



# BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Dear Families

Wow – what a busy week again. In school this week our Robins have been busy preparing for Pete the Cat's birthday party whilst our Woodpeckers have been exploring features of non-fiction texts through their topic 'Castles'. Next door, in Kingfisher class, our children have shown a great mind-set when trying new written methods for addition and subtraction. Thank you Owls for leading a great assembly this morning.

We hope you all enjoy the half-term break.

## Christian Values Award

This term's Christian Values Award was for our new value 'Unity'. This has been awarded by me this term and I am delighted to say that our Woodpecker Class are the well deserving recipients. Woodpeckers – you have truly worked 'as one' alongside your adults: Miss Shuff, Mrs O'Brien and TC. Thank you. You are an asset to our school.

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." (Romans 15:7)*

## Our School Cook Natasha

Thank you to Natasha – we have really appreciated your fine cooking and wish you all the best.

## Home School Agreement Pack

Please can we have any un-returned photograph consent, blanket permission and internet code of conduct forms back – signed. Thank you

## PTA update

### Autumn Disco

This year's Autumn disco will take place on Wednesday November 2nd, 3.15-5pm at the Village Hall. All children and siblings are welcome, and will need to be accompanied.

Tickets are £3 per child and include a hot dog and drinks.

Tickets available from Grace, Elaine, Jane and Rachel or ring Rachel on 07790 025110.

We hope to see you there!!

### Date for the diary:

**19th November - Bletchington PTA's Quiz Night.**

## '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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 followed by the National Offer Day of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

To access the portal please use:

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Please note the online portal for Primary will be open from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with a closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. National Offer Day is 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## Class Family Lunches

Thank you to everyone who has joined us – the children have really appreciated you coming in.

## Clubs

Please note the last Street Dance club is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, the last multi-skills club is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and the last football club is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## Robin Class

Thank you for being so welcoming to our visiting teachers. Thank you to Miss Hughes and Mrs Costello for your flexibility and for ensuring smooth transitions between teachers. We are hoping that Mrs Seymour will be back after half-term.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Autumn Disco
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Dance Festival at The Marlborough
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Appeal
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 2pm to 3.30pm (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Nativity and Carols 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch (with Year 6s serving)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Last day of autumn term
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Spring term begins</b>

### Child Free Night Out?

If you would like to come out for a festive meal at 'Bills' (Oxford) on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 8pm, please kindly contact Jane Radley by the 4<sup>th</sup> November on 07881503985 or [juradley@icloud.com](mailto:juradley@icloud.com).

The price is £22.95 for a 3 course meal. Please visit <https://bills-website.co.uk/restaurants/oxford/> to view the options.

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton  
Headteacher

## Bletch Café

Half-term offer – free mini muffin & squash for the kids.

Open 9.30-12.00

Find us in Village hall Cafe area (access via the plaza)

- Hot bacon rolls
- Costa Coffee – latte, cappuccino etc
- Freshly baked cakes, refreshments
- Newspapers, magazines, board games
- Books and colouring for the kids
- Terrace, cafe and hall seating



Support gratefully received from the Bletchington Charity and the BCF.

**Bletch Café – monthly big breakfasts start 8.30-11am Saturday 22nd  
October**