



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th September 2017

Dear Families

In school this week our Robins have been very busy – our nursery children have continued getting to know each other and their classroom whilst our reception children have started their topic 'My Family' and completed some writing and portraits about their mums. Our Woodpeckers have been looking at number pairs and partitioning 2-digit numbers, as well as thinking about their topic and our school value 'courage'. Children in our Kingfisher class have started their new topic 'Ancient Greece', focusing on the Greek Myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. Archie told me that the Minotaur was 'half bull half person' and that he was very 'fierce'. Described Theseus as 'brave and courageous'. Children in our Owl Class have been looking at Lewis Carroll's 'Jabberwocky' – they have particularly focused on performance and I have to say that I watched an outstanding performance from Iris Nicholson, Hannah Ransome, James Cherry, Freyja Phipps and Megan Wyatt – well done.

House Captain and Vice-Captain Elections

I would like to say a big thank you to those children who stood for election today. Standing in front of the school and justifying why you should be elected is not an easy thing to do – you showed considerable courage.

I am delighted to announce the following children were elected by their teams:

<u>House</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice-Captain</u>
Cygnus	Bea McBain	Emma Levey
Draco	Louis Tweddle	Luca Jordan
Pegasus	Megan Wyatt	Iris Nicholson
Phoenix	Katherine Richardson	Jennifer Baker

Sale of Sunflower Seeds

Just to let you know that our Owls will be selling sunflower seeds for planting and animal food on Tuesday afternoon at the school gate. Each packet will cost 50p.

Safeguarding Concern

We would like to draw attention to a potentially harmful social media challenge to young people called 'the Blue Whale Challenge'. This international challenge, labelled as a game, is being heavily promoted on social media sites. The reference to 'blue whale' is the first part of this challenge, which encourages children and young people to self-harm by drawing, with a blade, a blue whale on themselves. The challenges continue over 50 days and become more serious and dangerous in nature. Internationally, there have been reports of several deaths that have been attributed to the challenge. The police are warning parents to be vigilant about this challenge.

Arcimboldo Art

Please could children in Year 3 and 4 bring in fruits and vegetables for their art session on Monday afternoon. Thank you.

School Lunches

Just a reminder that lunches must be ordered and paid for in advance via our Parent Mail / +Pay system.

Staff-led after school clubs

These will mostly start week beginning 25th September:

- Monday afternoon starting 25.9.17 - Zumbacize with Miss Follen (15 spaces for children in Years 3 – 6)
- Tuesday afternoon starting 26.9.17 - SOLE Club with Mrs Kelly for Y4/5/6 (12 spaces)
- Wednesday afternoon starting 27.9.17 – Homework club with Mrs Hatton
PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS HOMEWORK TO COMPLETE IF THEY ARE STAYING TO HW CLUB
- Wednesday afternoon starting 27.9.27 - Art Club with Mrs Seymour and Miss Shuff for Y2/3/4 (12 spaces)

Tuesday afternoon after residential (Year 6 SPAG club) with Mrs Walker

PTA Update

Saturday 14th October Quiz
Saturday 18th November Pamper Evening
Thursday 30th November Children's Winter Disco

Following our meeting on Tuesday evening, we have agreed to support the school with the purchase of three cookers – one for each KS1 and KS2 classroom kitchen.

Class Curriculum Letters

Please see the attached class curriculum letters

Outdoor Footwear

Please can we ask that all children have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes (trainers) in school. We ask that the children have trainers for outdoor play as the wooden equipment can become slippery in wet weather. Boots are not to be worn as indoor shoes.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18 th September	Whole school art afternoon – change of date
12 th and 13 th October	Big Q days
16 th and 17 th October	Parent-Teacher meetings
Mon 23rd– Fri 27th Oct.	Half Term
Monday 30th October	INSET
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need fundraising
Monday 11 th December	Whole School Maths Day
14 th and 15 th December	Big Q days
Monday 18 th December	Nativity and Carols in Church (TBC)
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Party and Last day of autumn term
Thursday 4th January	Spring term begins

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton
Headteacher