

## Bottisham CPS Newsletter 19.07.24



### *1 - Headteacher Update*

Dear All

Where has this year gone!!!

I would like to start by thanking all of the pupils for bringing us so much joy this year. They work incredibly hard, and are making so much progress academically, but in many other important ways too. We are saying goodbye to our lovely Year 6 pupils, who have completed their journey with us and are now ready for their next chapter. We are so proud of their achievements and we wish them all of the best for the future.

I am sure you would also like to join me in thanking my staff team. I see how dedicated they are, wanting only the best for the children at Bottisham. The academic outcomes this year are really positive, and that is testimony to the professionalism and care by the staff and the support from parents and carers.

As we have already reported to you, we are saying goodbye to some staff. We had a lovely assembly this week to thank them for their services to the school, and we wished them well in their retirement or new school.

The PTA fundraising has been amazing again, and I am sure they will write to you soon sharing how these funds have supported us. Thank you to the PTA team, and to everyone that continues to support these events.

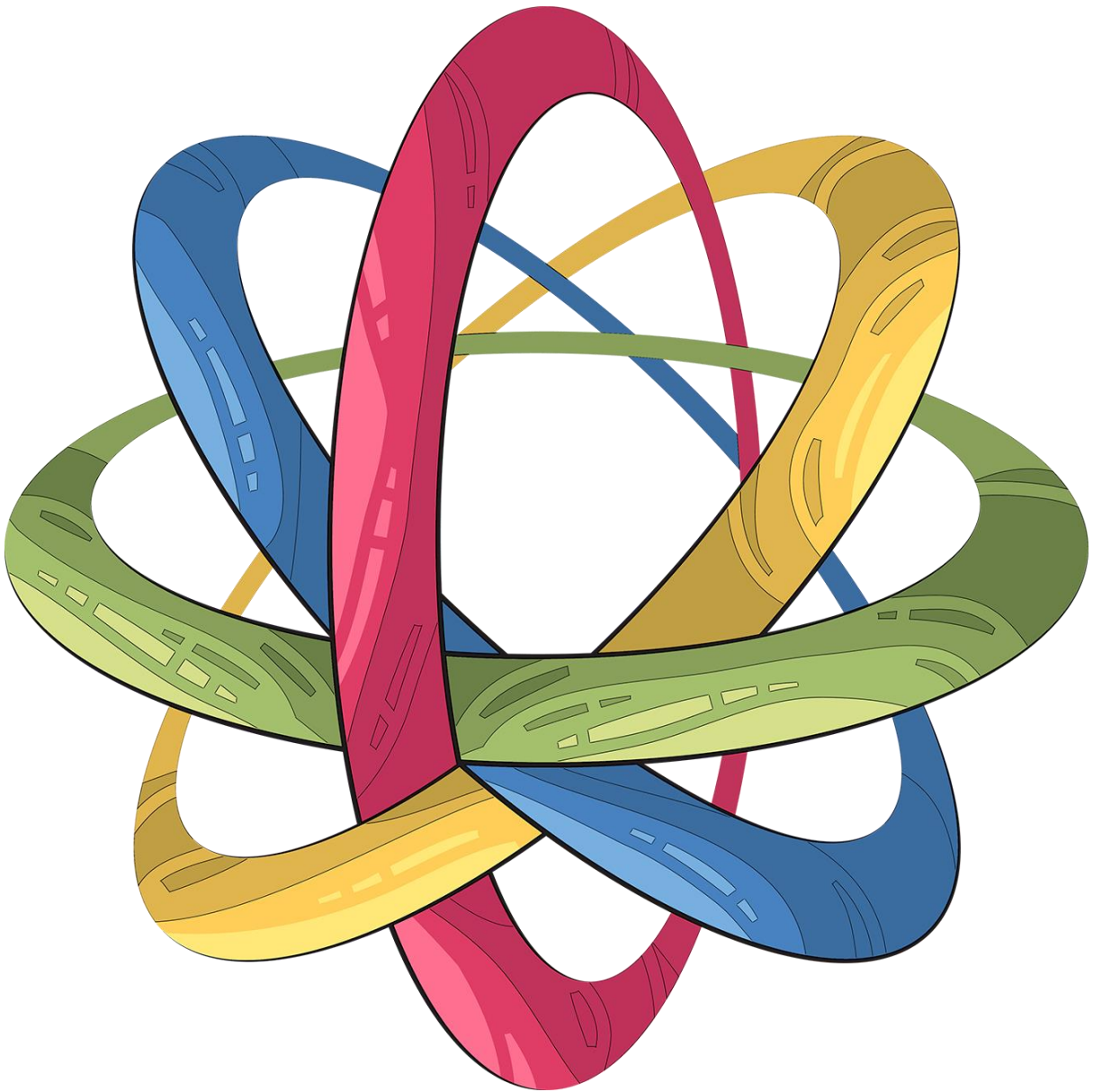
There have been many performances to enjoy this half term. The recent Year 5/6 production was spectacular. The rock steady concert and other classical music concerts were equally as good. You will see further into this newsletter how talented the dance group are who performed on stage at Bottisham Village College, as part of the recent Anglian Learning dance festival.

