



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30th September 2016

Dear Families

In school this week our Robins have been continuing looking at patterns and have started the story 'The Little Red Hen' whilst the Woodpeckers are working on subtraction and retelling the story of Cinderella. The Kingfisher class have been instructional writing and looking at the properties of 2D & 3D shapes. Finally our Owl Class have started to study the Anglo Saxon poem Beowulf and investigating Kennings.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to our school council for their help this morning. We will let you know the proceeds in next week's newsletter.

Parent – Teacher Meetings

These are being held for Years 1 - 6 on: Tuesday 11th October & Thursday 13th October. Mrs Seymour's meetings are now being deferred until after half term (owing to her operation). Time slots will be in the main school entrance by 3p.m. on Monday.

Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

Following a lengthy discussion at a governing body meeting in the summer term, we have decided to introduce a Code of Conduct for parents and carers. We will be adopting the Oxfordshire County Council recommended policy.

The governing body fully support the adoption of this policy.

This is part of our ongoing work to raise standards in school for our children and to continue to foster a healthy working relationship with our families. We are fortunate to have a very engaged and supportive body of parents but there have been some isolated incidents in the last year which have prompted us to take active steps to make it clear that certain behaviours will not be tolerated.

I am confident that you will support the school in this matter and am very happy to speak to any of you about this should you have any questions.

Thank you, Kate Pick (Chair of Governors)

Home School Agreement

Please find attached a Home School Agreement Pack. Could you complete and return to Jackie in the office.

'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 2017 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 2016 followed by the National Offer Day of 1st March 2017.

To access the portal please use:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Our Year 6 pupils are welcome to view The Marlborough School during the morning of **Thursday 6th October between 9a.m. – 10:30a.m.** with their parents/carers. Please could you make your own travel arrangements and of course let your class teacher know if you and your child will be attending.

Please note the online portal for Primary is open from the beginning of October 2016 with a closing date of 15th January 2017. Followed by the National Offer Day 18th April 2017.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Class Family Lunches

This is a new initiative being offered by Natasha (our school cook) and *Food with More*. We are inviting a parent (or parent representative) to come in and join their child for lunch. The cost is £2.10 (pupil's size portion) or £3.60 (adult portion).

The next class lunch is Wednesday 12th October for parents of pupils in our Owl class (Yr 5 & 6).

Followed by:

Wednesday 19th October KINGFISHER class (Yr 3 & 4) 12 noon – 12:30p.m

Update: There will be a mums and toddlers' lunch on Thursday 13th October at 11.30am.

PTA NEWS

Dear Parents,

The first PTA meeting of the school year will be held on October 4th, 7.15pm onwards, at the school. All parents are welcome so please come along! This year we are aiming to raise money to support the development of the sensory garden so we'll be discussing fundraising ideas at the meeting.

This year the PTA is looking for some more supporters, if you think you might be able to help but aren't able to attend the PTA meetings please contact rachel_pirie@hotmail.com. Any support you can offer - from fundraising ideas to helping out at the occasional event - will help to fundraise for facilities for the pupils and so we would love to hear from you.

Thanks, Rachel Pirie

Nursery Open Morning

Our next open morning is taking place on Tuesday 18th October from 10.00 until 11.30am. If you have a rising 3-year-old and would like to come and find out about our nursery then please do pop in.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 3rd to Thurs 6th Oct

Year 6 Bikeability course

Thursday 6th October

The Marlborough School Year 6 pupils 9a.m. – 10:30a.m.

Monday 10th October

INSET

Wednesday 12th October

Owl Class Family Lunch (12.00 – 12.30)

Mon 17th – Wed 19th Oct.

Year 5 / 6 residential

Wednesday 19th October

Kingfisher Class Family Lunch (12.00 – 12.30)

Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct.

Half Term

Monday 12th Dec

Christmas Nativity and Carols 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 14th Dec

Christmas Lunch (with Year 6s serving)

Friday 16th December

Christmas Party

Last day of autumn term

Wednesday 4th January

Spring term begins

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton

Headteacher

MARTIAL ARTS

Due to a booking error with the hall, martial arts will now run at 3.15-3.45pm and the second session will be held next Tuesday 4th October, for children of all ages. *Thank you Natalie Nicholson*

Weston on the Green Quiz Night

In aid of St Mary's Church roof
Saturday 15th October @ 7.30pm
Teams of 2 – 6 adults
Licenced bar and supper £10

Please email westonvillagehall@live.co.uk for any further information and tickets

