

Principal's Blog

22 June 2018

Hello everyone! Well, it's starting to get really busy now – with events and celebrations all coming into the calendar. We are working really hard in school to make sure that you get all the information you need to plan your diaries as the end of term approaches (4 weeks and counting...). In particular, look out for the Y6 Transition days, Y6 Prom, leaver's production and the leaver's assembly. There will be letters out to Y6 parents and carers with detailed information so you don't miss anything.

School ends on Friday 20th July at **2pm**. This is the same as for the last two terms and will continue as the practice of the school from now on. Please make sure you have this in your schedules.

In school this week, we are making preparations for the Summer Fair. It will begin at **3pm on the 27th** June in school. We have some fun activities planned and are hoping to raise funds for the library – particularly books which support our Knowledge Curriculum. This Friday 20th we are holding a MUFTI DAY (where children can wear football kit if they want) to collect donations for the Fair. If you are sending in bottles, please bring them to the front of the school and don't send in with children in their bags; smashed glass in bags or on the playground is not a nice thought...



We have a great deal of creativity in school – with Early Years learning about Australia. A huge thanks



from the Early Years team, myself Mr Lock and Ben Pearson, the Chief Education Officer for Bedford Borough who had the good fortune to be visiting me on that day. There has been plenty of creativity on offer here this week with Year 1 bringing in wonderful materials information homework, rockets arriving in Y2 and planets and models of the solar system in Y4 and 5! I am so impressed. Y5 have been sewing (!) and making Easter Island clay heads. They were so impressive I had to include a picture of some of them here!

We have also been recipients of generosity by parents – a huge thanks to Mr and Mrs Ruggiero, who donated a tablet to the school for use by pupils, and to the Coombes family both for the quote on the library wall, and also the generous raffle prizes of two lots of meals for four at the Bull on the London Road. This is really appreciated!

Our new catering company from September, will be in school to explain about ordering and paying for school dinners (even if your child is KSI and has free school meals, you will need to order their choice each week). Innovate will be in the small hall on **the 2nd July between 4 and 5pm and 5.30 – 6.30 to sign up** parents on an app, show you menus and how the ordering and payment systems will work. Please come into school at these times and get all the information you need. There will be NO CASH payment in

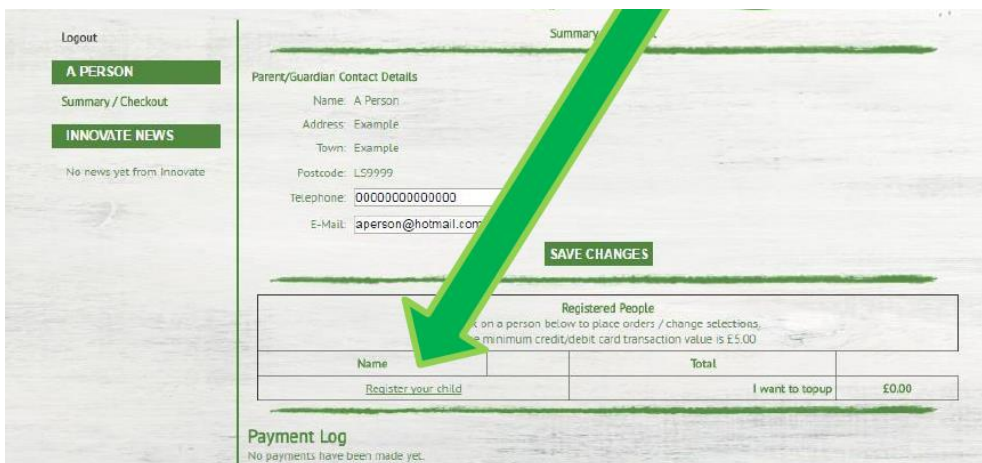
school from September, so it is important, if you want your child to have a hot lunch meal, you are signed up.



Have a look on this website and see.



As you work through the login you will see these pages. To register your child you need to put NEW ENTRANT rather than the class name as the new classes for September will be available from the 5th July.



Hello from your new school caterers!

