



## BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Week 7

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### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK – WELL DONE WOODPECKER CLASS

OWLS 93.7%

KINGFISHERS 91.24%

WOODPECKERS 96.25%

ROBINS 89%

Dear Families

We've had a busy start to the year and as we reach half-term I'd like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers and the children for making me feel so welcome. I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the amazing adults who work in our school. Since day one I have been impressed by how caring and thoughtful everyone is and by the very high standard of teaching. Our children are very fortunate and I feel privileged to be their Headteacher.

We have started to think about some of the things we would like to do based on the ideas from staff, children, governors and parents. We would be grateful for more input from parents and ask you to please complete our survey titled "October survey 2018". Your feedback will help us plan for the future. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N6VYBHL>

We hope everyone has a good half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in on time on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. (Monday is an INSET day and we are joining the partnership teachers for wellbeing training.)

Mrs Karen Donaghey  
Headteacher

### Children in Need

Wear spots for Children In Need on 16<sup>th</sup> November but also enter The Pudsey Art Competition

3 Categories

- Robins and Woodpeckers
- Kingfishers and Owls
- All staff

50p entry for children £1 for adults – money to Children in Need

On A4 paper, any medium; paint, collage, pencil, crayon etc. must include PUDSEY somewhere.

Entries to House Captains by 9<sup>th</sup> November. Winner announced 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### Children's Safety

Please continue to avoid using the car park next to school. It is so much safer when it's less busy.

Thank you.

## **Cross-country**

Well done to those children who took part in the Cross-Country on Thursday. Lovely quote from one of our children to a teacher from one of the other schools.

*'We are Bletchington ... a small but proud school.'*

## **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

If you didn't manage to sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher please arrange to talk to them after half-term. It is so important the children understand that we all work together to help them do well.

## **We still need**

Small plastic bottles to make poppies. If you have any please give to Owl class. We also need clean glass jars to make candle holders, again please give to Owl Class or bring to the office. Thank you very much.

## **Admissions to infant and primary schools**

Applying to start infant and primary school for the first time.

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary or infant school place for their children.

How to apply:

From 25 October 2018 you can apply online for a primary or infant school place.

If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from schools, nurseries and from the School Admissions Team.

The deadline for receipt of completed school applications is 15 January 2019

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/infant-and-primary-school>

Year 6 transfer to secondary – the deadline is approaching.

Parents can now submit online applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2019. Parents should apply directly at:

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions) Parents unable or unwilling to apply online can complete the secondary application form by hand; this should then be posted recorded delivery to the Admissions team or hand delivered to county Hall. However parents are advised to apply online where possible as this is the most secure method. The deadline for all applications is 31 October 2018.

## **Please Support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**



In school we have a selection of poppies, rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, pencils in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We will have children going around the school when we return after half term. If you would like your child to support, please could you send them to school with some money for the collection. Many Thanks



All Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in Cycle Training. This will take during the week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Further details and a consent form is in your child's book bag.

## PTA NEWS

Thank you very much to those parents who stayed for the PTA's AGM on Tuesday.

Your committee members for this year are: Kelly Whitehead (Chair), Claire McMahon, Fiona Mason, Jane Mullane (Treasurer), Lucy Baker, Rachel Pirie, Sinead Bushnell, Vicky Walton and Vikki Robins.

Please find attached the Treasurer's report for 2017/2018. The PTA is pleased to announce that it raised **£5,395.41** last year and purchased for school: new cookers, play props, compost bin, materials for improvements to Foundation outdoor space and a new catering BBQ for events.

If anyone else is interested in joining the PTA or would like to find out more please speak to one of the committee members or come along to the Meet and Greet on Tuesday 30th October or email any suggestions to [bletchingdonpta@outlook.com](mailto:bletchingdonpta@outlook.com)

### DATES FOR DIARY

Tuesday 30th October, 3:30pm in the School Library - Meet & Greet PTA with Wine & Cheese: hear about your PTA and all the things planned to raise money for the school and suggestions on how it will be spent.

Saturday 24th November, 7.00pm - Pamper & Shopping Evening at Bletchingdon Village Hall. Tickets are £5 and include a free drink. For ticket information please talk to any of the PTA or email: [bletchingdonpta@outlook.com](mailto:bletchingdonpta@outlook.com)

## USEFUL WEBSITES FOR INTERNET SAFETY

**Think-U-Know, CEOP and the NSPCC are excellent for explaining the risks and what to reduce them**

<http://thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://ceop.gov.uk>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### **Online Bullying Particularly**

Childnet – <http://www.childnet.com/>

*Advice and information for Children and Families and professionals covering a range of potential issues but with clearly focussed advice for Online Bullying.*

**Childline** – <http://www.childline.org.uk/>

*Information and a helpline for young people. Having someone they don't know to turn to in case of an issue can be very valuable.*

### **General Online Safety for older children**

BBC Webwise – <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/>

*Information and advice about all aspects of using the Internet safely and efficiently aimed at Young People aged around Secondary School age. Includes lots of information and advice about Online Bullying.*

## How to learn your times tables?

Please be relaxed and encourage them to work through them one by one but to keep going over them, little and often is best. Stick them up around your home (ask first!) so you keep walking past them. Once you can recite them try asking someone to test you randomly out of order. If some just won't stick try making up a silly rhyme such as

*8x8 is 64 oh my goodness I was sick on the floor*

### Brilliant apps : Squeebles multiplication and Squeebles division

Useful websites for times table games.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzXcl49jdV0>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths>

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/multiplication\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/multiplication_games.html)

<http://ideas4kids.org/activities/?query=multiples> – multiple colouring activity sheets

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Good luck and remember knowing them will make a real difference to your maths.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
<b>HALF TERM 22-26 OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need fundraising-wear spots and bring a donation.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Pamper & Shopping Evening - Village Hall - 7pm onwards
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24 DECEMBER -4 JANUARY</b>	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	All Bletch Read followed by Parent and carer school lunch
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Maths Day
<b>HALF TERM 18-22 FEBRUARY</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnets and Eggstravaganda
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY 8-22 APRIL</b>	
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week KS2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 to Marlborough
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 to Marlborough
<b>HALF TERM 27-31 MAY</b>	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year production Matinee
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 to Marlborough
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year production Evening
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport, Fitness and Health week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Celebration
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Goodbye Assembly

### **NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

This half term Wonder Woods at Stonor are having a Spooktacular Halloween event! Bring your family to search the garden for riddles and secret messages – work together to solve the mystery and receive a sweet treat! We also have pumpkin carving, and no-carve pumpkin decorating for the little ones. Your ticket to our Halloween event also includes The Wonder Woods, where children can climb, swing, and run around for hours. For more info see: <https://www.stonor.com/halloween-half-term/>