



Blakesley CE Primary School

Newsletter Spring Term: 11th January 2019

Happy New Year!

We would like to wish all of our families and friends a happy and healthy 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week returning to school in 2019.



Significant events in the school's life lie ahead - our conversion to PDET will take place on 1st February, 2019; the same year in which Blakesley Church of England Primary School celebrates its 350th birthday.

This week, a visit from the Magistrates Service to our Class 4 children resulted in a classroom based trial, whilst Hotshots Basketball's visit has filled the playground with children 'shooting hoops'. We welcome Mrs Mullen to Class 2 and look forward to a fantastic Spring Term. I hope that you will be able to join us at our forthcoming events and celebrations.

Dates to add to your Diary

Tuesday 15 th January, 5pm	Closing date for applications for Reception Class places 2019
Tuesday 22 nd January, 2.45pm	Class 2 Parents' Meeting – a chance to meet Mrs Mullen, all Class 2 parents welcome
Wednesday 23 rd January, 2.30pm	Reception Class: Phonics workshop, Reception parents welcome
Thursday 24 th January 3.15-4.15pm	Film makers club begins
Friday 25 th January, am	Year 6 children to DT session at Sponne
Friday 25 th January, 2.00pm	Blakesley CE Primary School 350 years celebration, all welcome
Friday 25 th January, 3.15pm	Hotshots Basketball, first session
Friday 1 st February	Life Education Bus Visit – all day
Tuesday 5 th February, 8am	Year 6 Booster sessions begin
Friday 8 th February, 9.30 – 10.40am	Writing open morning for parents, all welcome
Friday 8 th February, 3.15pm	Year 6 SATS Information meeting. Information about the Year 6 Residential visit will also be shared
Friday 15 th February	Class 3 Romans trip to the Ashmoleum Museum, Oxford
Friday 15 th February	School closes to pupils for Half Term week
Monday 25 th February	Training Day
Tuesday 26 th February	School re-opens to pupils
Thursday 28 th February, 2.30pm	Spelling Workshop for parents – all welcome
Tuesday 5 th March, 3.30 – 6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th March, 4.30 – 7.30pm	Parents Evening
Friday 29 th March, 9.30am	Mothers' Day Service, led by Reception Class
Friday 5 th April, 9.30am	Easter Service, led by Class 2

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Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens to pupils

Please note that all dates listed may be subject to change, we will notify you at the earliest point possible that changes are made.

Applications for Primary School Places (September 2019)

Please note that the closing date for applications for primary school places closes at **5pm on Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Please ensure that applications are submitted before the deadline. For more information, please follow the link:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-places/Pages/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx>

Website

Our new school website is almost ready to go live. Thank you to everyone that has returned their photograph permission slip. It will be lovely to be able to share photos of the children participating in life at Blakesley with you. If you have not yet returned your permission slip, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Term dates 2019 – 2020

Please see below our term dates for the academic year 2019 – 2020.



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Term dates 2019/20

Term 1	Training day	Monday 2 nd September 2019
	Training day	Tuesday 3 rd September
	School re-opens	Wednesday 4 th September
	School closes	Friday 25 th October
Term 2	Training day	Monday 4 th November
	School re-opens	Tuesday 5 th November
	School closes	Friday 20 th December
Term 3	Training day	Friday 3 rd January 2020
	School re-opens	Monday 6 th January
	School closes	Friday 14 th February
Term 4	Training day	Monday 24 th February
	School re-opens	Tuesday 25 th February
	School closes	Friday 3 rd April
Term 5	School re-opens	Monday 20 th April
	School closed – bank holiday	Monday 4 th May
	School closes	Friday 22 nd May
Term 6	School re-opens	Monday 1 st June
	School closes	Wednesday 17 th July

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Termtime holiday

Please refer to these dates when making holiday arrangements. We have issued a new form for parents requesting leave from school (please see attached). Any requests for holiday in term-time will not be authorised and a standard response letter outlining the actions that the school will consider when such applications are made is also attached.

We believe that the majority of our parents realise that 'every lesson counts' and encourage regular attendance at school. We have high expectations of our children. You have high expectations of us. These expectations cannot be met if your child is absent. Thank you for your support.

Associate Governors

Have you ever considered becoming an associate governor of Blakesley Church of England Primary School?

The School governors are looking for additional **associate** governors and would love to attract the skills and experience of people from our community.

School governors and **associate** governors are volunteers who work together with the Headteacher to deliver the best education for the pupils at their school. Generally, school governors are not specialists in education. Instead, much of the role is about exercising common sense and of course working together in the best interests of the children. Please see the attached letter for more information. If you are interested, please pop in to talk to me and find out more.

Life Education Bus Visit

The Life Education Bus will be coming to Blakesley on Friday 1st February. This year, the children will be learning about the following topics:

- Class 1: All About Me
- Class 2: My Wonderful Body
- Class 3: It's Great to be Me
- Class 4: Making Decisions

Parents are invited to visit the Life Education Bus from 8.40am to find out more about what's on offer.

Dropping Off at the Main Entrance

Please could we request that all children are dropped off at school via the school gate rather than the main school entrance. The gate is open between 8.40am and 8.55am giving ample time for access. From Monday of next week, we will not be opening the front door for children to be dropped off before 8.55am.

Children arriving after 8.55am, when the gate is closed, should be brought to the main entrance accompanied by their parent or carer who will be asked to sign them in as a Late Arrival.

In exceptional circumstances a child may need access through the main entrance (e.g. a broken limb/medical issue) however this should be agreed in advance with the school office. Thank you for your support.

Clubs

We are offering a range of extra-curricular clubs for our children to enjoy this week. Please note that teacher-led clubs will start next week (w/c 14th January).

Please return the slip below to register your child for an activity. Details of how to register your child for a club offered by an external provider will be given on the organisation's flyer, booking form and website.

Thank you, as always for your support. If there are any aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss with me or if you have any issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Sally Beaton
Headteacher

Spring Term 2019 Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Adult Leader	Year groups	Please tick to register
Monday	8.00-8.45am	Pacesetters Netball	Pacesetters		
	3.15-4.15pm	Hockey Club	Mr Hill	Years 2 - 6	
Tuesday	12.30-1.05pm	Art Club	Miss Castle	Years	
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Pacesetters Gymnastics	Pacesetters		
Wednesday	12.30 – 1.05pm	Coding Club	Mrs Cox and Mrs Klegeris		
Thursday	12.30 – 1.05pm	Choir	Mr Hill Miss Crawford		
	3.15-4.15pm	Film Maker Club	Northants Film Makers Club		
Friday	Lunchtime	French Club	Kidslingo	Years 1-3	
	Lunchtime	Maths Club	Miss Crawford Mrs Conway		
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball	Hotshots	Years 1-6	

Helen please will you add a slip and your usual fantastic wording below thank you