



Newsletter



Summer term

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26th May 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

It was great to see so many children supporting our Walk to School promotion last week and as the weather continues to warm up, I am sure that our bike and scooter shelters will be full up! With that in mind, can you please ensure that you apply sunscreen to your children before coming into school and provide them with a named sunhat each day. Thank you.

8 children from Nightingales, Year 3 class went to Bedford Athletics Stadium for a Quadkids event. The children represented the school well and were great participants. Well done!

We have had a really fantastic mufti day and cake sale today to raise funds for Forest School equipment, thank you for your kind donations! All of these funds help us to provide great opportunities for your children to enjoy.

I hope you enjoy a great half term with your children and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 5th June.

Mrs Headland.

Recycling

The eagle eyed amongst you may have spotted our new textile blue recycling bank that has been placed opposite the staff car park.

All donations of unwanted clothing (including logo uniform), shoes, handbags, bedding, curtains, towels, linen etc. will be recycled to raise funds for the school.



Diary Dates

5th June—Return to School
12th June—Hearing Screening YrR
13th June—Dental Check (Random selection of Yr6)
26th June—Outdoor Learning Week
11th July—Sports Day Yr R, 1 & 2. (afternoon only. Exact times TBC)
12th July—Sports Day Preschool (morning only. Exact time TBC)
12th July—Sports Day Yr3,4,5 & 6 (afternoon only. Exact time TBC)
19th July—School Disco (more info to follow)
20th July—Yr6 Leavers Assembly (afternoon. More info to follow)
21st July—Last Day of Term

Important Information

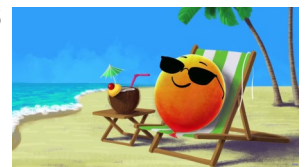
Attendance

A big well done to Owls class this week with 98.6% attendance and Wagtail class last week with 99%. The whole school attendance is 94.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



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.



Absence from School

Please be reminded that there is now also the additional option of reporting your child's absence on the ParentMail app under the absence category.

You can still email the school office and ring and leave a message if you would prefer.

We will still require confirmation of appointments etc. sending to the office.

Reporting Absences



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Warmer Weather

As the weather is getting warmer can we please remind you to send your child to school with a named sunhat, also please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. There are some sun creams that can be purchased that last all day and we would encourage you where possible not to send bottles of sun cream in to school. Thank you.



Please be reminded, staff at Cotton End Forest School are not allowed to apply sun cream to any child.

School Dinners

In line with the food price increases we will need to increase the school dinner prices as of the 5th June to £2.50 per meal. HCL will continue to provide the amazing, good value dinners cooked fresh on site.



The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Summer holidays. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to preorder your childs' dinner in advance, ideally half termly. If you fail to preorder this will result in your child having to wait until the end of service and if there is anything left over this will then be offered. If there are insufficient quantities we will ring you to ask for a lunch to be brought in. Thank you for your support.

If your child chooses to bring a packed lunch please be reminded that we are strictly **NUT FREE**.



Class Photos

Class photos were taken this week. The children were impeccably behaved and we're really excited to see the proofs after half term.



Premier Education Holiday

Camps Near You - May Half Term

Holiday camps near you

	29th May - 2nd June
Monday	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood Lane, Cottingham, Easton Cottingham Academy, Cottingham, Easton Woods Lane, Cottingham, Easton
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood Lane, Cottingham, Easton Cottingham Academy, Cottingham, Easton Woods Lane, Cottingham, Easton
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood Lane, Cottingham, Easton Cottingham Academy, Cottingham, Easton Woods Lane, Cottingham, Easton
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood Lane, Cottingham, Easton Cottingham Academy, Cottingham, Easton Woods Lane, Cottingham, Easton



*Please note that Russell Lower, Elbow and Cotfield are the only venues with the extended day option available. All other venues will run from 9:00am - 3:30pm only.



This is where the fun begins

Multi-Activity Days
9:00am - 3:30pm
£12.50 (12.50 for 12.50 for 12.50)

Specialist Days
9:00am - 3:30pm
£12.50 (12.50 for 12.50 for 12.50)

PLEASE BRING
Swimsuit
Towel
Sun cream
Water bottle

Further information
Premier Education
1234567890
01234 567890

Free School Meals

If your family circumstances have changed you may be entitled to claim for Free School Meals. If you would like an application form please ask at the school office. Thank you.



Ink Cartridges

Please feel free to bring into the school office any empty ink cartridges and post them in our Recycle4Charity box. We will receive money to go towards school resources and you will be helping the environment.



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