



Newsletter



Autumn term

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14th October 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed another couple of very busy weeks in school again.

As you are aware, we are constantly promoting a love of books and reading in school. Frank, our reading dog, has been a welcome visitor again this week; it is a pleasure to see the children read to him as he relaxes in the library. The children really enjoy their peer reading on a Friday too when the classes read with children in another year group. We are also fortunate to have the mobile library available for us to use once every two weeks with a valid library card.

The children in Ospreys and Kestrels had a visit from a representative from Hazard Alley Safety Centre last week. They learned all about the hidden dangers of Carbon Monoxide in fun, engaging, and memorable Gas safety awareness sessions.

Kingfishers and Nightingales have proudly shared some more of their learning about rainforests in assembly today, their dioramas they have created are amazing!

We are looking forward to seeing you next week for our parent consultations, it will be lovely to have these meetings face to face again.

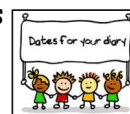
Can I please remind you of the importance of getting your children to school on time so that they can settle down to their learning as quickly as possible. Arriving 5 minutes late every day equates to 25 minutes a week of lost learning. We have to report our attendance to the local authority and this includes any late marks too. So far this term we have recorded 32 hours of lost time through late arrivals!!!

Once again, unfortunately I have to mention parking. We have had a near miss today where a child could have been seriously injured and this is as a direct consequence of people insisting on using the front car park which is allocated for staff and disabled parking only. Please help us to keep your children safe and use the car park to the side of school where there are ample spaces for everyone.

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

- 17th Oct—Flu Immunisations Reception—Yr6
- 17th Oct—Parent Consultations Reception—Yr6
- 24th Oct—Half Term
- 31st Oct—4th Nov Parent Consultations Preschool
- 31st Oct—Open sessions for 2023 Reception Starters—see overleaf for more details
- 31st Oct—Teacher Training Day
- 1st Nov—Return to School
- 3rd Nov—Year 3 Whipsnade Trip



Attendance

A big well done to Willows and Oak class this week with 98.7% attendance and Owls and Nightingales class last week with 99.3%.

The whole school attendance is 96.5% but we are aiming for 98%!



October Half Term Activities

We would like to remind you about the Premier Education October Half Term Holiday Program which is still live and places are still available to book!

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th October 2022
8.30am - 4.00pm

Available to children in Year 1-6 aged 5-11 Children will be offered the opportunity to participate in traditional sports (including football), extreme games and activities, arts & crafts, Halloween themed events plus lots of other fun, play based games and activities.



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Mobile Library

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the leaflet which was sent home to Years 3-6 this week

regarding accessing our mobile library. I'm pleased to report that membership cards will be issued after half term and those children will be able to visit the library every two weeks from 9th November to borrow books.



Poppy Appeal

From Tuesday 1st November we will be giving the children the opportunity to buy an item from our Poppy Appeal selection as follows:

- Classic Poppy 50p
- Snap Bands £1.50
- Rubber Wrist Bands £1.00
- Zip Reflectors £1.00
- Button Tags 50p

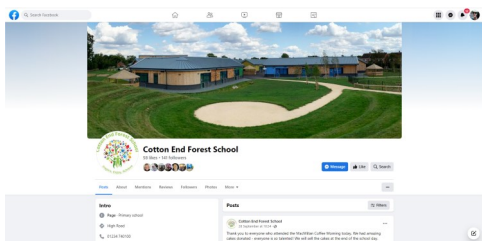


If you would like your child to be involved, please ensure they bring the correct money into school. All proceeds will go towards The Royal British Legion.

Facebook Page

We are delighted to be able to launch our new Facebook Page as per the web address below. Please feel free to utilise this tool for information, help or advice.

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Cotton-End-Forest>



School Lunches

The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Christmas holidays. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues this may result in you receiving a phone call and asking you to bring in a lunch for your child. Thank you for your support.



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.



Open Day for New Starters 2023

On 31st October we will be holding an open day for families whose children will be starting school in September 2023. There are two sessions available 9.30am-10.30am and 2pm-3pm. This will give both parents and children the opportunity to look around the school, meet the teachers and gain some insight towards our ethos. If you would like to come along please contact the school office to book your place 01234 740100.

