



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th October 2017

Dear Families

Thank you very much to Jane Mullane for taking our contributions to the Bicester Food Bank.

Apologies

We apologise for the children returning late from the cross country run event yesterday. Unfortunately the event ran on longer than the organisers had anticipated and, owing to the huge number of children partaking, the traffic leaving was rather congested.

Thank you

Thank you to all of you who attended the PTA's annual Quiz Night. An amazing amount of money was raised.

Thank you also for the cookers – each class now has their own. Our Owls had great fun trying theirs out on Wednesday afternoon Their apple and cinnamon cakes were quite delicious.

Children in Need fundraising Appeal

It is nearly that time of year again and our school council members have come up with some ideas to raise funds for children who are less fortunate than them. On Friday 17th November we have agreed:

- Our Robins and Woodpeckers will be taking part in a sponsored walk, skip and hop.
- Our Kingfishers and Owls will be taking part in a sponsored ride or row.

Please see the sponsor form that has come home today with your child. More information will follow after half term.

Clubs Update

School led clubs will run up until (and including the week beginning 27th November):

- Monday afternoon (ending 27th November) - Zumbacize with Miss Follen (15 spaces for children in Years 3 – 6)
- Tuesday afternoon (ending 28th November) – SATs with Mrs Walker (all Year 6s please)
- Tuesday afternoon (ending 28th November) - SOLE Club with Mrs Kelly for Y4/5 (12 spaces)
- Wednesday afternoon (ending 29th November – Homework club with Mrs Hatton
PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS HOMEWORK TO COMPLETE IF THEY ARE STAYING TO HW CLUB
- Wednesday afternoon (ending 29th November) - Art Club with Mrs Seymour and Miss Shuff for Y2/3/4 (12 spaces)

SW Coaching Clubs

Football club will be running on Mondays from 6th November to (and including) 4th December.

Fun Games club will be running on Thursdays from 9th November until 7th December. This club is £3.00 a session so £15 for the five weeks and will run until 4pm. A minimum of 10 children are needed to make the club viable.

I am afraid that Dance will no longer take place owing to too few children.

Year 3 / 4 / 5 Swimming

Our children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be starting swimming on Monday 6th November for five weeks (the last session will be on Monday 4th December).

Woodpecker and Kingfisher Class Parents

Just to let you know that Miss Shuff will not be in class the week we return from half term as she is accompanying the Owls on their residential. Mrs Kelly and I will be sharing the teaching between us. I will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday morning Thursday and Friday afternoon; Mrs Kelly will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday morning. TC and Mrs O'Brien will be supporting as usual.

As Miss Follen is also accompanying the Owls, Mrs Walker will be teaching Kingfisher class as well as those Owls who are not attending Kilvrough.

We are all looking forward to a *topsy turvy upside down week* which will give us all the chance to get to know children we do not normally spend so much time with better.

Lost! If you find a black hoody with a pink trim with Chloe Geary's name in, could you please hand it in to the school office – thank you.

Advance Notice – Year 1 Parents

Our Year 1s will be attending the Woodstock Dance Festival on Thursday 16th November. Jackie will send out a letter with further information after half term.

PTA Update

Thanks to everyone who supported the quiz on Saturday night. We had a great night with 12 teams taking part; profit from the event currently stands at an amazing £549! Particular thanks to our quiz masters Adam & Elaine Hurst and to Sue Davies for helping with food.

On November 18th we are hosting Bletchingdon's first *Pamper & Shopping Evening*! Come along for a relaxing evening of pre-Christmas pampering and shopping, choose from a range of treatments and shop with a great selection of retailers. Tickets in advance - £5 including a glass of bubbles and there will be a cash bar. Contact any member of the PTA for tickets or search for the event on Facebook.

For any more information about the PTA please contact Rachel 07790 025110 rachel_pirie@hotmail.com

Easyfundraising - Raise free money for school while you shop

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could collect a free donation for Bletchingdon School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Booking.com and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. **Join.** Head to easyfundraising.com and sign up for free.
2. **Shop.** Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising.com first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping. There is a 'donation reminder' you can also download.
3. **Raise.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful.

Thank you for your support, any questions please contact Jane Mullane (07775 994198).

Dates for your Diary

Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct.	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	INSET
Monday 6 th November	Reception children's eye tests Yrs 3, 4 and 5 swimming
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need fundraising Flu vaccination for children in YR, 1, 2, 3 and 4 John Howell MP visiting school
Monday 11 th December	Whole School Maths Day
14 th and 15 th December	Big Q days
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 th December	Nativity and Carols in Church (2pm and 6pm)
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Party Last day of autumn term
Thursday 4 th January	Spring term begins

We wish you all a Happy Half-term

Yours sincerely

L Hatton

Louise Hatton
(Headteacher)