



Newsletter



Spring term

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2nd February 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a couple of really busy weeks in school again.

We promote active lifestyles and encourage children to walk or cycle to school and we are pleased that some children in KS2 have competently completed their bikeability sessions this week, which support road and cycle safety.

The children have shared some of their creative talents in assembly with the art club children explaining their techniques and processes used to create arctic animals using clay. We were all very impressed with their designs.

Year 3 children today shared their books they had created in DT with moving parts and explained how they had reviewed, evaluated and adapted their design along the way. Well done to all of you!

Street tag update- a very supportive parent has asked street tag to put a Poly Tag at Cotton End (the little house building on the street tag map), these are worth 300 points instead of the usual 50 points (the location is the Bell pub, but the radius covers the school front car park).

Parents/teachers can click on the poly tag when at the front of the school and they will get 300 points (900 points if using your power hour!). It refreshes every hour so you can get multiple throughout the day if you're there all day ☺ Thank you so much!

There is also Street Tag PE codes. get 1000 points. You just type in the code below to get 1000 points.

Code: STGiveaways_FSFU

Diary Dates

6th February—Last Gym Club Yr 1&2
 7th February—Last Gym & Art Club Yr3-6
 9th February—Shine Bright Day
 12th February—Last Coding Club Yr1&2
 14th February—Valentine Disco
 15th February—Last Coding Club Yr 3-6
 16th February- Last Day of Term
 26th February—Return to School
 4th March—Book Week
 4th March—Coffee Morning 8.45am
 7th March—World Book Day (Further information to follow)
 11th March—Vision Screening—Year Reception
 15th March—Red Nose Day (Further information to follow)
 17th March—Lambing Day
 21st March—Movie Night (Further information to follow)
 28th March—Yr2 Cake Sale
 28th March—Last Day of Term
 15th April—Inset Day
 16th April—Return to School



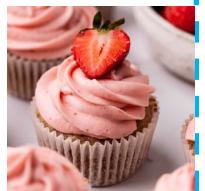
Attendance

A big well done to Eagles class last week 98.6%, Woodpecker Class last week with 98.7% attendance and Nightingales class the week before with 97%. The whole school attendance is 96.2%



Year 3 Cake Sale It was Kingfisher and Nightingales turn to host the cake sale last week.

They did a great job of providing the cakes and selling them to the children in school. They raised over £100 which will go towards their class funds. Thank you for all of the donations and kind support!



Valentine Disco Following our successful event in the Summer term, we are delighted to host another disco for children in Reception to year 6. The discos will take place on **Wednesday 14th February** and children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are invited to attend from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The children will be able to get changed for the disco at school. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the second disco from 4.45pm to 5.45pm. They will be expected to get changed at home and return to school at 4.45pm. **Each ticket costs £3.50** and the children will be provided with drinks and snacks. **Please note the tickets are limited and the purchase window within ParentMail will expire on 12th February.**



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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Cold Weather

As the weather has turned exceptionally cold, please ensure you send your child into school with the appropriate clothing. Hats and BOTH gloves need to be named please.



In the case of severe weather we will endeavor to keep the school open but the essential criteria for a school closure is Health and Safety. If it's deemed unsafe for staff, parents and children to travel into school, we may be forced to close the school for the day.

We will make a decision as early as possible and once the decision has been made to close we will communicate this to you via the platforms of our website, Bedford Borough website and local radio stations i.e. Heart FM and/or BBC Radio Bedfordshire.

Shine Bright



On Friday 9th February and in return for a £1 donation, children are invited to wear brightly coloured mufti to raise awareness and to support the mental health & emotional wellbeing of children and young people across Bedfordshire (a cause we feel is now more important than ever).

Parking Please! Please! Please!

Do not park in neighbouring roads to collect your children from school.

We have a **HUGE** car park and plenty of space for everyone. We are having calls from irate neighbours who have been inconvenienced by people collecting children and this is often blocking our phone lines at crucial times.



Spring Lambing Day



£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>

Please share with your family and friends too.

See you there !!

Jam Coding—After School Club

JAM CODING When children pretend, they're using their imaginations to move beyond the bounds of reality. A child can be a superhero. A child can be a wizard. A child can be a superhero!

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 skills of superhero powers in the microbit® Superhero Powers workshop. They will learn how to program in a new coding environment and develop their coding skills to create the creation of a superhero.

DATES: 26th of Feb - 25th of Mar
TIME: Every Monday 15:35 - 16:35
PRICE: 8 WEEKS OF FUN FOR JUST £50.85

BOOK HERE: <https://portal.jamcoding.franscaschool.co.uk/class-overview/259>

Click the link above to view course details. Don't visit our website and head to the booking site. Enter your postcode in the postcode 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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All are welcome

JAM CODING Our podcasting workshop develops children's storytelling and experience 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 episodes.

Cotton End Forest School | Y3-6
PODCASTING Afterschool Club

DATES: 29th of Feb - 28th of Mar
TIME: Every Thursday 15:35 - 16:35
PRICE: 8 WEEKS OF FUN FOR JUST £50.85

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Public Health

Due to an increase in winter illnesses and following advice from public health, we have decided to continue the **48 hour incubation period for the foreseeable future.**



Also, You may of seen on the news recently that there has been an increase in Measles. Please see the below link for information that you may find useful:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles

Thank you

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