

Newsletter

Spring Term

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6th March 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks since half term and it was a pleasure to see so many of you at our parent consultation sessions. This partnership working is so important for us to be able to fully support your children in school. Thank you!

We would like to assure you that we are following daily guidelines from Bedford Borough and Dfe regarding the Coronavirus and have increased our very regular hand washing routines a matter of course. If anyone has any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The children have really enjoyed Book Week and all the activities that Mrs Russell planned for them. Children in Eagles and Osprey classes took their books to forest school this week and created reading dens and even a library from the natural materials to enjoy their books with their friends. The favourite book character outfits were absolutely amazing on Thursday, thank you for your participation. The travelling book fair was very popular and is definitely something that we will repeat in the future. We hope that the week has enhanced the children's love of books and reading.

As we continue to grow and accept more children into school, so do our staff numbers. We are now finding that the front car park is almost entirely filled with staff cars therefore, could I please request that you drive the short distance to the large car park in order to bring your children to and from school. The disabled spaces are designated for those people who are eligible to use them.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

Karen Headland

Diary Dates

9th March- African Drumming club today for KS1 until 4:30PM.

10th March- Dance club today until 4:30PM.

10th March- Football club today until 4:30PM.

11th March-Ninja Academy today until 4:30PM.

11th March- African Drumming club today for KS2 until 4:30PM.

12th March- Coffee morning for KS2 parents 9AM-10AM.

12th March-Gymnastics club today until 4:30PM.

12th March-Choir club today until 4:20PM.

16th March- African Drumming club today for KS1 until 4:30PM.

17th March-Wimpole farm trip for Reception class.

17th March-Dance club today until 4:30PM.

17th March-Football club today until 4:30PM.

18th March- Wimpole farm trip for Year 1 class.

18th March-Ninja Academy today until 4:30PM.

18th March- African Drumming club today for KS2 until 4:30PM.

19th March-Gymnastics club today until 4:30PM.

19th March-Choir club today until 4:20PM.



Attendance

A big well done to Eagles last week with 97.4% attendance and to Willows this week with 98.8% attendance. Whole school attendance is 96% but we are aiming for 98%!



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Car parking

Thank you to everyone who uses the main school parent parking, however there are some parents using the front car park and side streets. Please use our 200 space car park so that we do not park in the local streets and upset our local residents. Please do not park in the disabled bay unless you have a blue badge.



Many Thanks

Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you will be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence.



Reminder—Holidays in term time

Any unauthorised holidays will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines. Should your child be absent from school for more than 3 consecutive days the school will need to be provided with medical evidence to support their absence.



Website

For any dates, letters or information that you may have missed, make sure you head over to the school website to find them.

<http://cottonendforestschoo.co.uk/>



Payments to school

Please can we remind you to put the correct monies in a named sealed envelope for any payments that you are making to school. We are unable to give change.



Many thanks.

Parent Coffee Morning.

Mrs Chesters-Lewis is organising some coffee mornings to get to know all of the parents of Cotton End this will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have with your child or even just a chance for a chat. There will be coffee and tea provided so please contact the school to get yourself booked in. SENDCO is available during this session to discuss any educational concerns.

Dates:

KS1 and Early Years-
25th March 9AM-10AM.

KS2-
12th March and 2nd April 9AM-10AM.



Dawn Til Dusk

For those parents who require wrap around care, Dawn until Dusk are open from 7.30am each morning until 6pm every weekday including Fridays. There is a large variety of crafts, toys, games and outside play each session. A light tea is provided free of charge for those children who stay later. Dawn until Dusk also provide school holiday care at various locations. For more details please contact the club manager Carolyn on 07833 207070.



We aim to provide our children with opportunities to become confident, happy children valuing and respecting diversity and who are proud of their achievements.

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