



## BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Families

In school this week our Robins have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and considering some of the choices that she makes whilst our Woodpeckers have been busy learning more about multiplication as well as about Viking Long Boats. In key stage two, our Kingfisher class have started their new science topic – rock identification - whilst our Owls have been learning about formal writing as well as different types of lines, e.g. horizontal, vertical, diagonal, parallel and bisecting.

Dear Families

After almost 9 years teaching here, I have decided to take voluntary redundancy and leave Bletchington Primary School at the end of April 2018 to pursue new ventures.

I have really enjoyed working at the school in my various roles, with great colleagues and amazing students and have loved developing the school's science teaching.

With all good wishes for 2018,

Zehra Kelly

### **Fridays**

Just to remind you that I am not going to be in school on Fridays. Jackie and Mrs Walker will manage the day-to-day running of the school in my absence and the children are all aware that Mrs Walker and I will be liaising closely to ensure continuity of approach. If an urgent matter arises that requires my attention, for example safeguarding, then Mrs Walker will let me know.

### **Class Curriculum Letters to Parents**

Having listened to some feedback, we have sent out hard copies this term as they are easier for many parents to read.

### **Lunchtimes**

A couple of our older school council representatives approached me just before Christmas about lunchtime arrangements in the hall. They did a marvellous job of negotiating - one idea led on to another and they met with our lunchtime supervisors to ask for their thoughts. As a result, children in Years 1 – 6 are sitting in their House Groups. We are also trialling the idea of children choosing whom they wish to sit next to on a Friday. We have asked all our children to be mindful of inclusivity and ensure that no-one is left out. As a collective, the children have decided how they can gain House Points.

### **Student Teachers**

We have two student teachers joining us from Brookes University on Monday. Miss O'Farrell will be working in our Owl class and Mr Bennett in our Kingfisher class. Both students will be with us until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### **School Reception Front Door**

We do apologise that the front door is not working efficiently – we are currently awaiting an engineer visit.

### Dates for your Diary

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Whole School Focus Week 'Around the World'

Y5s to The Marlborough for Partnership Street Dance

Dance Day with Keeva.

Whole School performance to parents at 2.30pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

YR and Y6 Heights and Weights with school nurse

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February

HALF TERM

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

INSET

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

World Book Day

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March

Big Question

Parent – teacher meetings

28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Bonnet parade and Eggstravaganza

28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Service

(The two events above will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March. I will confirm which is taking place on which day once I have heard back from our Rector. I know Gareth is currently in conversation with all three of his schools).

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Break up at 1.30pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Terms begins

Yours sincerely

*L Hatton*

**(Headteacher)**

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### Church News

It is lovely Christingle time again!

Each child has been sent home with a collecting box for the Children's Society. The Society supports vulnerable children such as those who frequently run away from home and get into trouble, or those children who have fled danger in their own countries and do not have families of their own. The Children's Society provides mentors, advice and support and brings many young people back into mainstream education and safety.

Do make up the box, fill it with coins and bring it back to school by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Even better, bring it to the family service in St Giles' Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am and you will receive in return a Christingle orange and have the chance to sing the Christingle song