I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays, and get to make some magical memories with your family and friends. We will welcome you all back on Wednesday 4th September.

Thank you for your support this year.

Mr Askew

## Science Day









Last month we held a science day in school. Mrs Palmer, who is our Science and Curriculum Lead, planned the day around the theme of collaboration. We were very grateful to all of the scientists and

engineers who volunteered to come into school and provide a range of science workshops to inspire the pupils.



If your child would like to learn to play an instrument, let us know when we return to school.

We particularly have spaces with our clarinet teacher. You may have heard one pupil play the clarinet at our recent school concert. She has only had lessons for one year, and has made phenomenal progress!

Please enquire at the office in the first instance if you have any questions.

Thank you

Mrs McMahan



Last week we took a group to perform at the Anglian Learning Dance festival, which was held at Bottisham Village College. There were approximately 16 schools performing from both the primary and secondary sector. The Bottisham Primary performance was truly outstanding, and can be viewed by following the link below.

[Stage 24 Dance performance \(youtube.com\)](#)



A big thank you to **Cory** and **Nina** for being the star citizens of the term. They decided to do a litter pick on the school grounds last weekend.

We recognise the school grounds are open in the evenings and weekends for the community and sadly litter gets left all of the time. Sometimes this is also the result of our own pupils too at breaktimes. We will be reminding the pupils of respecting our grounds and using the bins, but we are also considering next year perhaps promoting a more healthy eating lifestyle. We will be suggesting parents send their child into school with some fruit or a healthy snack bar (no nuts) for a breaktime snack. Currently there are too many packets of crisps being consumed. Pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will continue to have access to fruit provided by the school.

## **Donation of £500 to Jimmy's Night shelter**

With the recent general elections taking place, we took the decision to provide the pupils with an experience of democracy. Classes debated which of these four local charities would be their favourite to receive a donation from school for £500.

Red 2 Green - Adults with learning disabilities and autism

Grafham Water Charity - Providing outdoor activities for vulnerable young people



Break - An organisation that provides experiences for young people in care

Jimmy's - A night shelter for the homeless in Cambridge City

All of the pupils cast their vote in the election booth, and Jimmy's was the most popular. The money was raised through the Speed Kick challenge last term.



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16<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Dawn,

I am writing to express our gratitude for the incredibly generous donation of £500.00 we have recently received from Bottisham Community Primary School. We very much appreciate the money raised at the schools recent Speed Kick Challenge being donated to Jimmy's. Please thank everyone who was involved.

Next year Jimmy's will be marking its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Whilst it is sad that our services are still needed, we want to take the opportunity to celebrate all of the amazing staff, volunteers and residents who have come through the doors over the last three decades. Many of those residents have gone on to live independent lives thanks to the wraparound support Jimmy's provides. We can only do that because of incredible supporters like you. **Thank you so much for all of your help and support!**

As we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year, there will also be lots of opportunities for people to get involved, if you would like to keep in touch and find out more, [please sign up to our newsletter here.](#)

Please do follow us on our socials on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) as we post more about this throughout the week, with some personal stories on how we have supported people in their recovery.

Thank you again for your generous support. Through the donations we receive, we have made and continue to make a transformational difference to the lives of people in our community.

Best wishes from us all at Jimmy's,

Yours sincerely,

*Sara Dunn*

Sara Dunn  
Communications Officer





A big shout out to Mr Green for organising and delivering a brilliant KS2 sports day. Lots of parents commented positively on the addition of the relay races around the track. Sadly, the weather meant the KS1 sports day was postponed and due to many other events this week, we were unable to squeeze it in.

## Before and After School Clubs

We have listened to your feedback, and we have decided to run most of our clubs for the best part of a whole term, rather than half termly. There will be a range of dance and sports on offer, but we are also exploring the possibility of an art and Forest School club too.

Clubs will commence the week beginning 23rd September, and run up until the week beginning 9th December.

The bookings will go live on 5th September.



Just a reminder to parents to continue to monitor their child's online use throughout the holidays.

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](mailto:head@bottishamprimary.org)