



Blakesley C of E Primary School

Newsletter Spring Term: 25th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over recent weeks we have been preparing for some significant events in the life of Blakesley C of E Primary School.

This week we celebrate the school's 350th birthday – the children have researched the long history of their school, and with the help of our local community, have unearthed some fascinating tales to share! I hope that you have enjoyed today's initial celebration – we are planning a larger community celebration for the summer – more details to follow.

On 1st February, another significant event marks the start of a new era for Blakesley as it transitions from the Local Authority to join the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET). We look forward to the opportunities that this enables for all of our pupils and look forward to working in close partnership with PDET to build on Blakesley's many successes.

Dates to add to your Diary

**** New dates have been added in red

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
Wednesday 30 th January	Rotar Kids Leader visit the School Council
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
Friday 1 st March	FABS Movie and Hotdog event
Tuesday 5 th March, 3.30 – 6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th March, 4.30 – 7.30pm	Parents Evening
Saturday 10 th March	FABS Pie and Pint Event, Bartholomew Arms, come and enjoy the Rugby! Details to follow
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
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATS Tests – please avoid taking time out of school this week
May 2019	KS1 SATS, please avoid taking Year 2 children out of school this week

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<i>Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th May</i>	Year 6 Residential visit, Whitewater Lakes
<i>Week commencing 10th June 2019</i>	Year One Phonics Screening. Please avoid taking Y1 children out of school this week
<i>Saturday 15th June</i>	Blakesley Primary School, 350 years community celebration
<i>Wednesday 19th June – Thursday 20th June</i>	Year 2 Residential Visit (1 night) to Everdon Details to follow, trip subject to sufficient interest
<i>Weekend of June 29th</i>	FABS Family Camp out event (details to follow)
<i>Monday 8th – Tuesday 9th July</i>	Years 3,4 and 5 Residential Visit to Grendon Outdoor activity Centre. Details to follow, trip subject to sufficient interest
<i>Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July</i>	Year 6 Induction Days at Sponne

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

Saying Hello to ...

We would like to welcome Miss Evie King who will join us on February 1st in the role of teaching assistant in Class 1. Evie brings experience of outstanding early years settings to the role. Please join me in making her very welcome.

Saying Goodbye to ...

Mrs Becky Chambers will be leaving Blakesley at the end of this term to take up the exciting opportunity of increased hours in the Bakery she works in. We would like to thank Mrs Chambers for the care and support that she has shown to so many Blakesley children. We wish her lots of happiness for the future.

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.

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

Thank you to all of our parents who have supported us by dropping off via the school gate rather than the main school entrance. The gate is open between 8.40am and 8.55am for access.

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.

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Firefighters Visit



Our Reception children had such an exciting time when local firefighters visited Blakesley earlier this week. The firefighters were amazed at the children's knowledge and tested by some of their very big questions! Thank you Towcester Fire station for supporting us.

Drinking Water

We are noticing that many children bring squash or flavoured water to school in their drinks bottles. From next week, please could we ask that only plain drinking water is provided. Children bringing in squash will be asked to refill their bottle with water from our water fountain. If children have a specific need for squash, please come and speak to Mrs Beaton.

FABS Movie Night

FABS will be holding their next Movie Night on **Friday 1st March, from the end of the school day until 4.30pm.**

The cost of £3.50 per child will include a movie, hotdog and some sweets. Please indicate in the box on the reply slip if you **do not** want your child to have the sweets included within the cost.

Children attending Hotshots can join the Movie Night once their club has complete, or book a 'Hotdog and Sweets to go' for £2.50. Please indicate this clearly on your booking slip.

I would like my child/ren _____ (name) _____ class

_____ (name) _____ class

To attend **FABS Movie Night on Friday 1st March (until 4.30pm)**

I enclose £3.50 for their ticket.	
I do not wish my child to receive sweets.	
My child will be attending Hotshots and would like to book a 'Hotdog and Sweets to go'. I enclose £2.50 for this.	

Parent/Carer's signature _____

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Residential trips

We are in the process of planning residential visits for our children in Year 2 through to Year 6.

Year 6 parents will already be aware of the trip to **WH** Lakes in May, a meeting is scheduled to share information about this on Friday, 8th February at 3.15pm.

We are also planning to take **Years 3, 4 and 5** to Grendon Outdoor Activities Centre for an overnight residential trip on **Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July 2019**.

Finally, we would like to take our **Year 2** pupils for an overnight residential visit to Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre on **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th June 2019**.

More details will be shared with you soon.

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