Innovate Services are pleased to have the chance to provide the catering services at your school from September 2018. Our aim, along with the School, is to provide our students with an exceptional catering experience. We plan exciting menus packed with health, variety, goodness and attitude. We also make our food look great and taste as good as it should. Engaging with students is also very important. Throughout our time working with the school, we will be meeting with students to review their thoughts and opinions on the food offer, but to also educate them on food provenance and making healthy choices. We do this in a fun and engaging way, and will of course have them cook up a healthy storm when they attend these sessions. We hope you can join us on the parents' evening planned on the 2nd July in Elstow School Hall from 4pm, as this will be an opportunity for you to meet with the catering team, ask questions pertinent to you and your child/children, and to of course try some of the tasters on offer. You will also be briefed on the new online ordering system that will be introduced for all meal orders.

Kindest regards

Richard Corbyn

Regional Director



Father Paul from Elstow Abbey has sent me a flyer about the Shakespeare at the Abbey and also the Summer camp running in the first week of the holidays. I include some information here.

Elstow Abbey Holiday Club 2018 Treasure Island

10am – 12 noon
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th July 2018



BBQ / Island party

For all of God's shipmates and their families
Friday 27th July from 6pm

Including

Prize giving and celebration

Treasure Island is a five day holiday club which will be held in Elstow Church and Garden. Each day there will be crafts, songs, games, stories, competitions and prizes, along with Bible teaching as we begin our voyage with Paul to find the real treasure!

Treasure Island is **FREE** and **OPEN** to ALL (5 – 12 years old). If you want to join us and take part in **Treasure Island** please complete the registration form and send it back before the start of the club. If older children would like to join in as young leaders please call 01234 406061

Diary Dates

JUNE

- 25th Y1 to Mead Open Farm – it's going to be hot – hats and suncream already applied please!
- 26th EYFS /KS1 Multisports Festival **PE KITS NEEDED**
- 27th **10 x Y5 &6 Pupils to Golf County Finals**
9 – 12.30 Y5 Park Trip – reward.
Y3 Insect Workshop – Big Hall (morning)
- 28th Carl Denham 3rd Gym Session for Y5 (**PE KITS NEEDED**) Big Hall 11.15 – 12.30
Y6 Transition to BFS day. (13 Pupils) **YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE SCHOOL**

- 29th SUMMER FAIR — 15:00 onwards in school. Please see the letter which was sent out!

JULY

- 2nd Reports out to parents (Not EY or Y6)
EYFS open afternoon for existing pupils and parents
Y2 Trip to Stanwick Lakes – Badgers
- 3rd Singing in the Playground Concert 30 x Y5 pupils Kings House 1-4pm
- 4th Y2 Trip to Stanwick Lakes Squirrels
Sing-On concert – PM Y3 Pupils in Corn Exchange 13:00 depart from school. Evening performance.
Y6 Wixams Transition Day
- 5th Elstow transition morning – pupils to new classes
Y6 Transition to BA (29 pupils)
EY new pupils 13:30 – 14:30 afternoon
Carl Denham 4th Gym Session for Y5 (**PE KITS NEEDED**) Big Hall 11.15 – 12.30
- 6th EY new pupils 9.30 – 10.30 morning (with surnames A-K)
EY new pupils 13:30 – 14:30 afternoon (with surnames L-Z)
KS1 Celebration Assembly **8.50am**
Y6 Transition to BA (29 pupils) **TAKE YOUR CHILD DIRECT TO BA**
- 9th SPORTS DAY EY KS1 AM KS2 PM **PE kits all day all pupils**

Early Years reports home to parents

10th Sports day (back up day if rained off on Monday)

Y6 Reports home to parents

11th Y5 Multi Sports Leadership training in school 9 -12
(Y1 & Y5 PE KITS TODAY – Y1 joining Y5 as part of the training)
Y6 Park Trip – reward 9.15 – 12.30

12th Y5 Multi Sports Leadership training in school 9 -12
(Y2 & Y5 PE KITS TODAY – Y2 joining Y5 as part of the training)
Parent teacher drop in meetings – report feedback and meet the new class teacher.

Open classes 15:30 – 17:00

13th Kempston Library Summer Reading Challenge assembly
STEM Fair 25 pupils Y6 pupils (location TBC – day time)

Y6 PROM 18:00 – 20:30.

16th HAIRSPRAY performance 17:00 BIG HALL Limited availability. School will watch dress rehearsal.

17th Cinema attendance reward trip – Bedford Cinema.

19th Y6 leaver's production 14:00 Big Hall

20th 1pm Big Hall - Y6 Leavers Assembly – parents invited.

School finishes at 2pm on this day.

We look forward to seeing you all back for the start of the autumn term on Wednesday 5th September at 8.30am .