher Update

Dear All

We are about to enter the festive season, which is always a busy time of the school year, but it is also a great opportunity for children and parents/carers to hopefully make some happy memories that will be cherished. Rehearsals have begun for the KS1 Nativity play, and the after-school choir are continuing to sing festive tunes. The PTA have planned many events yet again this year to not only raise money, but to bring us together as a community. I met with their chair of the PTA last week as they firm up their plans for this term's events and I hope you can join us and support them with your attendance. All the dates are in the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Last Friday we marked the upcoming armistice day during our whole school assembly. Florence, from Birch class, began our moments reflection by reading out a poem that she had written, which was then followed by the whole community standing in silence while listening to the last post. The children's behaviour and respect during this moment of silence was impeccable.

At the beginning of this week Mrs Childs launched Anti-Bullying week with the focus on making noise to stand up to bullying behaviours and emphasising the importance of everyone respecting individual characteristics. Thank you for encouraging your child to wear odd socks on that day and for supporting with Children in Need. At the time of writing this you have raised £290, so a big thank you.

You may have noticed that there is a Parents' survey going live next week and I would appreciate if you could take a moment to complete this to help us know where we are getting things right and where we need to develop further.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Askew

Parent and Carer Engagement Survey



The survey link will be sent to you via email and will be open for you to respond from **Monday 20 November** until **8 December 2023**.

It is important to us to have feedback on your child's education and your experience as parents.



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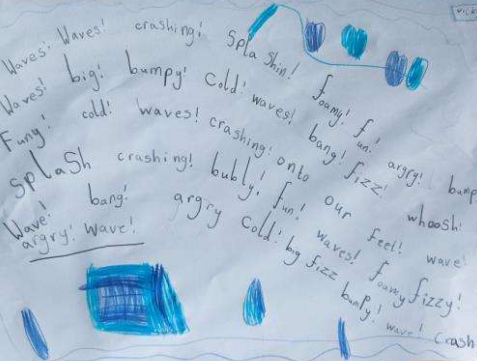
ANGLIAN LEARNING

2 - This will go live next week and we will share the link with you all.

Seaside Shape Poems

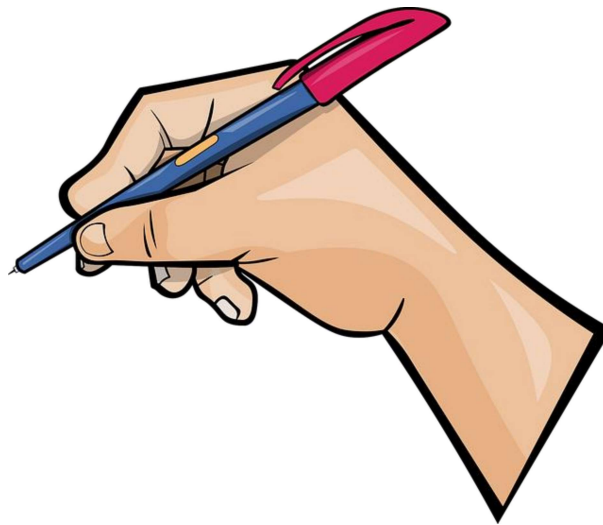


Waves! Waves! crashing! splash!
 Waves! big! bumpy! cold! waves! foamy! fun! angry! bumpy
 Fun! cold! waves! crashing! bang! fizz!
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 Waves! bang! angry! cold! by fizz! wave! crashing!
 angry! wave!



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3 - Every week in assembly Mrs Walker presents a star writer of the week. This could be anyone in the school and if your child receives a star writer certificate, parents and carers are very welcome to come into school to see their child's piece of writing on display.

Eco Council News Update



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Our new Eco Council for 2023/4 have made a fantastic start to the new year. We've completed our annual planting of bee and butterfly friendly bulbs for next spring and have replanted the planters at the entrance to the school.

Pre-Loved Uniform and Christmas Jumper Shop

Did you know?

- ***Textile production contributes more to climate change than international aviation and shipping combined.***
- ***Extending the life of clothes by just 9 months of active use would reduce carbon, water and waste footprints by 20-30% each.***
- ***In the UK, we buy more clothes per person than any other country in Europe.***

In 2022/3, Eco Council re-sold 53 items of pre-loved uniform and unnamed lost property and took a further 63 items to the textile recycling bank.

We will next be running our pre-loved uniform shop at the PTA Winter Fair on Friday 1st December to help both the environment and people's wallets.

Eco Council are also inviting you to donate any **unmarked and clean children's Christmas jumpers** that may no longer fit your child to sell at this event, in preparation for Christmas Jumper Day 2023. Please pass any donations of Christmas jumpers to Miss Cridland or drop off at the school office by Monday 27th November. Please note that due to storage constraints, we cannot accept any donations of school uniform at this time.

Each item of clothing on sale will cost just 50p or the equivalent fair token.

Thanks to the PTA and to you in advance for your support. With the money raised last year, we were able to fund the BPS sunflower growing competition, buy a number of resources to support the establishment of our community orchard, as well as new plants and bird brooders for the courtyard and a new hedgehog house and planting for the wildlife area.



Can we politely remind parents and carers about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. We have noticed that some children are currently not. We do have some spare jumpers if you need one. Parents now have a choice of purchasing uniform with or without logos in order to keep the price down. If a child has had their ears pierced they must wear a simple stud only as this is for their health and safety. Please speak to us if you need some help with anything to do with uniform.

OUR UNIFORM IS:

Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo) with either

- Red or white polo shirt (with or without school logo) and
- Black or charcoal grey trousers, shorts, pinafore dress, skirt or culottes

Or

- Red and white checked dress

FOOTWEAR:

- A pair of hard-soled indoor shoes (no slippers – black plimsolls or Croc-style shoes are ideal)
- A sensible and hard-wearing pair of outdoor shoes; no flip-flops, open-toed sandals or beach-style footwear.

OUR PE KIT IS:

- White t-shirt
- Black or navy shorts
- Black or navy jogging trousers
- Trainers or plimsolls

Uniform can be purchased from a range of well-known retail outlets, including supermarkets. Items with the school logo can be purchased from our supplier.

Please click¹ for the link to our school uniform supplier, Price Buckland

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 SHOUT², 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.com³.

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.



4 - We are asking children to bring in a voluntary donation of £1 on Thursday 7th December, and wear a Christmas jumper. Remember, you don't need to necessarily buy a brand new jumper for this event as children could decorate an old jumper instead.

¹<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/bottisham>

²<https://giveusashout.org/>

³<http://www.keep-your-head.com/>

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