



Bottisham CPS Newsletter 02.02.24



1 - Chinese New Year is on February 10th, and this year it is the year of the dragon.



2 - Headteacher Update

Dear All

I feel incredibly privileged, following the headteacher interview process, to have been successful in securing this wonderful job permanently. I will endeavour to carry on the great work by my predecessor, and all of the staff attached to the school, and continue to ensure that Bottisham Community Primary School is the best that it can be...

Next week will see our Year 4's attend Burwell House, and I know they are going to have a brilliant time.

During our weekly staff meeting this week we have been considering what existing wider experiences we provide for pupils as they progress through our school. We have also been reflecting which of these are essential and what other experiences and opportunities we could provide for them. We are very conscious as to how we can ensure that all of our pupils can access all of their learning, have the vocabulary to discuss things with their peers and ultimately enrich the pupils lives. We have been reflecting on how digital technology can have a positive impact on our young people, but there is also no substitute for visiting a library, museum, theatre or simply going on a sensory walk in the countryside or learning how to travel independently on the bus or train.

This week has also been National Story Telling week, and a reminder to us all about how much pleasure there is in sharing a book, or a story with someone else. My highlight this week was reading a couple of stories to the whole school during our assembly on Monday. One of the reasons why the reading outcomes at Bottisham are so positive is down to your support by continuing to encourage your child to read regularly. By asking your child about what they have just read and asking a few probing questions can also support their comprehension skills also. Happy reading everyone!

The Six Nations rugby starts this weekend and I am always struck by the sportsmanship and respect that is shown on a rugby field and something that I believe we should promote in school also.

Can I take this opportunity to promote a live jazz music concert taking place on Friday 1st March at 7.30 pm. Details later in this newsletter

Kind regards

Mr Askew

Number
Day 2024



On Friday 2nd February, Bottisham Community Primary enjoyed participating in Number Day. We started the day with a whole school assembly with pupils and staff looking super in their numbered clothing. Some children had gone to a huge effort to cover themselves in numbers!

The heaviest potato competition went down a storm! So many potatoes of different shapes and sizes – thank you for your participation. The winning potatoes were provided by Oliver (Elm) and William (Pine). We also loved seeing the Maths Eyes pictures that you had provided from home – Maths really is everywhere!

We carried out number walks about the school and each year was set a Maths challenge to complete, set by a member of staff before completing paired Maths games and challenges.

What a great day had by all and £424 was raised for the NSPCC. Thank you!

Mrs Rayment

Hazel Class Symmetrical Pictures



Hazel class have been having fun creating symmetrical pictures using 2D shapes!

Can you see the rocket and the robot?

Children's Mental Health Week, 5-11th February 2024

Next week in school, we will be participating in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters' and we will be discussing the right of children to have their views heard and respected (Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child). As part of this year's theme, we will be exploring the different ways that children can be empowered to express themselves. We will be launching free-writing journals in school and regular, voluntary emotional check-ins in class. We will also be sharing stories of young people who have used their voice for change across the week.

Further information and resources for families, parents and carers can be found at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



LINTON JAZZ
Friday 1st March
7:30pm
Bottisham Community Primary School
Licensed bar **Tickets £10**

 **Raising funds
for
additional
school resources** 

3 - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bottisham-community-primary-school/linton-jazz-evening/2024-03-01/19:30/t-dvxlngy>

School Attendance

Like all schools, excellent attendance and pupils being on time for registration is of the upmost importance. We have an Attendance Policy which is based on a supportive approach and desire to work in partnership with you to improve attendance and promptness. These procedures are statutory, and we have a duty of care to inform you if your child is missing school.

We must write to you using a standard Cambridgeshire LA letter, and the content of this letter might feel very formal. If you receive a letter, please work with us to improve your child's attendance. We do recognise that there are sometimes genuine reasons for absence. If there are things school can do to support you with your child's attendance please get in touch with us.

If attendance does not improve following a letter, the next step is for us to invite you to a meeting at school to set a supportive plan.

If sadly, things still don't improve, we must then invite representatives from the LA to support you with school attendance.

In addition to attendance letters, we will also be issuing letters about children who are often late for the beginning of the school day. Any lateness disrupts the learning of children and impacts on the teacher who needs to repeat things. Thank you for your support with this.



4 - Anglian Learning have recently created a new Parent/Carer Visitor Code of Conduct Policy [Parents – Bottisham Primary Community School](#)

The vast majority of parents and visitors at Bottisham always behave respectfully and act as great role models for their children. This policy aims to ensure we continue to work in a positive partnership together.

Upcoming Events

Please note, it is just Year 4 pupils who attend Burwell House (apologies for this error)

Dates	Events
23.01.24	Maple Class Assembly – 2:45
25.01.24	PTA Film Night - TBC
02.02.24	NSPCC Number Day
05.02.24	Mental Health Awareness Week
06.02.24	National Child Measurement Programme – Reception and Year 6 pupils
08.02.24 and 09.02.24	Year 3 and 4 Residential visit to Burwell House
16.02.24	Last Day of Term
19.02.24 to 23.02.24	Half Term Break
26.02.24	No School – Teacher Training Day
01.03.24	Live Jazz Music Evening 7:00 pm (Adults only)
04.03.24	Parents’ Evening (not Birch)
07.03.24	Parents’ Evening
08.03.24	World Book Day (Friday)
14.03.24	Parents’ Evening (Birch only)
13.03.24 to 15.03.24	Year 6 Grafham Water residential visit
26.03.24	Rock Steady Concert – 09:00 to 10:00
28.03.24	Class Photographs and Leavers Photographs
28.03.24	Last Day of Term

We take the Safeguarding of the pupils at Bottisham Community Primary School as our utmost priority. If you have any worries about a young person, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to a member of our designated safeguarding team. Alternatively you can email head@bottishamprimary.org