



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
7th December 2018 Week 13
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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK – WELL DONE ROBIN CLASS

OWLS 94.23%	KINGFISHERS 96.36%	WOODPECKERS 98.75%	ROBINS 99.29%
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Dear Families,

Having looked at the new school development plan we now want to come up with a new school slogan. At the moment we have 'Learn to believe, Aspire to achieve' We have asked the children who have suggested 'Everyone United, Learning Together.' We'd like to come up with a short list of ideas from, staff, children, parents and governors that we can all vote on. Please email your suggestions to the office by the end of term. office.3141@bletchingdon.oxon.sch.uk

We hope the no written homework month is going well and that children are making the most of the time to read and practice. Attached is a list of sight words (words you just have to know by the time you finish primary school) to practise. It can be fun to read and highlight as a game as they learn them to give the children a sense of achievement.

Mrs Karen Donaghey
Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 14th December and is to raise money for the Save the Children Fund. We have also been told about Elf Day which is to raise money for the Alzheimer Society. These are both very important causes and are dear to many of us. On the day children may come dressed either as an elf or wearing Christmas clothes in return for a donation of £1. You may have heard there have been all sorts of elf antics going on in school and Woodpeckers and their elf will be selling cakes that day to raise money for Elf Day..

Ice Hockey

This week we had a visit from two members of Oxford City Stars who talked to the children in assembly. Attached is a flyer with their details. Their next match is on Saturday 22nd of December at 5.15pm and we have been offered subsidised tickets at £5 per adult free for Bletchingdon School children. If you would like to go please email me on head.3141@bletchingdon.oxon.sch.uk with the number of adults and children. I've done this before and if a group go it's really good fun.

Reports

We have been talking about how we report the children's learning to parents and have decided that this year we will be sending home one written report to parents at the end of the year and two child reflections; one before Christmas, the other before Easter. This, we believe will enable them to make more progress as they take ownership of their learning. Please talk to your child about their reflections and what they need to do to improve. Thank you

CLUBS

Clubs have now finished.

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 11th December Robin Class and Woodpecker Class will perform Busy, Busy Bethlehem at 2pm in the Village Hall. Doors open from 1:45pm (please not before)

Wednesday 12th Christmas Dinner

Monday 17th December join us at St. Giles Church, Bletchingdon for an evening of Carols and readings led by Owl and Kingfisher classes. Children from those classes should arrive at 5.45pm. PLEASE avoid parking near the church as space is tight. Thank you.



Wednesday 19th 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 20th 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 on this to see if its viable.

Please email bletchbus@outlook.com for more details.

PTA update

Christmas Tree – Silent Auction

You have until midnight this evening (Friday 7 December) to submit your bid in our silent auction for the Christmas tree.

We would like to extend our thanks to Bunkers Hill Plant Nursery who have very kindly donated the 6ft Nordman (non-drop) Christmas tree for us to raffle off in this way.

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 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

Raffle tickets went out last week in your child's book bag – if you would like more please speak to Jane Mullane or Kelly Whitehead or pop an email to the Bletchingdon PTA (this is checked regularly).

If you haven't yet got your Christmas Tree you are still able to use your Bunkers Hill Tree voucher which will entitle all pupils money off their Christmas Tree when purchasing from them.

Christmas festivities

The PTA will be supporting the Nativity performance on Tuesday 11 December by serving teas, coffees and mince pies both before and after the performance.

We will also be selling raffle tickets, please let us know if you would like to buy some.

We will also be supporting the Christmas carols and Christmas Fair – we look forward to seeing you there.

Key dates for your diary

Tuesday 8 January 2019 - 7.30pm PTA Meeting – Blacks Head, Bletchingdon – all welcome

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

The PTA are always continuing to look at ideas for events, fundraising and would welcome your views on new ideas for 2019. Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 8 January and all are welcome, it really is very informal and a great way to meet other parents. You can always submit your ideas by email too. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

