



# BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Week 12

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## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK – WELL DONE ROBIN CLASS

<b>OWLS 94.62%</b>	<b>KINGFISHERS 89.55%</b>	<b>WOODPECKERS 93.75%</b>	<b>ROBINS 98.57%</b>
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Dear Families,

It is good to see our attendance is slowly improving. Please may I remind families that children should not miss school unless it is for medical or education reasons. We are not allowed to authorize holidays in school time. It is tempting to think it doesn't matter at the end of term but it does as they miss out on the special activities planned by the teachers and learning carries on in all sorts of different ways.

Rehearsals for Christmas are well underway and the performances are looking great. Classes are also starting to work on items for the Christmas Fair. If parents would like to have a stall please come and talk to me or if you have any small items we could sell please bring to reception.

Thank you

Mrs Karen Donaghey  
Headteacher

### The Department for Education research shows that:

- Reading helps children to achieve across the whole curriculum.
- It improves children's vocabulary, text comprehension, grammar and general knowledge.
- Reading fiction for pleasure has social consequences. It has been shown to be associated with empathy and increased social support.

### DECEMBER HOMEWORK

There will be no written homework in December. Instead we would like the children to concentrate on learning their spellings, practising their times tables and reading for pleasure. There is lots of research about homework in primary schools that concludes reading is the activity that makes the most difference to children's progress.



### KINDNESS

In December we will be thinking about kindness and each child has been given a kindness calendar to complete at home should they wish to. Those that do should bring them in after the Christmas holiday so we can share their ideas. Attached is family kindness calendar from Action for Happiness which encompasses our values and belief in supporting each other.

### CLUBS

Art Club has now finished.

Zumba, Homework, Sport (SW Sports Coaching) and SATS club all finish next week- last club Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.



Everyone is invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December in return for a donation of £1 to the Save the Children Fund

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** Robin Class and Woodpecker Class will perform Busy, Busy Bethlehem at 2pm in the Village Hall.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner book as usual

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** join us at Bletchingdon Village Church for an evening of Carols and readings led by Owl and Kingfisher classes. Children from those classes should arrive at 5.45pm.



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Fair- Fair open to children 2-3pm open to the community 3-4pm Each class will have a stall plus we would like to invite parents and people from the community to take a stall in return for a donation to the school. Please have small items to sell or run an activity such as make a Christmas decoration. Children will have the chance to go Christmas shopping from 2-3pm before being collected as usual then the fair will be open to all from 3-4pm. Please could children bring a named purse/wallet and no more than a few pounds and a small carrier bag that day.

If you would like a table please speak to Mrs Donaghey or Jackie in the office.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of term**

Children's Christmas Party with a special visitor. More details and sign-up sheets to follow.

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARLBOROUGH***

***From July 2019, there will be no bus from Bletchingdon to Marlborough School.***

***We are trying to get parents together to organise a replacement bus.***

***There is a meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th Dec 2018 at 7pm  
to discuss final arrangements to see if this is viable.***

***Please email [bletchbus@outlook.com](mailto:bletchbus@outlook.com) for more details.***

## **PTA NEWS**

Pamper Evening Thank you to all those who came along and supported us at the Pamper Evening on the 24th November. It was fantastic night and we hope you all enjoyed the shopping and pamper treatments on offer. The profit raised from the evening is £424.30.

This year the PTA will be raising money to help fund developments to the outdoor space at the school. This will include creating an eco pond, a shade sail and Forest School facilities.

Christmas Tree – Silent Auction Thank you very much to Bunkers Hill Plant Nursery who have very kindly donated a 6ft Nordman (non-drop) Christmas tree for us to raffle in a silent auction.

If you would like to submit a silent bid to win this fabulous tree please either pop your bid and contact details into the boxes to be found in the school entrance or Bletchingdon cafe on a Wednesday morning. Alternatively you can email the details to the PTA at [Bletchingdonpta@outlook.com](mailto:Bletchingdonpta@outlook.com) The deadline to place your bid is 7 December 2018 and the winner will be announced on or around that day.

### **Raffle tickets and voucher for Christmas Trees**

The Christmas raffle tickets should be out in book bags today (please see attached for the amazing prizes that can be won). You should also receive your Bunkers Hill Tree voucher which will entitle all pupils money off their Christmas Tree when purchasing from them.

### **Tesco Bag for help scheme**

We are delighted to announce that the schools sensory garden project came second in the voting for Tesco's Bags of Help scheme and therefore we receive £2,000 towards the schools project which will get underway later this school year.

Tuesday 4 December - 7.30pm PTA Meeting - Bletchingdon Village Hall

Tuesday 8 January 2019 - 7.30pm PTA Meeting - Bletchingdon Village Hall

Saturday 16 February 2019 - 8pm Bletchingdon PTA Valentines Quiz at Bletchingdon Village Hall - please email [bletchingdonPTA@outlook.com](mailto:bletchingdonPTA@outlook.com) if you would like to register your team

## **Church News**

Hurry! Bookings for the Christmas Fun activity afternoon need to be in by this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Games, creativity, quiz, challenge, cooking and tea for 5 to 11s, 2-5pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, for only £5 per child. Contact Jo Cropp 07759 177014 or [jocropp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jocropp@hotmail.co.uk)

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing to the Thursday Club
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	OWL Class entertaining residents of Heathfield Nursing Home
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity 2pm School Hall
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols – St. Giles Church 6pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Children's Christmas Party & Party Lunch (NO hot meal) Term Finishes 1:30pm
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24 DECEMBER - 4 JANUARY</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	SWIMMING COMMENCES for all Yr 3, 4 & 5 pupils
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	All Blech Read followed by Parent & Carer school lunch
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Maths Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
<b>HALF TERM 18-22 FEBRUARY</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnets and Egg-stravaganza
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY 8-22 APRIL</b>	
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week KS2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 to Marlborough 9am – 12:30pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 to Marlborough 9am – 2:30pm
<b>HALF TERM 27-31 MAY</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Parent Information Evening – Marlborough 6pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 to Marlborough 8:25am – 3:05pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year production Matinee
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<del>Y6 to Marlborough</del>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year production Evening
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport, Fitness and Health week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Celebration
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Goodbye Assembly

