



Bottisham CPS Newsletter 19.01.24





1 - Headteacher Update

Dear All

Can I start by wishing you all a happy new year for 2024.

The pupils appear to be very pleased about coming back to school and it has been a very positive start to the term. Hopefully your child is now familiar with any staffing alterations that have taken place since last term. We will shortly be welcoming Mrs Bramley back to the school, who will mainly be teaching on Fridays but also providing some cover when there is a need.

We are going to continue to try to use the school field as much as we can, but there will be some days that it will be too wet. The pupils have been informed that there may be some days that they will not be allowed to play football also. They have also been reminded to not dive around or use slide tackles, so hopefully their trousers won't be quite as muddy. If your child likes their football, can you please remind them to stay on their feet. We also recently reminded pupils about our indoor and outdoor shoe protocols, and you can help us with this by ensuring they have appropriate indoor shoes in school. The best indoor shoes have a proper sole that is waterproof, as there are times they might need to evacuate the school building or move to an outdoor classroom.

Hopefully, you all saw the curriculum topic webs for the term. As always, talking an active interest with your child's learning is very much appreciated, and will support your child to embed their understanding. Having conversations with your child or taking opportunities, when they arise, to enhance any learning that has taken place this term or last term really can make a difference.

There is a lot to look forward to this spring term including some of our year groups experiencing their residential trips to Burwell House or Grafham Water Centre. If you haven't yet completed payments for these visits, please ensure any outstanding monies are paid thank you.

On Friday 1st March at 7.30 pm. there will be a live music concert in school by Linton Jazz, to raise funds for the school. Tickets will be come available from February 1st. This event is for adults only with a licensed bar and we are sure will be a lovely evening.

Kind regards

Mr Askew

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of countywide online workshops. We welcome any parent/carer with a child/ren in primary schools.



Arguing Better- Session 1 Tuesday 30th January 2024 (12:00 -13:30)

Session 2 Tuesday 13th February 2024 (12:00 -13:30) (Parents need to attend both sessions)

What is 'Arguing better'?

Arguing better is an online workshop designed to help parents manage their stress and communicate with one another in ways that are helpful to their relationship and their children.

'Arguing better' aims to:

- Raise awareness of impact of stress on relationships and parental conflict on children.
- Increase parents' capacity to cope with stress.
- Support parents to develop positive communication strategies to deal with conflict.

The workshop combines evidence-based information, activities, animations, and video clips specifically designed for this audience. Arguing better works best when both parents do it together. It is divided into three sections, delivered over 2 sessions, so it is essential that both sessions are attended.

1. Understanding stress

This section helps parents understand **how** stress affects them and their relationship. It helps parents to identify **sources of stress**.

2. Coping with stress together

This section helps parents to learn **ways of coping** with stress together and supporting each other.

3. Arguing better

Arguments can be constructive (helpful) or destructive (harmful). This section helps parents think about how their arguments start, and how they get out of hand. Most importantly, it will give them the skills to resolve arguments in more constructive ways.

To book a place on the workshops, please use the link or the QR code
<https://forms.office.com/e/4tCXXqv3PC>



For more information speak to your school office or contact us directly on:
earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

NUMB3R D4Y

Coming up on Friday 2nd February, the school will be celebrating Number Day to raise awareness of the great work done by the NSPCC. This will be a non uniform day with children encouraged to wear clothing with numbers on, or if they don't possess anything, they could be creative with any ideas linked to numbers. Mrs Rayment has also set a challenge for pupils to use their maths eyes and to take a photograph of maths in their community.

Like all schools, excellent attendance and pupils being on time for registration is of the utmost 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. This means we will shortly be contacting some of you with a letter to highlight to you if your child's attendance has fallen to a level which is causing some concern. If there are things school can do to support you with your child's attendance please get in touch with us. In addition, we will also be issuing letters to some parents about their child being 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.



2 - 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.

Acorn Class





The cold weather may not be for everyone, but for children, whatever their age, it provides a wealth of wonderful learning opportunities.

In Acorn Class the children enjoyed exploring the ice and the frost and wondering...

Why is the ground white and hard?

Why has the water in our pots frozen?

I wonder why the ice is cold?

I wonder why the ice makes my hands wet?

The children have been problem solving by thinking of and testing out their own ideas for how to make the ice melt and how to free the pinecones! We have then discussed ways to recreate the ice and created our own frozen kingdoms.

These activities ignite children's imagination, increase their vocabulary and provide them with a broader understanding of change in their environment.

Why not join in the fun and enjoy some ice play at home.

Mrs Claydon

Upcoming Events

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