



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26th January 2018

Dear Families

In school this week our Robins have been looking at China and talking about things that are the same and different when comparing China to England. Children in our Woodpecker class have been exploring Kenya - comparing a child's life in Kenya to a child's life in England. In lower KS2, our Kingfishers have been finding out about Christopher Columbus' exploration in the Caribbean, creating Calypso music and making Trinidadian coconut cookies. Our Owls have been learning about the indigenous people of Canada as well as the human and physical geography.

Cakes and Sweets

Can we please ask that children do not bring in cakes or sweets on their birthday. We have a growing number of children with allergies and we do not want to upset anyone. Thank you.

Thank you

A big thank you to Jamie McNaught for helping rescue 'Jazz the Barn Owl' who, feeling rather anxious, had perched himself on the highest beam, close to the apex of the roof. Using his expertise and specialist equipment, Jamie came to the rescue.

Thank you to Chrissie and John for bringing Jazz and 'Acorn the Tawny Owl' along to meet our Year 5s and 6s. Both Mrs Walker and Chrissie were very impressed with the children's behaviour. They had so many questions to ask and they were rather in awe of Chrissie as she was able to answer them all.



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.

Christingle Candles

Thank you for returning the Christingle Candles – these have now been passed on to Judith Ledger.

Bletchingdon Sporting Challenge Update

The following events have been booked in for the Bletchingdon Sporting Challenge:

*Ridgeway 40 mile walk in a day - 12th May 2018: local walk Berkshire to Wiltshire, we currently have 6 people - friends and family all welcome to join in

*Three Peaks Walk in 24 hours - 29th June to 1st July 2018: team of 10 but room for more

*Half marathon run - 18th March 2018: Stanwick Lakes (4 people entered, race now full). Can always add another run in if anyone keen eg. Heyford Park Airbase race, which also includes junior races, on 10th June 2018

We will be raising money equally between 3 charities: Reverse Rent, Max Appeal and Bletchingdon School PTA.

If you would like more information or to join in please contact Jane Mullane on 07775 994198. Thank you for your support

PTA update

Thank you to all families for purchasing Christmas raffle tickets, we raised a fantastic £296! A list of prize winners is below:

- Ben Jonson Pub, Weston on the Green – dinner for 2 FERNE WELBY
- £50 cash – Smiths Bletchington GEORGE & OLIVIA RADLEY BAMBER
- Barrett & Coe - £160 family photo gift experience FIONA HAZELDEN
- The Milkshed, Weston on the Green - £25 gift voucher EMMA LEVEY
- Weston on the Green Village Store – bottle of Martin Millers Gin (70cl) ALLEE CORMACK
- Bicester Hotel, Golf & Spa – guests passes for 2 (x2) JEN MCBAIN & DONNA TWEDDLE
- Wyevale Garden Centre – £15 gift voucher JOHN MAY
- Crocodiles of the World – tickets (1 adult & 1 child) IAN FRAMPTON
- Partyman World of Play, Oxford – vouchers (x2):
- Laser Combat (4 people) – STEVE (via Vicki Robins)
- World of Play (3 children & 2 adults) RUTH WHITFIELD
- Green Dragon Eco Farm, nr Claydon, Bucks – tickets (1 adult & 1 child) SINEAD BUSHNELL
- Wonder Woods at Stonor, Henley on Thames – family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) ANNE MULLANE
- Rainbow Buttons, Wheatley - £5 gift voucher SYLVIE MCNAUGHT
- Sue Davies – cake VICKI INGLIS
- Oxford Playhouse – pair of tickets to Jack & the Beanstalk panto CLARE MULLANE
- White wine – donated by Louise Barrett LUCY BAKER
- Christmas hamper - IRIS NICHOLSON
- Rabbit Clock – IZZY DOBBINS

The next PTA meeting is on February 6th, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Very informal with drinks and nibbles, all are welcome so please drop by for a chat.

We are also holding a parents' social on February 24th, 8pm at Thirteen in Bicester. All welcome, just turn up!

Finally, in preparation for the Spring Fayre on May 19th we are asking for donations of unwanted good condition items and toys that could be sold on a bric-a-brac stall, please bring into the office.

For any information about the PTA, or suggestions for fundraising please contact rachel_pirie@hotmail.com

Dates for your Diary

2 nd and 6 th February	Miss Follen is out. Mrs Alison Smith will be in class all day.
Wednesday 7 th February	YR and Y6 Heights and Weights with school nurse
12 th – 16 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 19 th February	INSET
Wednesday 21 st February	Tempest Photography (individual and family photos)
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
5 th to 9 th March	Whole School Poetry Focus
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

Yours sincerely

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(Headteacher)