



**Fen Ditton Community Primary School**  
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*'Working together to achieve more'*

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**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

## School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of another term and the end of my first year at Fen Ditton (how the time flies).

I feel incredibly lucky and proud to be leading this wonderful school. Every member of staff has continued to deliver high quality education day in and day out. Your children are really in good hands. We promise to keep striving to make the school even better.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and I will look forward to seeing you all when you return on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April!

Thanks for your continuing support.

Mr Askew

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Could we please remind you of the importance of school attendance. Research indicates that children who attend regularly make more progress towards their learning. We really appreciate you booking holidays outside of term time. We have attached the dates for the rest of this year and 2017/2018 again for your information.

### PE KITS

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school. This should consist of a white t shirt (or house colour t shirt), blue shorts/skirt, navy jogging bottoms or leggings for the winter and of course swimming costume and hat for summer. PE kits should be in school at all times, they will be sent home at half term for washing!

### TOUCANS TRIP TO STIBBINGTON

The staff and helpers were very impressed with how well Toucans embraced the Victorian experience. During the day they took part in role playing, examining artefacts and had a walk around the village to hear about the buildings. The children took part in a lesson which included chanting, arithmetic, reading and spelling. They used chalk and writing slates and also had a go at using ink. Even playtime involved playground games from the era including stick and ball, hula hoops and marbles. Well done Toucans!

### NIGHTINGALES ON SAFARI

Woburn was an amazing day trip for Nightingales this week. The children learned a lot about endangered species and the steps that the Safari Park is taking to prevent this. A surprising amount of animal camouflage techniques were learned! A particular highlight of the day was the feeding of the Spider Monkeys along with a talk from their keeper who was very impressed with Nightingales and their quiet, polite and impeccable behaviour.



### PEACOCKS

Peacocks class have enjoyed learning about plants and our local area. We grew our own bean plants. Today we walked around the village looking for different local points and at the variety of flowers in bloom.

### FEN DITTON REC

Don't forget the re-opening celebration on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 11am, bring a picnic!

### RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to all the staff and children for their Red Nose Day contributions which raised an amazing £519.97, the staff auction raised £397.

### TOY DONATIONS

If you are having a clear out over Easter of toys and dress up cloths please consider donating them to the school for midday playtimes. We would be very grateful of any dolls, dress up clothes or knights and horses. Thank you.

### Term Dates 2016 - 2017

#### SPRING TERM 2017

End of Term  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### SUMMER TERM 2017

Summer Term Begins  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

May Day – 1<sup>st</sup> May

Half term  
29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

INSET DAY 5 – School Closed  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

End of Term  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### SCHOOL TIMINGS

**Just to remind everyone that school starts at 9.05am and finishes at 3.25pm. If you are going to be late please contact the office.**



### MEAL COSTS

**Years 3 - 6**

**£2.25 per day**

**£11.25 per week**

**£67.75 per half term**

**Please pay via Agora – any questions, do speak to the office.**