

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Throughout the week, our children have been finding out more about Queen Elizabeth II, about her reign, her service and her influence around the world. Yesterday, Rev. Sue Stanley came into school to lead a special Collective Worship, which gave everyone the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful life and legacy of such an incredible monarch. Our children have certainly showed how thoughtful and inquisitive they can be.



Pupils starting school in Reception September 2023

The process has begun for entry into reception at primary schools from the start of the new academic year in September 2023. The application portal is now live for parents/carers to submit their school preferences at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to apply online and read the online prospectus - Applying for a Primary School Place in West Northamptonshire 2023-24. This provides detailed information on schools and the application process.

If you know of anybody who is likely to be seeking a place for their child, please ask them to consider applying to our school. Open mornings for prospective parents are being held here, at Blakesley CE, on Thursday 13th October 2022, from 9.15am – 10.45am and on Wednesday 9th November 2022, from 9.15am – 10.45am. Please share the attached flyer, promoting our school, with as many people as you can. Thank you.

Parents have until 15 January 2023 to apply, with online applicants being notified by email on the national offer day – 17 April 2023. Paper applicants will be informed by letter, which will be posted out on offer day. Any application forms received by School Admissions after 15 January will be considered as late and will not be considered until May 2023 onwards.

Applying for a Year 7 secondary school place

If you are a parent or carer of a Y6 child in primary school living in West Northamptonshire applications can now be made for a secondary school place. You should apply for a place at a secondary school if your child has their 11th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

Applications are made online: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions/school-application>

The closing date is 31st October 2022. After this deadline, a late application will need to be made.



Meet the teacher

Due to the closure of the school on Monday because of the Queen's state funeral, the Meet the Teacher sessions with Miss Bradbury and Mrs Rose have now been re-scheduled to Wednesday 21st September. Please see timings below. The meeting for Class 2 parents, with Mrs D'Costa, is still on Tuesday as originally planned.

Meet the Teacher			
Date	Time	Venue	Teacher
20 th Sept.2022 Tuesday	3:15pm	Class 2	Mrs D'Costa
21 st Sept.2022 Wednesday	3:15pm	Class 3	Miss Bradbury
	3:30pm	Class 4	Mrs Rose



Blakesley Calendar 2023

Please support this request from Victoria Rogers:

The aim of the Blakesley Calendar is to raise funds for the wonderful village preschool, and to truly make it a celebration of our magnificent area, we need truly magnificent images!

We are looking for images that show off the landscape or landmarks and the changing seasons in Blakesley and surrounding villages. Maybe you have a picture of one of our beautiful buildings in the snow, a foggy autumn morning landscape or a sunny street shot? No pictures of people please. Also please make sure the image is yours and that you have permission to use it.

The images chosen for three of the months in the calendar will be selected from entrants under 12 years of age so please encourage any talented youth photographers to enter too!

Successful entrants will have their image proudly displayed in homes all around Blakesley, and will have helped raise funds to keep our wonderful pre-school thriving during such challenging times! One overall winner will take pride of place on the cover!

Closing date for entries is Friday 14th October. Please email victoria.j.rogers@hotmail.co.uk for more info on entering.



Fantastic FABs

FABs were incredibly lucky to be given the opportunity of providing the catering and bar at the Vintage Working Weekend at Poplars Farm. The event was very well attended and FABs are extremely excited to announce that a staggering **£3605.04** was raised.

None of this would have been possible without the help from the following people who cooked, served and worked so hard all weekend. A huge 'Thank you' goes to: Elaine Jeffery, Amy Sheppard, Alison Dickins, Jo Gray, Laura Saxby, Helen Bacon, Amanda Graves, Emma Graves, Lisa Tolson, Marcia Pereira, Steph Conway, Alice Girdlestone, Keeley Bowers, Rachel Bathe, Viv Bodily, Laura Storey, Jodie Fairclough, Laura Langley, Siobhan Taylor & Charlotte Cockerill.

A massive 'Thank you' too to Ross Williams who literally saved FABs' bacon by going shopping on Saturday evening for more supplies! Also a big 'thank you' to everyone who kindly donated cakes to be sold over the two days.

FABs will be having their first meeting of the new school year in the near future. (Date TBC) New members will be warmly welcomed. A new treasurer and secretary need recruiting. If you would like to become involved, please contact Charlotte Cockerill on 07522 832824

Future Dates

- 20/9 and 21/9 Meet The Teacher
- 23/9 Website photos Lisa Jefferies
- 23/9 Hot Shots start
- 3/10 Start Harvest Collection of produce
- 9/10 Harvest Service in the Church
- 11/10 and 12/10 Parents Evening
- 13/10 Prospective Parents Morning
- 31/10 Applications for Secondary school need to be submitted

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Laurie Hill
Headteacher