



Bottisham CPS Newsletter 26.06.24



1 - Headteacher Update

Dear All

I wanted to start by thanking the person(s) who kindly left the thank you chalk messages around the school. I know how much of a boost this was for everyone on that day.

Sadly, I missed the music concert on Tuesday, but I have received feedback to say that it was a fantastic evening. Thank you to Mrs McMahon for once again organising this event, but also a big thank you to the music teachers, the support of parents, but most importantly, to the pupils who have been practicing hard and showed a lot of courage to perform in front of an audience.

There have been many class assemblies this term, and they have been really well attended by parents. Thank you for your support with these events, as I know how much preparation time goes into them.

There are still many more events to come. We have science day this Friday, followed by transition days for the pupils and Parents Information meetings at the beginning of next week. Next Friday is the wonderful PTA summer fair, and your support as always very much appreciated. As well as making some money for the school, it is also a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community. Let's hope the good weather sticks around for it. We also have sports day and the Year 5/6 production to look forward to...

I wanted to finish by letting you know that the money raised for the speed kick challenge has enabled us to purchase a flip chart and paper for every class to support the teaching and learning. We have also purchased six pop up gazebo's that can be used for all sorts of school events, including providing some shade for pupils during the sunny weather. We have also identified four local charities, and we are currently taking the opportunity to hold our own election experience for pupils, with the overall winner receiving approximately £400.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mr Askew

On Wednesday 5th June, we were lucky enough to take a group of 10 Year 6 children to participate in the Cambridge School Sport Partnership Quadkids Athletics competition. All athletes took part in a 75m sprint, vortex howler throw, standing long jump and 600m run.

We went on to finish in 2nd place overall out of the 8 schools that attended. The children competed brilliantly demonstrating great effort and attitudes throughout. Well done to Rachel, Iona and Alice also who also went on to achieve Silver standard in the UK Athletics standards for Quadrathlon - these are exceptional performances across the 4 disciplines.

Mr Green

Phonics and Multiplication Checks

As you will know, there are a lot of testing and assessment checks for pupils to experience in their journey through school.

Recently, the Year 4 pupils were required to take their multiplication checks. The aim for this is for all pupils to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. The results of these tests are not published, but are used by schools to track the progress made by pupils. Mrs Rayment said that the pupils approached the tests in a calm, positive manner and tried their best. There was also an increase in the number of pupils who scored 25/25 this year which is really positive.

In addition to these checks, Year 1 pupils, and any Year 2 pupils who did not meet the expected phonics check last year, have been tested on their phonics. We do not know the exact pass mark yet, but early indications are that Bottisham's results this year will be one of the highest in the country.

The outcomes of these tests are due to the dedication of staff, but also the partnership we have with you, so a big thank you.



As the hot weather has arrived, please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and sun hat. Can you also apply sun cream to your child before they leave for school in the morning.

We know our Year 6's are proud of their school hoodies, but we would like your support reminding them to take them off when it gets warm please.



2 - Steve Barclay, Environmental Secretary

We believe that writing for a purpose is important, and our Y3 and 4 pupils have written some persuasive letters to the environmental secretary, Steve Barclay about rainforest deforestation as part of their rainforest topic.





In Acorn Class the older children have been investigating wild animals and animal habitats and using their knowledge of letter sounds to create some super wild animal artwork.

We have also been learning about rhyme and used pictures to match rhyming words on our storyboard.

Can parents please remind their child that if they travel independently, and they have a smartphone, it should remain switched **off at all times** when they are on the school grounds. We take the **safeguarding of pupils extremely seriously**. As a school, we have very strict filters for all of our school devices, but we cannot monitor the access of pupil's individual devices. The safety of our pupils is of paramount importance, and recently, we have seen some pupils gathering around personal devices to view content that we have no control over.

Thank you for your support with this.

anxiety workshop

This workshop is aimed at **parents** and **carers** that would like to learn more about helping children with feelings of worry/anxiety.

At Bottisham primary School
Friday 12th July
14:00

Run by the Education Inclusion Family Advisor team.

To book a place on the workshop, please email the school office office@bottishamprimary.org¹ or drop in and ask to sign up.

¹<mailto:office@bottishamprimary.org>

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.org²

²<mailto:head@bottishamprimary.org>