



# BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Families

Wow what a busy week in school. Our Robins have been really busy re-telling the story *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and baking cakes whilst our Woodpeckers have been rehearsing for their Nativity performance. Meanwhile, children in our Kingfisher class have been learning new methods for multiplication and division as well as reading play scripts and our Owls have been looking at algebra as well as completing their 'House' Totem Poles.

## Some good news .....

We have successfully bid for a £1000 grant to purchase and erect an outdoor shed for storing PE equipment. Thank you very much to Stuart Wells (SW Coaching) for all his support.

Thank you very much for all your support with raising funds for the **Children in Need Appeal**. To date, we have raised an outstanding £786.00 for the appeal.

**Please can we have any unpaid Children in Need sponsor money in on Monday so we can bank it – thank you.**

## A reminder...

Please can we remind you that registration is at 8.45am. Children should be in class, settled and ready for the school day by this time. We do appreciate that there will always be odd occasions when a child may be late but lately this appears to be a regular occurrence in all classes.

## Reading at Home

Thank you to those parents who are supporting home-school reading. As you are aware, we worked hard to raise the profile of reading eighteen months ago when we sent this message out via our newsletter:

*"All pupils are expected to read with an adult 5 out of 7 days a week. The school introduced a 3,2,1 Reading Challenge in summer 2016 – the children must read three times independently and we ask that parents read with their child on two further occasions. This is to encourage book talk and higher order thinking. The five reading sessions must be within one week and signed by an adult. Pupils in KS2 may sign their own diaries but they must be signed by an adult at least once a week.*

*Children in years 1 – 6 are expected to have their reading diaries in school on a daily basis. These will be checked daily by the class teacher / TA.*

*Children may have tasks related to their reading. Each week children have phonics / spellings to learn and may have additional literacy homework (this may be cross curricular)."* Taken from our English Policy.

## Last week, reading diary evidence shows that:

33% of children in Woodpeckers read 5 times at home

74% of children in Kingfishers read 5 times at home

91% of children in Owls read 5 times at home

It may well be that the children are reading more regularly at home; however, if the reading record is not signed then we do not have the evidence.

## Clubs Update

Next week (wk.bg. 27.11.17) is our last week for staff led clubs.

## Robins' Nativity

Robin class will be performing their nativity on Wednesday 13th December between 9:00 - 10:00am. Please do stay and watch their play which will be followed by mince pies and Christmas cookies.

## Christmas Lunch

This year, our Christmas Lunch is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December which also happens to be *Christmas Jumper Day* – we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper to school that day with their normal school trousers / skirt (if they would like). As per tradition, our Year 6s will be serving lunch and should be dressed in black and white (black trousers and white shirt / black skirt and white blouse or black dress)

## Year 3 / 4 / 5 Swimming

There are two swimming sessions left this term - 27<sup>th</sup> November plus 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### PTA Update

Thank you everyone that attended and supported the PTA's Pamper & Shopping Evening on Saturday night. We have not run this event before but it was very successful - lots of people came along and enjoyed browsing the retailers and our therapists had lots of bookings. We hope everyone had a great time and will let you know the final amount raised next week.

Raffle tickets are in the book bags this week. There is a brilliant range of prizes including a meal for 2 at the Ben Johnson, £50 cash prize, Christmas Hamper, and tickets for local attractions. Proceeds from every ticket sold directly benefits the pupils. This is our last chance to raise funds this year and so we are grateful to families for supporting the raffle. We are giving out four books per family. Thank you for your support.

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Visit to school from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery and Reception Open Morning
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Maths Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Robins' Nativity followed by mince pies and cookies <b>Years N and R</b> PM – Marlborough Pupils here to work with our Kingfisher class
14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Big Q days
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity and Carols in Church (2pm and 6pm) <b>Years 1 - 6</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Break-up at 1.30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins

Yours sincerely

*L Hatton*

Louise Hatton  
(Headteacher)

## CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

(organised by the churches of the Akeman Benefice)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Weston on the Green Village Hall,  
1.30 - 5.00pm

with games, balloons, the Christmas story,  
singing and lots of Christmas crafts.

£5 per child, payable on arrival.

To sign up, contact Jo Cropp on 07759 177014  
or [jocropp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jocropp@hotmail.co.uk)

by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, please.