



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th September 2016

Dear Families

Welcome back to school – we hope you all enjoyed the summer break.

Welcome to: Katie Hall, Duke O'Hare, Sylvie McNaught, Asher Mason, Florence Weetch, Ella and Chloe Davies, Ciara Bushnell, Miss Shuff and Mrs Costello.

Thank You: Thank you for your kind words and gifts at the end of the summer term – they were much appreciated.

Staffing

I am pleased to say that Mrs Caroline Walker has been appointed as senior teacher and Mrs Kelly, as our science lead, will be teaching science across the whole school. I will be teaching in Woodpecker class on a Tuesday morning this year whilst Miss Shuff continues her Newly Qualified Teacher training.

Whole School Reward System

This year we are introducing a new reward system. The children will be divided into four houses – the names of which have been taken from star constellations: Draco, Phoenix, Pegasus and Cygnus

Each class will display the house colours and images.

Children can gain house points by:

- Demonstrating great personal achievement
- Going 'above and beyond'
- Inspiring others

We held Year 6 House Captain and Year 5 Vice-Captain elections today. Results will be posted on the noticeboard by the school gate this afternoon.

House Points will be stamped on your child's relevant piece of work, the class teacher will keep a record and the child will also record their achievement in their reading record so it can be shared with you.

Dear parents

I hope you all had a good summer break; it has been nice to catch up with many of you in the playground this week.

I need to let you know that we have a newly arisen vacancy for a parent governor and are inviting you to put yourselves forward for nomination - full details attached to this letter. Please do get in touch with myself, Mrs Hatton or any of the other governors if you want to find out more about the role and what it entails.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing governors, Jane Hemmings, Stuart Bradney and Simon Horwood for all their support and hard work during their respective terms of office.

Best wishes

Kate Pick

Chair of the governing body

Parent Governor Vacancy

Following on from Kate's message above, please could all nominations be returned to the box on the table in the school entrance by 3pm on Thursday 15th September.

School Lunches

Just a reminder that lunches will only be ordered if paid for a week in advance. Lunches will need to have been ordered by the previous Monday for the following week. Thank you.

School Dog

Bletchington's school dog 'Tess' very sadly left us in the autumn of 2012. The leadership team has considered, from time to time, replacing her but with the pending and subsequent school move, had put the idea 'aside'. Now that we are 'settled' in our new environment the idea has been re-visited by staff and governors and the decision to bring Tia (Mrs Hatton's 8-year-old chocolate Labrador) into school was made.

The rationale behind this decision was as follows:

1. For the school to have a pet that was able to live as naturally as conditions would allow.
2. For the animal to be properly cared for outside of the school day.
3. To have a pet that the children could interact with and also be of benefit to the children's social and emotional development

Tia will continue to live with Mrs Hatton in her home at her own expense and be introduced to the school environment and the children gradually. Tia is regularly vaccinated. There are no diseases that can be caught from her as her immunisations (including rabies) are kept up to date and her worming is in line with European vet guidelines. A register of her annual health check is kept by both Mrs Hatton and the vet's surgery.

It is accepted that interacting with animals is not appropriate for all children but that for some it has the potential to provide many positive benefits. Any parent who does not wish their child to interact with Tia is invited to write to inform Mrs Hatton of their wishes. This risk assessment will be reviewed annually and the impact of a school dog will be evaluated by the school senior leadership team and governors.

Please see the school's risk assessment on our website:

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club runs from 7.45 to 8.30 each morning (Monday to Friday). SW Coaching will be offering sporting activities as well as a quiet area for children to sit and read, complete homework activities, play board games etc. The session costs £3.50 and the children will be given a cereal bar and drink. The coaches will be under-taking their level 1 food and hygiene qualification alongside school staff over the next month or so which will allow them the option to extend breakfast food options.

If you are interested then please do talk with Jackie (in the office). Children can attend all week or alternatively it may be that you just wish to sign them up for a couple of sessions a week.

SW Coaching

These clubs will commence next week. Football club will continue to run on a Monday, Funky Hip Hop Dance on a Thursday and Multi-Sports on a Friday. Registration Forms attached.

Staff-led after school clubs

These will commence week beginning Monday 19th September.

Class Curriculum Letters

Please see attachments.

Outdoor Footwear

Please can we ask that all children have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes in school.

Year 4/ 5/ 6 swimming

This will commence after half term and take place on a Monday afternoon.

Dates for your Diary

<i>Wednesday 21st September</i>	<i>Robin Class Family Lunch (11.45 – 12.30)</i>
<i>Wednesday 21st September</i>	<i>Woodpecker Class Family Lunch (11.50 – 12.30)</i>
Monday 10th October	INSET
<i>Wednesday 12th October</i>	<i>Owl Class Family Lunch (12.00 – 12.30)</i>
Mon 17 th – Wed 19 th Oct.	Year 5 / 6 residential
<i>Wednesday 19th October</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class Family Lunch (12.00 – 12.30)</i>
Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct.	Half Term
Friday 16 th December	Last day of autumn term
Wednesday 4th January	Spring term begins

PGL - Please could all outstanding payments for the Owl Class residential in October please be paid by next Friday 16th September. Thankyou.

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton
Headteacher

Thank you from Mrs Hardy

I would like to thank everyone for such a wonderful send off last term. I was truly very touched by your generosity and felt very loved indeed. All the presents were simply wonderful - and the ipad is extremely helpful I think about you a lot. Thank you again for your kindness.

With best wishes Jenny Hardy

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER

DONNA'S BAMBINOS

Dear all, I am a fully Ofsted registered Childminder based in Bletchington Village, with places available now, offering flexibility within a warm, inviting and stimulating childcare home from home service.

I am qualified in the EYFS and welcome children from birth to 12 years. I cater for all parents and children's needs which include care during term time as well as school holidays, bank holidays and after school.

Being a mum of 3, I understand the difficulty with childcare whilst trying to juggle a job and the day to day demands of everyday life situations.

For more details or further information, please contact me on 01869 350674/07903758016 or alternatively email me donna.jones43@btinternet.com

Donna Horwood

Bletchington Cafe re-opens next Wednesday 14th September from 9:30 – 11:45 Please see attached information.

Two second hand school logo jackets, available free. Would suit Yr 4, 5 or 6 pupil. Please call Rebecca McNaught on 07584 161198.