



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th November 2017

Dear Families

This week in school our Robins have been looking at the different seasons. They eagerly planted bulbs in the planters in the courtyard and Ewan was so motivated that he now wants to become a gardener. Next door our Woodpecker class have been learning about the first landing on the moon and writing letters from someone on the moon to earthlings. Children in our Kingfisher class have been learning about instructional writing and successfully followed a recipe to make their own cakes. I understand that the cakes were so delicious that they are going to bake some for our Children in Need Tuck shop next Friday 😊 Our Owls, having been inspired by David Weisner's text 'Tuesday', have started their own journalistic writing.

Thank you Kingfisher parents for your support with their wonderful project homework.

Remembrance

We will be thinking of our armed forces and those who have given their lives to bring peace where there is conflict on Monday. The children are all invited to wear their Royal British Legion poppies, wristbands and friendship bracelets. From Tuesday onwards, we ask that these are left at home. Thank you.

Children in Need fundraising Appeal

It is nearly that time of year again and our school council members have come up with some ideas to raise funds for children who are less fortunate than them. On Friday 17th November we have agreed:

- Our Robins and Woodpeckers will be taking part in a sponsored walk, skip and hop.
- Our Kingfishers and Owls will be taking part in a sponsored ride or row.

Our school council have asked the children if they would like to pay £1 to wear non-school uniform. They have also agreed to make cakes for our Tuck Shop next Friday.

The children all brought sponsor forms home at the end of last term.

Clubs Update

- Monday afternoon (ending 27th November) - Zumbacize with Miss Follen (15 spaces for children in Years 3 – 6)
- Tuesday afternoon (ending 28th November) – SATs with Mrs Walker (all Year 6s please)
- Tuesday afternoon (ending 28th November) - SOLE Club with Mrs Kelly for Y4/5 (12 spaces)
- Wednesday afternoon (ending 29th November – Homework club with Mrs Hatton
PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS HOMEWORK TO COMPLETE IF THEY ARE STAYING TO HW CLUB
- Wednesday afternoon (ending 29th November) - Art Club with Mrs Seymour and Miss Shuff for Y2/3/4 (12 spaces)

Robins' Nativity

Robin class will be performing their nativity on Wednesday 13th December between 9:00 - 10:00am. Please do stay and watch their play which will be followed by mince pies and Christmas cookies.

Year 3 / 4 / 5 Swimming

Jackie has set up swimming contributions via +Pay. The charge is £10 per child with the remainder taken from the school's sport budget. The children will be swimming on Monday 13th, 20th and 27th November plus 4th December.

Advance Notice – Year 1 Parents

Our Year 1s will be attending the Woodstock Dance Festival on Thursday 16th November. Jackie has sent out a consent letter via Parent Mail. Our Year 1 children will need a packed lunch on that day. Thank you.

Aviva Community Fund - Bletchingdon School Sensory Garden

Whilst we have already raised an amazing £3,000 towards the school's sensory garden we have the opportunity to obtain additional funding (up to £5k) which can be used for specialist equipment and planting via the Aviva Community Fund. Projects with the most votes receive the greatest funding.

You can easily vote for our project via www.community-fund.aviva.co.uk

Search for 'Bletchingdon School Sensory Garden', then register as a guest on the website and vote. It only takes 2 minutes and your support would be much appreciated! Thank you . Jane Mullane.

PTA Update

On November 18th we are hosting Bletchingdon's first **Pamper & Shopping Evening!** Come along for a relaxing evening of pre-Christmas pampering and shopping, choose from a range of treatments and shop with a great selection of retailers. Tickets in advance - £5 including a glass of bubbles and there will be a cash bar. Contact any member of the PTA for tickets or search for the event on Facebook.

For any more information about the PTA please contact Rachel 07790 025110 rachel_pirie@hotmail.com

Easyfundraising - Raise free money for school while you shop

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could collect a free donation for Bletchingdon School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Booking.com and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. **Join.** Head to easyfundraising.com and sign up for free.
2. **Shop.** Every time you shop online, go to [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.com) first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping. There is a 'donation reminder' you can also download.
3. **Raise.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful.

Thank you for your support, any questions please contact Jane Mullane (07775 994198).

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17 th November	Children in Need fundraising Flu vaccination for children in YR, 1, 2, 3 and 4 John Howell MP visiting school
Wednesday 29 th November	Visit to school from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue
Monday 11 th December	Whole School Maths Day
Wednesday 13 th December	Robins' Nativity followed by mince pies and cookies Years N and R
14 th and 15 th December	Big Q days
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 th December	Nativity and Carols in Church (2pm and 6pm) Years 1 - 6
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Party Last day of autumn term
Thursday 4 th January	Spring term begins

We wish you all a Happy Half-term

Yours sincerely

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Louise Hatton
(Headteacher)

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Christmas Prize Bingo

2nd Woodstock Guides are holding their Christmas Prize bingo on Saturday 11th November in Bletchingdon Village Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm.