



Newsletter



Summer term

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30th June 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a really busy time in school over the last two weeks, it is hard to believe that we only have a few weeks left of the summer term!

Having the mobile swimming pool on site has been an amazing opportunity for us, all of the children have been swimming and it has been great to see the progress they have all made. For some children it was their first experience of swimming and we have been really impressed with their attitude and perseverance.

Last week the children experienced two art days and the whole school shared their learning in our celebration assembly. The children explained their impressionist artwork, described their sculptures which they had created using clay and reception classes had created a beautiful dreamcatcher with the children's own written ideas. What a fabulous demonstration of the artwork across the school-well done everyone!

Year 1 had a fabulous science outdoor learning day focused on their unit of plants and the children spent the day observing, drawing and identifying different plants and trees on the school site.



We have looked into how we can share some of our experiences with you more regularly and are now posting images daily on our Instagram page-take a look and see what the children have been doing!

Please check our diary dates so that you don't miss anything before the end of term. I know some parents have already asked which class their child will be in next year; the teachers have been busy writing reports which will come home with your children on 13th July; these will include your child's new class and teacher.
Mrs Headland.

Family First Magazine—Summer 2023 Edition

For a full online view of the latest edition of Family First Magazine, please copy this link into your browser:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_summer2023_digital160623



Diary Dates

- 11th July—SATS Celebration Yr6 (more information to follow)
- 11th July—Sports Day YrR, 1 & 2 (1.15pm-3.15pm)
- 12th July—Sports Day Yr3,4,5 & 6 (1.15pm-3.15pm)
- 13th July—Transition Day
- 13th July—Reports sent home
- 14th July—Sports Day Preschool (2pm)
- 14th July—Bikeability Level 3 Yr6
- 19th July—School Disco YrR, 1 & 2 (3pm-4pm)
- 19th July—School Disco Yr3, 4, 5 & 6 (4.15pm-5.15pm)
- 20th July—Yr6 Leavers Assembly (2pm)
- 21st July—Last Day of Term

Important Information

Attendance

A big well done to Oak class this week with 99% attendance and Eagles class last week with 99.3%. The whole school attendance is 94.3% but we are aiming for 98%!



Ink Cartridges

So far we have managed to raised a huge £79.40 for our school by recycling the smaller style ink



cartridges. Your help and support is thoroughly appreciated and we hope you continue to post them in our green box in the school office.

National Education Union Strike Days

Please be informed that we are planning for our school to be fully open to all year groups on the forthcoming strike days of 5th and 7th of July so there will be no disruption to the usual school week.



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Nut Free Sun Cream

Please can we remind you / bring to your attention that there are some sun creams on the market that contain Almond Oil as an ingredient.

We do have some children within school with severe nut allergies so to allow us to keep everybody safe, can we please kindly ask you to check the ingredients of the sun cream you are applying to your child?

Please be advised **Almond Oil is more commonly described in it's Latin form "prunus amygdalus dulcis" on the ingredient labels of Nivea Kids** so please do bear this in mind.

Please be reminded, staff at Cotton End Forest School are not allowed to apply sun cream to any child. Thank you very much for your support.



Swimming

We are so proud of all the children with how well they have embraced our swimming sessions over the last 2wks. They have absolutely loved it! We have been so impressed with the development of skills, independence and attitude towards this new concept for the school.



Instagram

You may have noticed that we have started sharing images of the fab work we do here at school on Instagram! Please have a look via:

<https://www.instagram.com/cottonendforest/>

We hope you "like" what you see!



End of Year Discos

To celebrate the end of the academic year, we are hosting discos for children in Reception to Year 6.

The discos will take place on Wednesday 19th July and children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are invited to attend from 3pm to 4pm. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the second disco from 4.15pm to 5.15pm. Each ticket costs £2 and the children will be provided with drinks and snacks.

If your child would like to attend the disco, please sign up via ParentMail by clicking "payments", then "shop" and then you should see the disco option. We currently still have availability and are accepting bookings up until Monday 17th July 2023.

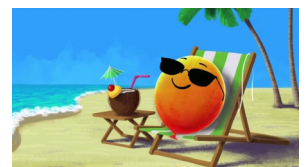
We are only able to take payments through ParentMail so please ensure you complete all the steps to guarantee your child's place.

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.



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.



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