



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th October 2016

Dear Families

In school this week our Robins have been talking about different types of celebrations, linking this into how we show others that we care for them. Children in our Woodpecker, Kingfisher and Owl classes have fully immersed themselves in our Big Question 'How should people care?'

Our Woodpeckers have looked at people who care for us as well as people / things that we might care for and made links with Jesus' story of 'The Good Samaritan'. Our Kingfisher class began looking at how we care for ourselves, others and the environment and moved onto looking at the parable of 'The Lost Sheep' as well as different jobs people do and the skills they need (making links with our Christian Values). One child told me "The police need to have good listening skills. They need to show courage when things are tricky". Another said "The prime minister needs to be brave when other people don't agree. They have to show courage when trying to lead and be respectful back when people disagree."

Children in our Owl class were challenged to work in groups to design their own towns – residential and commercial properties, places of worship, community amenities, emergency facilities etc – and justify their decisions. They were then tasked with writing a citizen's charter and making decisions as to who or what body would lead the town – one child said "We need to welcome all religions and cater for their different beliefs and needs" whilst another said "We need to be fair to everyone – help the elderly and try to understand each other". When asked how their town creating decisions linked to the guidance Jesus gives us, one responded: "The whole bible tells us whoever people are, whatever their need, we care for each other." Another said "Jesus tell us to welcome everyone and accept everyone. Our towns will help this. We have included everyone and tried to think about what they will need."

Year 3 / 4 Mixed Football

Many congratulations to our under 9s team who played their hearts out. They came joint 5th out of 11 teams from the Eynsham, Burford and Woodstock Partnerships. Thank you to: Della, Ferne, James, Jennifer, Henry, Kian, Lincoln, Luca, Ollie and Sam R – you were great ambassadors for your school. Thank you also to Adrian Day.

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for supporting our service and the Bicester Food Bank.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much to our school council for helping out. You helped Julie Benton to raise £279.25.

Home School Agreement Pack

Please can we have your photograph consent, blanket permission and internet code of conduct forms back – signed. We cannot take children to the church for the harvest festival or to The Marlborough without consent. Thank you

PTA update

Thanks to those that attended the meeting on Tuesday evening. The PTA will be running a disco for the children after school on 2nd November, more details to follow but put the date in your diary!

If you are interested in supporting the PTA or have some ideas for fundraising please contact:

Rachel_pirie@hotmail.com.

Nursery Open Morning

Our next open morning is taking place on Tuesday 18th October from 10.00 until 11.30am. If you have a rising 3-year-old and would like to come and find out about our nursery then please do pop in.

Our School Cook Natasha

Sadly, Natasha has resigned, and her last day of cooking our school meals will be next Friday 21st October. We will all miss Natasha but wish her well for the future. A new cook has been appointed by Food & More and will start with us when we return on 31st October.

Food & More Menu

Please find attached a new menu that will run from Monday 31st October. Please check the meals with your children and let Jackie know your choices early next week.

'MOVING ON TO SECONDARY SCHOOL'

Now is the time for all parents of Year 6 pupils to make their choice for their child's secondary school place for September 2017 entry. The booklets 'Moving On' WILL NOT be distributed to schools this year but are available to view on the public website for all to look through or to print off. The online portal (*which admissions are encouraging all parents to use*) is open for secondary applications and the closing date is 31st October 2016 followed by the National Offer Day of 1st March 2017.

To access the portal please use:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Please note the online portal for Primary is not open yet but will be from the beginning of October 2016 with a closing date of 15th January 2017. Followed by the National Offer Day 18th April 2017.

Class Family Lunches

This is a new initiative being offered by Natasha (our school cook) and *Food with More*. We are inviting a parent (or parent representative) to come in and join their child for lunch. The cost is £2.10 (pupil's size portion) or £3.60 (adult portion). Our next lunch is:

Wednesday 19th October KINGFISHER class (Yr 3 & 4) 12 noon – 12:30p.m

Dates for your Diary

Mon 17 th – Wed 19 th Oct.	Year 5 / 6 residential
Wednesday 19 th October	Kingfisher Class Family Lunch (12.00 – 12.30)
Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct.	Half Term
Wednesday 2 nd November	PTA Autumn Disco
Thursday 17 th November	Year 1 Dance Festival at The Marlborough
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Appeal
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Fayre 2pm to 3.30pm
Monday 12 th Dec	Christmas Nativity and Carols 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch (with Year 6s serving)
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Party
	Last day of autumn term
Wednesday 4th January	Spring term begins

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton
Headteacher

Fundraising for Shelter

Charlie Brown (junior) is raising money for Shelter by asking people to sponsor him to have his hair cut off. Please see his just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Charles-Brown8>

Weston on the Green Quiz Night

In aid of St Mary's Church roof
Saturday 15th October @ 7.30pm
Teams of 2 – 6 adults
Licenced bar and supper £10

Please email westonvillagehall@live.co.uk for any further information and tickets