



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th October 2017

Dear Families

This week has been another busy one in school with our Robins opening a baby clinic and starting to bring in photographs of themselves as babies. Children in our Woodpecker class have been writing character descriptions and looking at Kandinsky's art whilst our Kingfishers have been comparing, ordering and identifying angles as well as preparing for their x-country run in two weeks' time. In the upper school our Owls have been pursuing a mathematical line of enquiry as well as designing their 'House' totem poles.

Thank you to those who attended the phonics and Year 6 SATs workshops this week.

Clubs Update

Owing to staff training next Wednesday, as well as parent-teacher meetings the following week, there will be No Art or homework club on Wednesday 11th October and NO Zumbacize on Monday 16th October. We apologise if this affects childcare arrangements for you.

Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival service is taking place in St Giles Church on THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2017 at 2.15pm. Children in YN to Y5 will be going. Owing to the bikeability training course taking place, our Year 6s will unfortunately be unable to attend our Harvest Festival.

We will be supporting the church in collecting non-perishable food items for the Bicester Food Bank. Having visited their website I can see that they urgently need the following food items:

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

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BE COLLECTED FROM THE CHURCH AT 3.00PM

Home School Agreement Pack

Please can we have your photograph consent, blanket permission and internet code of conduct forms back – signed. We cannot take children to the church for the harvest festival without consent. Thank you

Autumn Parent – Teacher Meetings

Our parent – teacher meetings will be taking place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October 2017. Times will be available from Monday morning.

PTA Update

Saturday 14th October Quiz
Saturday 18th November Pamper Evening
~~Thursday 30th November Children's Winter Disco cancelled~~

Bletchingdon PTA

Come along to our next meeting, all parents welcome!

The PTA represents all parents and so we would really like to hear which events and fundraising ideas work best for you; and how you would like PTA funds to be spent.

Meeting will be held on October 10th, 7.30pm, Bletchingdon Village Hall. Drinks and nibbles provided.

Can't make it but want to know more? Contact Rachel on 07790 025110 or Rachel_pirie@hotmail.com

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our Governors are still looking for a parent governor to work alongside them in steering the school through an ever changing educational landscape. It is really important that the leadership of our school represents the views of a broad range of stakeholders. Please do contact one of our team of governors or me if you would like to know more about what the role involves.

Thank you to those who have stepped forward as foundation governors. Their nominations will now be sent to the Diocese for consideration.

'MOVING ON TO SECONDARY SCHOOL'

Now is the time for all parents of Year 6 pupils to make their choice for their child's secondary school place for September 2018 entry. The booklets 'Moving On' WILL NOT be distributed to schools this year but are available to view on the public website for all to look through or to print off. The online portal (*which admissions are encouraging all parents to use*) is open for secondary applications and the closing date is 31st October 2017 followed by the National Offer Day of 1st March 2018.

To access the portal please use:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Dates for your Diary

Wk. bg. 9th October

Thursday 12th October

12th and 13th October

16th and 17th October

19th October

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct.

Monday 30th October

Friday 17th November

Monday 11th December

14th and 15th December

Friday 15th December

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Thursday 4th January

Yr 6s Bikeability course

Harvest Festival in St Giles church at 2.15pm. **Everyone is welcome.**

Big Q days

Parent-Teacher meetings

Year 3 / 4 plus selected Year 5s attending x-county event at Witney Rugby club

Half Term

INSET

Children in Need fundraising

Whole School Maths Day

Big Q days

Christmas Lunch

Nativity and Carols in Church (2pm and 6pm)

Christmas Party

Last day of autumn term

Spring term begins

Yours sincerely

L Hatton

Louise Hatton

Headteacher

***** **Bletch Cafe is still running two sessions!** *****

Come and join us either on Tuesdays from 2-4 or Wednesdays 9.30-11.45 throughout the year.

Although the dance classes have moved, there still seems to be enough demand from parents and carers to continue to run the Tuesday cafe.

So please do support these community ventures. Not been yet? Drop by and enjoy homemade cakes and Costa coffee all at reasonable prices and right on your doorstep. We've even got drawing stuff and games for the children to enjoy too!