



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2018

Dear Families

Welcome back – we hope you all enjoyed the half term break. We have a busy few weeks to look forward to in the run up to Easter. To give you a flavour, we have:

- World Book Day
- Whole School Poetry Focus Week
- Prayer Spaces
- Easter Bonnet Parade and Eggstravaganza
- Easter Service

World book Day

National World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March 2018. Each class will be focusing on a text which has been chosen by their teacher and we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a book character. It would be great if they could bring in a copy of their book as this might motivate others to read it too.

Swimming

All children in Years 3 / 4 / 5 will resume swimming again on Monday. They will swim for five weeks: Monday 26th Feb, 5th Mar, 12th Mar, 19th Mar and 26th Mar. We are asking again for a voluntary donation of £10 per pupil and Jackie will set this up via +Pay.

Clubs

Monday	Zumbacize with Miss Follen	Years 2 – 6
Tuesday	Y6 SATs with Mrs Walker	Year 6 only
	Cricket for less experienced (Chance to Shine)	Years 3 / 4 / 5 only
Wednesday	Homework with Mrs Hatton	Years 3 – 6
	Science Shack with Mrs Kelly	Years 3 – 6

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE CRICKET, PLEASE CAN YOU SUBMIT THE CONSENT FORM VIA PARENT MAIL.

I am sorry but owing to a variety of reasons, art club will not resume until after Easter.

SW Coaching Clubs

Monday	Football (last one Monday 26 th March 2018)
Thursday	Fun Games (last one Thursday 22 nd March)

Tempest Photography

We hope you have all received proof versions of your child's school photograph(s). Please could Jackie have all orders back by next Friday – 2nd March. Thank you.

Advance Notice of Dates –

Parent Teacher Meetings are taking place on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March.
Our traditional **May Spring Fayre** is taking place on Saturday 19th May.

School Absence during May

Owing to Easter being early and bank holiday Monday being later than usual, we will be carrying out our KS1 SATs tests over a period of a couple of weeks. Our KS2 SATs take place during week beginning 14th May. Please can you ensure that children in Years 2 and 6 in particular are NOT absent from school during the period 8th to 25th May 2018. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 27 th February	Pupil Parliament Reps attended Partnership meeting
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Thursday 1 st March	Y5/6 Netball Tournament @ The Marlborough
5 th to 9 th March	Whole School Poetry Focus
12 th to 16 th March	Assessment Week
27 th /28 th March	Big Question and Prayer Spaces
	Parent – teacher meetings
28 th March	Easter Bonnet parade and Eggstravaganza
29 th March	Easter Service
Thursday 29 th March	Break up at 1.30pm
Monday 16 th April	Summer Terms begins
17 th April	NSPCC visit school to talk with the children about 'keeping safe'
Wk. bg. 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
26 th – 30 th May	HALF TERM
Tuesday 5 th June	Cricket coaching for KS2 (Yrs 3/4/5) begins
Friday 6 th July	Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	End of Year Performance
Monday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service in church
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Assembly in school

Best Wishes

L Hatton

(Headteacher)

Jerusalem Joy

All 7+ years olds are invited to join other young people from the benefice in learning catchy Easter songs with a view to performing a short musical at Kirtlington Church on Saturday 24th March at 4pm. Children will all have brought home a leaflet. For more information please contact paulandjoannac@gmail.com



Café updates



Great news – **the Wednesday café** has secured new funding to continue for the next 6 months!

If you haven't been yet, do come along. We offer:

Costa Coffee, bacon rolls, fresh homemade cake, newspapers, backgammon and cards all on hand for a friendly community get together.

*******NEW EXTENDED OPENING HOURS*******

Now open 9.30- to 12.30

... so you have a little longer to enjoy the café!

New – transport service: please ring 01869 351014

New café session Monday afternoon 2.30-5.30

We've managed to get a grant to trial a new Monday café to replace the old Tuesday café – this is a pilot so.... use it or lose it!

Bring the kids after school or enjoy coffee and cake whilst you wait for the Jujitsu team to finish.

NEW! – Loyalty card pilot coming soon more details in the café or in your letterbox soon

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