



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th October 2018 Week 5

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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK – WELL DONE			CLASS
OWLS 95.34%	KINGFISHER 93.64%	WOODPECKERS 99.37%	ROBINS 83.11%

Dear Families

No Pens Day was excellent and the children really benefited from a day of talking and practical learning. Some asked if we could do it every week. Others really enjoyed and learnt from the drama, debating, cooking and practical maths activities that went on in school on Wednesday.

A huge thank you to the PTA for buying the waterproof trousers for Forest School and other outdoor lessons.

We are concerned that our level of attendance is not as good as it should be. So we are now monitoring each class on a weekly basis. There maybe a class reward at the end of the year. No one can help being ill, but please remember that holidays should not be taken in school time and that we are not allowed to authorise such absences. I appreciate this can be difficult at times but every day really does make a difference to your child's education.

We have vacancies on our Governing Body. If you are interested in supporting our school this way please speak to Fliss Pusey or myself to find out what is involved. We are particularly interested in hearing from people with finance or Health and Safety experience.

Mrs Karen Donaghey
Headteacher

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings are next week on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th sign-up sheets will be in the foyer from Monday 8th October or email the office to make an appointment. Please note there will be no clubs on those days.

We need

Do you like collecting? We really need some story sacks for the younger children. A story sack is a large cloth bag with a favourite children's book and supporting materials. They are really good for stimulating language development and for making reading more memorable. If you would like to help please either speak to me or look at <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/how-make-and-use-story-sack/> Thank you very much.

Prospective parents

On Tuesday 9th October we are holding an open day for prospective parents. There will be tours at 10am and 1.30pm. Please pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested in a place.

Harvest Celebration

Please join us on Friday 19th October for our Harvest Celebration. We will be singing songs as a school and each class will also contribute including our Foundation Stage. We will be collecting items for the Bicester Food Bank between now and the Harvest Celebration. Please bring items to the table in the entrance of school.

Urgently needed food items

- tinned fruit (400gms)
- tea bags (80's)
- dried pasta (500gms)
- UHT milk (1 litre)
- Breakfast Cereals

For further information about donating or receiving help contact <https://bicester.foodbank.org.uk>

Snacks

On the subject of food; please would KS2 children bring a snack for playtime – lots of them are saying they are hungry and it would help them to concentrate too! A piece of fruit or a cereal bar would be great but no nuts please. Thank you.

Year 6 transfer to secondary – the deadline is approaching.

Parents can now submit online applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2019. Parents should apply directly at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions Parents unable or unwilling to apply online can complete the [secondary application form](#) by hand; this should then be posted recorded delivery to the Admissions team or hand delivered to county Hall. However parents are advised to apply online where possible as this is the most secure method. The deadline for all applications is 31 October 2018

Fundraising

Stuart & Jack, two of our sports coaches are running the Oxford Half Marathon to raise money for JDRF who fund research into type 1 diabetes, this Sunday 7th October. Please view Stuart's page on:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/club-energy23>

PTA NEWS

TESCO BAGS FOR HELP

We have been raising money to create a sensory garden in the school grounds which should begin development this school year with the assistance of the builders of the Duchey Field Development, Zero C/Places for People and the architects, Coleman Hicks.

The project is currently one of three projects to vote in the Tesco Bag for Help scheme in the Kidlington Tesco store. Please support us by putting the blue token you receive at the till in our collection box.

The winner will receive £4,000, second £2,000 and third £1,000 so it really will make a difference to our fundraising total.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 16 October - Annual General Meeting (AGM) straight after school by the climbing frame - all welcome

Tuesday 16 October - PTA Meeting - 7.30pm - Village Hall meeting room - all welcome

Tuesday 30 October - Meet and Greet the PTA - hear about your PTA and all the things planned to raise money for the school

Saturday 24th November - Pamper Night at Bletchingdon Village Hall - tickets are £5 and include a free drink. For information on how to get your ticket please contact Kelly Whitehead - kelly.dodgson@hotmail.co.uk or Jane Mullane - mullane77@btinternet.com

IMPORTANT DATES	
Tuesday 9 th October	OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 10am & 1:30pm
Tuesday and Wednesday 16 th 17 th October	Parent-Teacher meetings
Friday 19 th October	Harvest Celebration in the hall
HALF TERM 22-26 OCTOBER	
Monday 29 th October	INSET
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need fundraising-wear spots and bring a donation.
Tuesday 11 th December	Nativity
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24 DECEMBER -4 JANUARY	
Tuesday 22 nd January	All Bletch Read followed by Parent and carer school lunch
Monday 11 th February	Maths Day
HALF TERM 18-22 FEBRUARY	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 5 th April	Easter Bonnets and Eggstravaganda
EASTER HOLIDAY 8-22 APRIL	
Week beginning 13 th May	SATS week KS2
Wednesday 22 nd May	Y6 to Marlborough
Tuesday 18 th June	Y6 to Marlborough
HALF TERM 27-31 MAY	
Wednesday 10 th July	End of year production Matinee
Thursday 11 th July	Y6 to Marlborough
Friday 12 th July	End of year production Evening
Week beginning 15 th July	Sport, Fitness and Health week
Friday 19 th July	Sports Celebration
Wednesday 24 th July	Goodbye Assembly
SUMMER HOLIDAY	

[NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY](#)

Ballet

Victoria Hill School of Ballet have spaces available for boys and girls aged 3-5yrs (3.30pm) & 5-8yrs (3.55pm) in our fabulous hall on Wednesdays. There are also an adults ballet class at 8.30pm for any adults who would like a try (no experience necessary).

For your free trial please email: info@victoriahillschoolofballet.co.uk or text Mrs Hill on 07748455093 or you can speak to Lucy (Jennifer & Katy's mum).

Parents Meeting

There will a meeting about transport from Bletchington to Marlborough School on Monday 15th October at 7pm. For more information email bletchbus@outlook.com for details.

Visit the wonderful Bletch Café- the food is delicious

Bletch Café



**Wednesdays
9.30pm -12.30pm**



Bring your loyalty card!



What's on offer?

- Homemade cakes, bacon rolls, savoury items soup
- Costa Coffee, tea etc. all at good value prices.
- Free use of newspapers, magazines and board games plus colouring pens and books for kids.
- Come and join us and catch up on village life and meet new friends

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