



Bottisham CPS Newsletter 10.05.24



1 - Headteacher Update

Dear All

I would like to focus on just two things this week. Firstly, I wanted to wish all of our **Year 6** pupils the very best of luck next week with their KS2 SATs. We are all incredibly proud of their achievements

and hard work, not only this year, but throughout their school journey. We all know that these tests don't define them as pupils. They simply measure only a small part of a young person. Every child is talented in many other ways than simply doing well in an academic test. As long as pupils have given their best, no one can ask for any more.

I hope these pupils have a restful weekend, and we will all be ready to greet them on Monday morning and help them navigate the week. A reminder that there will be a daily Year 6 SATs breakfast at 8:30.

My other focus is on E-Safety. There has been an increase in the number of children across the nation who are using smartphones. You may have heard the recent news about this, but if you didn't, here is part of a recent BBC News story:

Nearly a quarter of UK five-to-seven-year-olds now have their own smartphone, Ofcom research suggests.

Social media use also rose in the age group over last year with nearly two in five using messaging service WhatsApp, despite its minimum age of 13.

The communications regulator warned parental enforcement of rules "appeared to be diminishing."

It also said the figures should be a "wake up call" for the industry to do more to protect children.

In its annual study of children's relationship with the media and online worlds, Ofcom said the percentage of children aged between five and seven who used messaging services had risen from 59% to 65%.

The number on social media went up from 30% to 38%, while for livestreams it increased from 39% to 50%. Just over 40% are reported to be gaming online - up from 34% the year before.

My own personal view is that the government should have much stronger laws to protect children by restricting what they can access. Perhaps, specific phones for children that has limited access? I believe this would support parents far better to protect their children. As a parent myself, I have experienced how difficult it is to monitor my children's online activity all of the time, as well as manage the demands of peer pressures and young people's expectations of accessing the digital world.

Lots of children now communicate through gaming apps, which if used well, can be fun and support children to connect with their friends. There are also many other social apps, like WhatsApp, that are sometimes being used by young people, but parents need to be aware that the age restriction for this app is 13+. Can I encourage you all to be aware of how your child is engaging with the digital world. We have significantly increased our E-Safety lessons at Bottisham Primary, by delivering them weekly in class. We are committed to safeguarding our pupils, and we look forward to working in partnership with you on this moving forwards.

We have a few useful links on our school website about E-Safety, and we are committed to sharing more advice and guidance to help everyone safely navigate this world. I would encourage you all to take a moment to reflect on your child's access and how you will try to keep them safe.

I hope this update from me at least starts a conversation...

Kind regards

Mr Askew



We recognise that some pupils, who travel independently to school, bring a phone with them. These children know the expectations about handing in their phones to their teacher for safe keeping when they enter the classroom. Pupils generally follow this expectation very well, but we would also like pupils from next week to turn off their phone when they arrive at the gate, as well as keeping them switched off and out of sight until they leave the school site. We recognise that there might be occasions where a pupil uses the school grounds immediately after school, and as a parent you may need to contact them. In this case, if pupils can switch them on, but keep them out of sight that would be appreciated. Thank you for your support with this.



With the Men's Euro football championships this summer, we have been supported by Premier Education to get everyone ready for this event by raising some money. The pupils loved having the opportunity to see how fast they could kick the ball into the inflatable goal. Last week the younger pupils had the opportunity to go first, but due to the inclement weather this was forced indoors.

Today, KS2 pupils enjoyed the sunshine and were given their opportunity to challenge themselves with their shooting power.

Thank you, for supporting us with this event. Once we know the final total of funds raised we will share this with you, and also how we will use this money.



2 - Compost Appeal

COMPOST APPEAL!

Dear parents,

KS1 have created an allotment in school where we are growing vegetables but we have run out of compost! If you have any compost at home you are happy to donate to this project, please could you drop it outside the front office.

Thank you everyone,

The KS1 Team





On Thursday, **Hazel class** had their first video link up with a real farmer through Farmer Time. We chatted to Olivia Achurch who runs a mixed farm in Rutland. She showed us around her farm and told us all about her life as a farmer. We plan to join her with some more video link experiences this term.

Fun farmer fact!

Did you know cows have passports?

Birch Class Assembly

Mrs Child's would like to inform the parents/carers from her class that Birch Class will be held on 13th June at 2:45 pm

Summer Term Events

Bottisham Community Primary School Summer Term



Date	Event
1/5	Birch Library Visit
3/5	Reception and KS1 speed kick sponsored challenge event
8/5	Cedar library visit
10/5	KS2 speed kick sponsored challenge event
13/5 to 16/5	KS2 Sats week, starting with breakfast
13/5	Dental check for 5-year-olds
15/5	Oak library visit
16/5	Picnic in the park themed lunch
22/5	Years 1 and 2 educational visit to Wimpole Park
24/5	Hazel class assembly
27/5 to 31/5	Half Term
3/6	PTA Fathers' Day gift event
12/6	Elm library visit
14/6	Oak class educational visit to South Angle Farm
19/6	Willow library visit
19/6	Sycamore class assembly
20/6	Pine class assembly
25/6	Music concert 6:00pm
26/6	Beech library visit
27/6	Flute Concert 6:00pm
28/6	Science Day
1/7 & 2/7	Year 6 BVC Transition visit and new class transitions
3/7	Hazel library visit
5/7	Year 4 bikeability
5/7	PTA Summer Fair
9/7	KS1 Sports Day
9/7	Year 5/6 Production
10/7	Pine library visit
12/7	KS2 Sports Day
12/7	Annual school reports
16/7	Rocksteady concert
17/7	PTA Discos including Year 6 leavers BBQ
19/7	Leavers assembly

We take the Safeguarding of the pupils at Bottisham Community Primary School as our upmost 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.org¹

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