



Newsletter

Autumn term

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30th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

The children have all had another couple of very busy weeks in school; the classrooms are always a hive of activity when I visit. I have also had the opportunity to hear some children read over the last week or so and I have been impressed with their love of a variety of books.

Year 3 all shared their learning about Rainforests in assembly last week, showing confidence and enthusiasm in their presentations-well done!

This week all of the children have learned a poem or a song to celebrate Harvest. It was an absolute pleasure to hear them perform to each other. Thank you very much for all your kind donations of dried food which we will deliver to the food bank next week. The donations are very gratefully received, and help support families in need across Bedford, this is particularly important as many families are in financial crisis at the current time.

Thank you to those of you who supported our Macmillan coffee morning this week, the cake designs were fabulous; we have some very talented bakers amongst us. We raised £224 to support this worthwhile cause.

Our PTFA works hard to raise funds for school and they would like to hear from any parents who would be willing to support them in any way. Please email the office if you are interested and they will get back to you. Thank you.

Mrs Headland

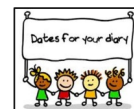
Parking

Please use the large car park to the side of the school, it is a very short, safe walk to any gate to drop off or collect your children. The front car park is only for staff and drivers with valid blue badges to use a disabled bay. Thank you for your



Diary Dates

- 3rd Oct- Reception to Yr6 Photos + Siblings
- 6th Oct—Census Day
- 17th Oct—Flu Immunisations Reception to Yr6
- 24th Oct—Half Term
- 31st Oct—Teacher Training Day
- 1st Nov—Return to School



Attendance

A big well done to Ospreys class this week with 98.8% attendance and Kingfishers, Willows, & Ospreys class last week with 100%.



The whole school attendance is 96.8% but we are aiming for 98%!

October Half Term Activities

We are delighted to announce that the Premier Education October Half Term Holiday Program is now live and places are 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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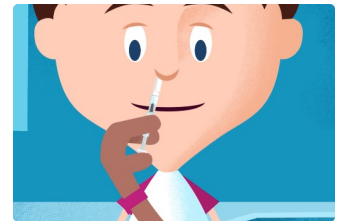


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Flu Immunisations

On 17th October you will be offered the opportunity for your child to receive the Flu immunisation. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.



The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless.

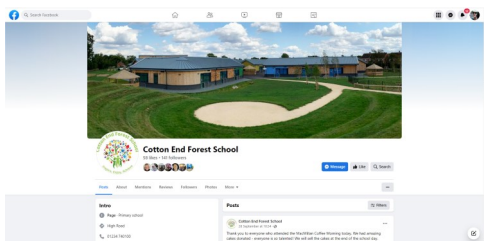


You will shortly be receiving a consent form via ParentMail which we would encourage you to return by the deadline of Thursday 13th October 2022.

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 Photos

Please be reminded the children in Years 1-6 will be having their school photo taken on Monday 3rd October. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform for this occasion.



Census Day

On **Thursday 6th October** it is Census day. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to try a school dinner on this day. The menu has been changed on School grid with a special menu to reflect this. Please ensure you pre order your child's dinner for this day with their preferred choice. These are:



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.



Beef Burger in a Bun
Cheese & tomato pizza
Jacket potato (with a choice of filling)
Ham flatbread