

Fleggburgh CE School:
January Newsletter 2017

Term dates
2017

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th
January to
Friday 31st March
2017

Half Term:
Break up Friday 10th
February

Return to school:
Monday 20th
February

9th January: Penny
Loaves Assembly

19th January
Star Wars Lunch

25th to 27th January
Year 5/6 Residential

30th January
Chinese Lunch

8th and 9th February
Speech Festival

7th and 8th March:
Parent Consultations

24th March: Mothers
Day Assembly

29th March:
Country Dancing

31st March:
Easter Service

Happy New Year Everyone! We would like to say a huge welcome back to all the children, and of course their families, we are looking forward to hearing all about the children's holidays and Christmas adventures, as well as beginning what will be a busy, active term full of new learning and challenges. We look forward to seeing many of you at our weekly Parents' Assemblies, as well as on the playground - or if you ever feel the need, please do pop into school to talk to staff and perhaps just have a quick look at your child's learning.

Each of the class teachers will also be sending out a curriculum newsletter to keep you informed of the topics and areas of learning that will be covered this term.

The staff spent their training day this term looking at the teaching and learning approaches in school, target setting for each of your children and also looking at the particular development areas for each year group and for the school as a whole.

We have been looking at some of the more "hidden" learning in the school, areas which are covered in more than one of the more obvious subject areas - such as SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education), British Values as well as some of the areas that keep the children "safe" such as on-line safety. We will be developing the language associated with these areas, such as Democracy, Tolerance, Respect in all areas of the curriculum, as well as continuing thinking about them in Assemblies. If you are interested in learning how the staff are developing this understanding with your children, again, please do ask!

Monday 9th January 'Penny Loaves' Assembly, 2.30pm in the school hall. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend this unique event. All children in the villages of Fleggburgh, Billockby and Clippesby are given a 'Penny Loaf' by the village's Poor Trust. The tradition dates back around 500 years and symbolises the ancient custom of giving proceeds from the rent of the nearby Penny Loaf field to the poor of the parish. We hope you will be able to join us in this event.

Special Lunches

We have 2 special lunches this term. Thursday 19th January is our special Star Wars lunch and Monday 30th January is a Chinese Lunch to celebrate Chinese New Year. Please see attached forms for details and to order the lunches.

Attendance

As ever, we continue to monitor how well the children in school are attending school. We look to ensure that all the children are in school for over 90% of the time, and are delighted that the majority of children last term attended well over the national average attendance percentage of 96%. Can we remind you that the school staff begin supervising the playground at 8.45am. We ring the bell just before 8.55, so that the children are in class and ready for registration and starting learning at this point. In Emerald Class the children meet on the carpet for register and news-sharing at the beginning of the school day; Diamond Class staff have the work from the previous day marked and ready for children to respond to the marking, and they are expected to complete their NEXT STEPS at this time, which are a vital part of their learning. It is very important that all children are in school punctually to take part in these activities, as they impact on the learning in the next lessons. Our Registration period in class ends at 9.05 at which point a child has a LATE mark noted in the register; formal Registration closes in the office 9.15am.

Outside PE

PE lessons this term will take place outside as much as possible. Please can you ensure that your child has tracksuit/jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers. This PE kit is likely to get muddy and need to go home weekly to be cleaned.

After School Clubs

We will be running one club this half term – Art and Craft with Miss Mayfield on a Wednesday from 3.15 until 4.15pm. The club will commence on Wednesday 11th January and will run for 5 weeks. The cost is £10.

Please complete and return the slip below with payment if you would like your child to take part in the club.

I would like my child to take part in the Art and Craft Club on a Wednesday and enclose £10.

Signed Date