

## Blakesley Church of England Primary School

### Newsletter Update Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, Blakesley Church of England Primary School is pleased to share the news that we have officially joined Peterborough Diocese Education Trust. We look forward to working closely with the PDET team and our cluster of PDET schools: Towcester Primary, Silverstone Primary and Greens Norton Primary. We embrace the opportunities that this presents for Blakesley's future.

Our new website is almost complete and will 'go live' before half term. We hope that you will find its content informative and interesting. We are still adding to the website, so you can share its ongoing development with us. Please let us know if there are any features that you would like to see included in the website as we'd like it to become our primary means of communication and source of information so your feedback will be valued. Thank you.

#### Writing Competition

##### For all of our budding journalists ...

One of our parents works for the Focus Magazine who have kindly offered us a page in their next publication to share the news of our 350<sup>th</sup> birthday with the local community. We would like to invite our pupils to write the article that will be published, so will be launching a writing competition for this.

Children are invited to write 350 words (very apt!) about 350 years of Blakesley Church of England Primary School, linking the past and the present. The entries will be judged and the best one published in the magazine. All children are invited to enter; our Key Stage 1 children may choose to enter a drawing of the school rather than a written composition.

Please could all entries be submitted, clearly named, no later than the end of the school day on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

#### Writing Open Morning for Parents

Our classes will be open on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February between 9.30 and 10.40am** for parents to see how our children are taught to write at school. Please join us after Celebration assembly to see how we work and to share ways of helping your child at home. We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

#### Class photos - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February to take our children's class photos. Please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform for the pictures, samples and details of how to purchase the pictures will be home out with the children.

#### Governor Meeting Dates

Our Local Governing Board provide support and challenge for the school's leadership. Governors act as a 'critical friend' to the school, advising, supporting and challenging the school's leadership team. Meetings are held every term (6 times per year) and minutes of the meetings are available to be read, by request, via the School Office.

Our next Local Governing Board Meeting dates are:

Meeting 4: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

Meeting 5: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm

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Meeting 6: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm

After a number of years as a Governor at Blakesley, Mr Rob Ward has stepped down from his role of Associate Governor. Rob was previously the Chairman of the Governing Body, playing a crucial role in leading the school through a period of change, growth and success. We would like to thank Rob for his significant contribution to the governance of Blakesley C of E Primary School.

**FABS Meeting, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm**

Our wonderful FABS Committee will be meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm in the school to discuss forthcoming projects both large and small. FABS provide incredible support for the school through fundraising activities, they also plan many enrichment opportunities for our pupils that school otherwise wouldn't be able to provide. If you would like to find out more, please come along to the meeting. Everyone is welcome as help and fresh ideas are always needed. Thank you.

**Playing after school**

Once children have been handed over by their teachers at the end of the school day, please could parents and carers ensure they take an active role in supervising their child's safety and behaviour.

We are always pleased to see the children have a quick play with their friends before going home, but we are often called to meetings or other tasks which mean that we need to return to the school building and close the school gate promptly. Thank you for your support.

**Fun in the Snow**



The children enjoyed our recent snowfall, playing collaboratively to build some creative structures from the snow. We really want the children to be able to enjoy the snow when it arrives. To help us with this, please ensure that they have named warm clothing, wellies and a change of socks with them. A carrier bag for wet clothing may also be a good idea. Thank you.

**Healthy Eating – Chocolatey snacks and cake bars**

Thank you for supporting our request to send only water in for the children to drink, we try to encourage our children to take healthy options wherever possible and appreciate your support with this.

We have noticed that an increasing number of children are bringing chocolate bars and sugary snacks in their packed lunch boxes. Please ensure that this is avoided; a piece of fruit or low-sugar fruit bar would be preferable.

For ideas about healthy lunchboxes, please see: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

**Updating Contact Details**

Please could you ensure that any changes of contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, are shared with Helen in the office so that we have up to date contact information to help us should we need to contact you. Thank you.

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

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