



Newsletter

Spring term

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16th February 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy half term and I am sure you are all looking forward to the break next week!

Year 1 shared their learning in assembly this morning and confidently recalled their facts they had learned about Kenya. They also performed their call and repeat song for the whole school to enjoy. Well done Year 1, we were all very impressed. Well done!

We will be amending our reporting system slightly for next term and you will receive a written report about your child's progress so far. If you wish to discuss the report with your child's class teacher, appointment slots will be made available on the training day after Easter. Of course, we are available to speak with you informally as we usually do, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

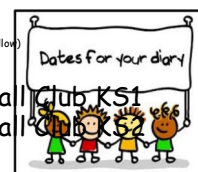
Unfortunately, we have encountered a huge amount of illness in school over the last week or so. Can I please remind you that, if your child has an upset tummy or has been sick, they should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of illness. We have to enforce this to reduce the spread of infection. Thank you for your consideration.

I hope you all enjoy a fabulous half term with your families and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 26th February 2024

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

26th February—Return to School
26th February—Coding Club KS1 begins
27th February—Basketball / Netball Club begins KS1
28th February—Basketball / Netball Club begins KS2
28th February—Art Club begins KS1
28th February—Preschool Parent Consultations—Miss Boxall and Miss Herbert
29th February—Coding Club begins KS2
29th February—5th March - Book Fair
1st March—Preschool Parent Consultations—Miss Coe
4th March—Book Week
4th March—Coffee Morning 8.45am—9.45am
6th March—Preschool Parent Consultations—Mrs Zobian & Mrs Barfoot
7th March—World Book Day (Please see ParentMail sent 13th February)
8th March—Preschool Parent Consultations—Mrs Chan
11th March—Vision Screening—Year Reception
15th March—Red Nose Day (Further information to follow)
17th March—Lambing Day
20th March—Last Art Club
21st March—Movie Night (Further information to follow)
25th March—Last Coding Club KS1
27th March—Last Basketball / Netball Club KS1
28th March—Last Basketball / Netball Club KS2
28th March—Last Coding Club KS2
28th March—Yr2 Cake Sale
28th March—Last Day of Term
15th April—Inset Day
16th April—Return to School



Attendance

A big well done to Skylarks class this week with 97% attendance. The whole school attendance is 96% but we are aiming for 98%



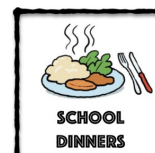
Public Health

Due to an increase in winter illnesses and following advice from public health, we are continuing with **the 48 hour incubation period for the foreseeable future**. If your child suffers even one bout of sickness or diarrhea **please do not send them into school**.

We kindly ask that you do please respect this decision and assist us in keeping all our children safe and healthy. Thank you.



School Lunches The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Easter holidays 2024. Please could we kindly remind all parents / 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 your child will be asked to wait until the end of service and receive what the kitchen has left. Thank you for your support.



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Lent We have decided to support Cotton End Baptist Church with donations towards the Bedford Foodbank for Lent between 14th February and 28th March 2024



If you would like to donate you are more than welcome to bring any items into the school office.

Zebra Crossing

Please support our school community as we petition for a zebra crossing outside our school!



<https://councillorsupport.bedford.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=1105>

Spare Clothes

Can we remind you that children will need a spare set of clothes in their forest school kit at all times. This does include pants, socks, top, trousers etc. as they do get wet and muddy and they will on occasion need to change their clothes. Thank you.



Spring Lambing Day



SPRING LAMB DAY

Sunday 17th March 2024

Supporting Cotton End Forest School



£5 per person
Under 2s free

Visit & feed the lambs!
BBQ & Refreshments available plus lots more to see and do!

Manor Farm, Wilstead, MK45 3DS

11am - 3pm

We are very excited to announce that we have organised with the support of a local farm, a Spring Lamb Day on Sunday 17th March. The tickets are available to buy now via Eventbrite, please see the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/Spring-Lamb-Day-Tickets>

Coding Club Next Half Term

JAM CODING
Cotton End Forest School | Y1-Y2

SUPERHERO POWERS Afterschool Club

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills. Children will learn to develop the illusion of superhero powers in this microbit Superhero Powers workshop. They will learn how to program in a new coding environment and develop their coding skills to create the illusion of a range of superhero powers, including: telepathy, mind reading, transforming, ghost busting, time travelling and teleporting! Children will learn how to run these programs on an emulator and a real microbit computer. At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!

DATES: 26th of Feb - 25th of Mar
TIME: Every Monday 16:35 - 16:35
PRICE: 5 WEEKS OF FUN FOR JUST £50.85

BOOK HERE: <https://portal.jamcoding.transpace.io/class-overview/7598>

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require. N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, contact your Area Manager on: MiltonKeynes@jamcoding.co.uk

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JAM CODING
Cotton End Forest School | Y3-6

PODCASTING Afterschool Club

Our podcasting workshop develops children's storytelling and experiences in a fun and exciting way! It unlocks a whole new world for the children as they explore their voice talents, learn how to edit and design their own sleeves.

DATES: 29th of Feb - 28th of Mar
TIME: Every Thursday 16:35 - 16:35
PRICE: 5 WEEKS OF FUN FOR JUST £50.85!

BOOK HERE: <https://portal.jamcoding.transpace.io/class-overview/7599>

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Street Tag

We were delighted to learn that Cotton End Forest School came 3rd in Street Tag last term - this meant we were rewarded with £100 for our PTFA. Thank you to everyone who was part of Street Tag last term!

The competition started again and remains ongoing for this term. If you haven't already joined us, and you're interested in being a member of the team, please download the Street Tag app and search for Cotton End Forest School. It's completely free and helps everyone to stay active.

STREET TAG
has come to the streets of BEDFORD

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN STREET TAG

- It's a fun, interactive app that motivates parents and children to be active in their local area.
- Support children in reaching their daily 60 active minutes.
- Encourage children to rediscover parks and green spaces.
- Reinforce healthy behaviour by motivating parents and children to walk/cycle to school.
- Enable children, young people and families, to develop a positive relationship with movement.
- Build a school community aiming for shared goals and get your school community involved too.

Interested in signing up for the Street Tag app? Visit www.streettagapp.co.uk

Supported By:  Bedford Council

For more information contact: callan@beactivebeds.co.uk 07966 331448

Year 6 Hoodie For

those of you that would like to purchase a leavers hoodie you can now do so. Please use the link below, this will be active from now until 6th May. We're hoping to have orders delivered first week in June.

<https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/cottonend24/>



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