



Newsletter



Summer term

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the lovely Bank Holiday weekend with your families, it has been a pleasure to see some sunshine at last.

Last week we were enthralled to hear from some of the Year 4 children in celebration assembly on Friday. They proudly shared their religious artwork, and examples of their environmental poems. It is amazing how confidently the children spoke out to a large audience.

Today, Year 5 shared some amazing Chinese artwork and performance poems linked to their Science learning about Space. We were all very impressed! Well done to everyone!

Our summer term is always a really busy time in school with sports events and of course, our end of year assessments. We try to ensure that these are as low key as possible for the children and are just part of our. It is also really important that the children attend school regularly and on time so that they can continue to learn consistently.

There has been a massive push on improving school attendance and when requesting holidays in term time, I am not allowed to authorise them. Each request is dealt with on an individual basis and penalty notices may be issued. We will be keeping you updated with the changes that are coming in September as we progress through the summer term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates

- 13th May—SATs Week Yr6
- 20th May—Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos
- 24th May—Year 1 Cake Sale
- 24th May—Last Day before Half Term
- 3rd June—Return to School
- 5th June —Skipping Workshop
- 18th June—Year 1 Trip (Further information to follow)
- 26th-27th June—Yr6 Residential Trip
- 28th June—Year Reception Cake Sale



Attendance

A big well done to Nightingale and Willow class last week with 98.5% and Oak class this week with 97.7%. The whole school attendance is 95.5% but we are aiming for 98%



Headlice

There have recently been several cases of head lice in school. Can you please check your child's hair regularly as well as the rest of the family and treat them as per the advice according to the following link:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



There is no need to keep your child away from school but please do follow the NHS advice. Please also ensure that all children with shoulder length hair or longer come to school with it tied up neatly, thank you.

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.



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Year 3 Workshop

To complement their study of the Saxons / Vikings, Year 3 invited History Off the Page to



during the year 878 AD in Britain at the time of the Battle of Edington.



provide a Life in Saxon/Viking Britain.

The workshop gave the children a feeling of what it was like to live

Year 4 Sports Festival

On Tuesday 23rd May a small group of children were selected to take part in the county Quadkids Tournament at Bedford Athletics Stadium.



The children represented the school amazingly and looked very smart in our new sports bibs which have been kindly sponsored by Mr Kennedy and the team at BMW Bedford.



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Menu Change

Thursday 16th May is our Census Day and therefore we have changed the usual menu options for both Thursday 16th and Friday 17th.

To ensure your child receives a lunch they enjoy, please log on to your school grid account to review the options.



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.

