

Bottisham Community Primary School

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Year 3/4 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for their support with our Year 3/4 production. The whole team and I were incredibly impressed and proud of all the children—it was truly a joy to watch and be a part of.

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you have had a restful and happy Easter break. This will be an exciting and busy term, with much to look forward to: Burwell House Y4 residential, swimming lessons, sports events, library visits and a trip to the Botanical Gardens. Please look out for school communication about the dates and times for these and other events.

Curriculum:

In geography this term, we will be learning about Rainforests and then Deserts. In science, we will be exploring "Plants and their Habitats" and then "Teeth and Digestion".

Our first English unit will be based on the picture book "The Great Kapok Tree" and then we will be creating some persuasive letter writing.

Last term, we had a real push on learning times tables, and it's essential that pupils keep practising these at home. Confident times tables are the foundation for good maths progress. For our pupils in year 4, there will be the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), taking place in the first week of June.

Reading Records:

This year is the National Year of Reading, giving us a great opportunity to celebrate books and inspire children to read for enjoyment. Please continue to support your child's reading. We suggest 15 minutes, 5 times a week to maintain progress through their books. If your child needs a new Reading Record to keep track of their work, please let us know.

Homework:

As in the previous term, homework will be sent out on Thursdays and expected in on the following Tuesdays. Please get into good routines with homework and encourage your child to hand it in on or before Tuesday.

All students have a login for Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), which has a range of activities to help them learn. Best practise for this is 'little and often': 5-10 minutes several times over the week.



PE:

Birch Class: Tuesday (outdoors) and Thursday (indoors)

Elm Class: Tuesday (outdoors) and Friday (indoors)

At the start of this new term, please can you check and make sure that your child's PE kit (as well as any other school clothing) is labelled with their name.

PE Kit should consist of a plain, white T-shirt, and navy or black shorts and trainers. They can also bring plain jogging trousers and sweatshirt or hooded top, as it is colder outside. This should be kept in a named, drawstring bag please. Students must remove their own earrings on P.E. days. Any student with long hair should have ties for pulling it back. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in PE lessons, we require a note of explanation or inform your child's class teacher at drop-off time.

Please note jewellery, including necklaces and bracelets, is not permitted to be worn at school. Only small, stud earrings are permitted.

Class Assembly:

You are invited to come and watch our Class Assemblies and visit the class to look at your child's work afterwards.

Birch – Wednesday 6th May at 2.30pm

Elm - Thursday 14th May at 2:30pm

Other things to remember:



Google Classroom

Homework is posted on Google Classroom as well as reminders. Any important information will be sent out via email. Feel free to share photos and videos of any achievements or memorable moments on the Stream.

We hope that your child has a fantastic summer term! We very much look forward to working and learning together.

Yours sincerely,
The 3/4 Team

Dates for your diary

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| April | |
| 15th | Burwell House Parents information evening |
| 22 nd | Earth Day – non-school uniform |
| May | |
| 1 st | PTA (Express yourself day) |
| 6 th Wednesday | Birch Class Assembly 2:30pm |
| 14 th Thursday | Elm Class Assembly 2:30pm |
| 20 th – 21 st | Burwell House Y4 |
| INSET DAY - 22nd | |
| Half Term 25th – 29th | |
| June | |
| 1 st | Elm Class Swimming BVC |
| 3 rd | Elm Class Library Visit |
| 5 th | Y3/4 Invasion Games Event BVC |
| 8 th | Elm Class Swimming BVC |
| 11 th | Art Showcase Event – Belonging (details to follow) |
| 15 th | Elm Class Swimming BVC |
| 25 th | Cambridge Botanical Gardens Trip Y3/4 |
| 29th | TRANSITION AFTERNOON |
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| July | |
| 3 rd | PTA summer fair/circus |
| 10 th | KS2 Sports day |
| 16 th | End of Year Disco |
| 17 th | Last Day |