

BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

20th May 2016

Dear Families

Well done to our Year 2s who have now sat their SATs tests – you remained calm throughout and we are really proud of you ☺ Elsewhere in school this week our Owls have auditioned for parts in their end of year production ‘Macbeth’ and started making thistle lanterns in DT. In our Kingfisher class, the children have been finishing their Roman play scripts and acting them out as well as solving money problems in maths, whilst our Robins have been preparing for their teddy bears’ healthy snack time.

Behaviour

All staff has become aware of some persistent low level disruption from a small number of children. These children have been spoken with and we are in the middle of sharing our concerns with parents. I would like to emphasise that this is from a small group of our KS2 children and we are seeing many examples of kind, considerate, respectful and loving behaviours from most. We would be VERY grateful if you would speak with your children over the weekend about the importance of using good manners (please and thank you), not calling out in class, being respectful to adults etc. Although we are aware that we can all be influenced by others, our children are all taught that they are responsible for whether they use their personal power in a positive or negative way.

Year 6 Parents

Just to remind you that your children are invited to attend their first transition morning on Tuesday. You are responsible for taking and collecting. We advise the children take a packed lunch that they can then eat on return to Bletchington.

Year 5 / 6 Residential October 2016 Payment Schedule

The total cost is £209. We are happy for this to be paid in full or paid in the following instalments.

Deposit	£25.00 payable by Monday 23 rd May
2 nd Instalment	£60.00 due by Monday 20 th June
3 rd Instalment	£60.00 due by Friday 15 th July
Final Instalment	£64.00 due by Wednesday 7 th September

Cheques payable to OCC please

Scooters and the Car Park

I am afraid we have received a couple of complaints about children running around the car park in the mornings and riding their scooters quickly along the pathways. Please can we just ask you to talk with your children about the importance of a) keeping themselves safe and b) being respectful and ensuring the safety of others.

Year 3 / 4 Trip to Chedworth Villa

Our Kingfishers are going to Chedworth Villa on the 4th July. We are in the middle of negotiating travel costs with coach companies and will confirm details with you next week.

Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration and Charity Fundraising Day

On Friday 10th June we will be celebrating the Queen’s 90th Birthday in school, as well as raising money for the charity our children have chosen to support as part of this year’s Woodstock Partnership’s Charity Enterprise – ***Make a Wish Foundation***. The children chose this charity after an informative assembly last week led by children in Yr 5 & 6. Food & More, our school meal provider are laying on a special celebratory lunch (details attached) and we are inviting all our children to pay £1 to come in to school dressed in red, white and blue. Assuming the weather is fine, we will be eating lunch in the courtyard area festooned with bunting. IF YOU HAVE ANY RED, WHITE AND BLUE BUNTING YOU WOULD BE PREPARED TO LEND US, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL. In the afternoon all our children will take part in our annual SPORTATHON. Please see the attached sponsor form.

Sainsbury’s Active Kids 2016

Please remember to bring your Sainsbury’s vouchers into school, as we have now started the big count. Just pop them into the letter box just inside the school entrance.

Forward Planning – clubs after Half term

Teacher led clubs will run from week beginning 6th June to (and including) week beginning

Monday	SW Coaching: Football
Tuesday	Environment Club for KS1 and KS2
Wednesday	Homework Club for KS2 Art Club for KS2
Thursday	SW Coaching: Hip Hop Dance
Friday	SW Coaching: Multi-skills

Dates for your diary:

23 rd & 24 th May	Whole school Big Q days
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half Term
Monday 6 th June	INSET school closed to pupils
Wednesday 8 th June	KS2 Quad Athletics at Tilsley Park (selected teams)
Friday 10 th June	Woodstock Partnership charity fundraising day and celebration of Queen's 90 th birthday
Thursday 16 th June	Farms2Ewe visiting FSU
Monday 20 th June	Y5/6 Royal Shakespeare Workshop in Stratford upon Avon
Tuesday 21 st June	Y1/2 Cogges Manor Farm
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y2 Ultra Olympics (details to follow)
28 th June	Whole school maths day
Monday 4 th July	Yr3/4 Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 8 th July	Sports day
Monday 18 th July	End of year performance
Tuesday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service – Time TBC
Wednesday 20 th July	Leavers' Assembly - Term finishes at 1.30pm

Governor of the Month; May – Jill Saint

I've been an associate governor for four years. My background is in educational publishing – with Oxford University Press a long time ago – and very varied teaching. I taught shorthand, typing and computers, and later adult literacy. I had my own small ballet school for ten years, and also worked for several years at the Oxford Playhouse, mainly as a dresser.

I'm particularly interested in literacy, and Kate Pick and I are planning to visit the school soon to look at this aspect of the curriculum.

It's a Whacky Knockout is BACK!

Would your child like to be part of the Bletchingdon School team? We need teams of up to 15 players, of which a minimum of 4 players must be aged 5 – 7 years.

The Knockout is being held on 26th June 2016 between 12 – 5pm

The cost of entry is £3.00 per team member. If your child would like to secure a place on the team, please come and collect a form from the office and return it to the office, with £3.00, by Wednesday 25th May 2016.

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton
Headteacher

Church News



Where is the treasure hidden? Has Dash managed not to lose the golden key to the Hall of Memory? Who will be able to work their way through the maze to the lost story treasures? What do they mean? Can anyone understand Dotty the Scotty's accent? What will we get for refreshments? Which Companions will win the most firebugs?

You will discover the answers to all these questions at **Guardians of Ancora** Holiday Club – if you are there! Just fill in the form, sign up to be a companion, and come and join the team on August 22nd. If you have lost the form you can find it on

www.akemanbenefice.org.uk **Guardians of Ancora** is for those who are between 5 and 11 – and NOT AFRAID OF DRAGONS