

Camestone School Newsletter No. 4

Thursday 17th October 2019



Bag a Book!



Thank you very much for all the generous book donations for our Camestone Bag a Book scheme. We have had a fantastic response! This will be launched very soon.

Just to remind you, the books will have a Bag a Book sticker on and the book that is bought home will belong to your child. They can bring **any** book in to school, to swap for a new one, whenever they wish.

Starting School 2019

If your child was born in between 01/09/2015 – 31/08/2016 the online application process is now open to apply for a school place. You can do this and find all the information needed online at www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020.

Secondary School transfer – Year 6

Reminder – If you haven't applied for your child's secondary school place, please apply online at <https://live.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Bedford/ParentPortal/> **The closing date for this is 31st October 2019.**

Term Dates

Autumn 2019

Wednesday 4th September
to
Friday 20th December.

Half term:

21st to 25th October



Attendance from
18th September to
11th October 2019

Y1	96.5%	Y4	95.5%
Y2	98.9%	Y5	98.6%
Y3	97.9%	Y6	98.3%
FS	95.2%		
Attendance Target 2019-20		97%	

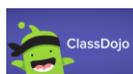


Our Values this term

are:

Creativity

Thinkers, Adaptable,
Independence,
Imagination.



In Foundation Stage and Years 1, 2 and 3, we are moving to using Class Dojo as our primary means of letting you know about how you can support learning. We will post information such as termly topic overviews, in the same way as we have previously done on the school website. You can also see if your child has earned Dojo Points for positive behaviour and good work. There may also be photos, from time to time, of the children enjoying activities in school. This is a secure site and only parents from your child's class will be able to see whole class posts. No other parent will be able to see individual information about your child. Please ask class teachers if you do not yet have a login. Years 4 to 6 will continue to use email communication.

Diwali Celebration

On Monday 28th October the school will be taking part in Diwali Celebration activities. Your child or children do not need to wear school uniform on this day, but may wear special / party clothes. Traditional dress such as saris, kurta pyjamas or Punjabi dress would be very welcome if you have them.

If you celebrate Diwali we would be very grateful to hear about how you celebrate –artefacts or photos would be very welcome. We would also welcome donations of vegetarian food that is eaten at Diwali to share with the children.

Years 1, 3 & 6 please remember to bring in your PE kit to change into.

Harvest Assemblies

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bedford Food Bank. The children enjoyed a special Harvest assembly. FS sang the song "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow", Year 1 sang "Little Red Hen", Year 2 sang "Cauliflowers fluffy", Year 3 sang "Lets Harvest", Year 4 sang "It's Harvest time", Year 5 sang "The Greatest Sow", and Year 6 sang "The School on the Hill" to the tune of a Ed Sheeran song.

Keeping safe during Halloween

Message from Bedfordshire Police

As Halloween approaches Bedfordshire Police are reminding parents and carers to keep their children safe. If possible, parents and carers should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors and we ask that these are respected.

Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies – 31st October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year!

Message from Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue

Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service want everyone to enjoy a safe and spooky Halloween, but every year many adults and children are injured when lit candles come into contact with trailing costumes and wigs.

At the moment these costumes are classed as toys and therefore, are not subject to the same requirements as children's clothing. It is important to be aware of the danger this poses and that costumes are kept away from open flame. It is also important that children know what to do if their clothing is set alight. You can make a game of teaching your children to "Stop, drop, cover and roll" if their costume does catch light. This means having them practice stopping still, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

Next week is Half term, children return on Monday 28th October 2019.

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing break.