

**Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
NN12 8RD
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Sadly, for the school, our Site Supervisor, Tracy Hall is retiring from her position at the end of the month. Tracy has always been a dedicated member of staff, who took great pride in her work and the presentation of the school. To all visitors she gave a warm welcome, and I know how much she loved seeing the children return to school each September. For 18 years of service, having started at Blakesley in 2004, everyone at school, at PDET and within the local community says a massive 'Thank you' and we all hope that she thoroughly enjoys retirement.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Equestrian team for their efforts during the 2021-22 season. After all the results having been collated, from all competitions entered, the National Schools Equestrian Association have awarded Blakesley CE 3rd place in Region 2 South Central. This is an amazing achievement as the top 3 schools in each region then qualify for the National RPL Championships. Well done to everybody involved and we look forward to supporting our team through another competitive season.



Safeguarding

In the near future, local police officers will be visiting school to deliver sessions on road safety, coming to and leaving school safely, plus local contextual issues that are relevant to our area. It would be wise to have conversations at home with your children about staying safe whilst travelling to and from school. Remember, if your child is being collected from school by a different adult or family, the school office needs informing. If older children are walking to or from school independently, please take the time to discuss all possible scenarios with your child and inform your child's teacher of your arrangements.

At the end of the school day to keep everyone safe, all children need to be kept under close supervision and should not be playing on the playground or with any equipment. Please remember, no dogs are allowed on the school site.

Outside the school please park any vehicles safely, with consideration to other families and local residents.

Secondary Admissions: School places for Year 7 pupils in 2023

Please note there are key dates and deadlines for parents of current Year 6 pupils applying for Secondary School places for September 2023. All Towcester area (including Blakesley) schools fall under West Northants Council admissions. Please ensure that West Northants is selected when making an application.

The West Northants Council portal is open for applications. Applications close at 5pm on 31st October 2021. Failure to submit an application by the deadline may result in an application being treated as a late applicant and only allocated a place once all first round applicants' places have been filled. Please do not leave any applications to the last minute.

Please follow the link to West Northants Council's School Admissions page for more information about the application process: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places>

For key dates and deadlines, please see:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places/key-dates-and-deadlines-secondary-school-admissions>



Contacting teachers

We hope that all parents found 'Meet The Teacher' sessions informative. As well as operating an 'open-door' system where we will always try to resolve any query, issue or concern quickly, please remember that all teachers can be contacted directly on their e-mail addresses. However, please be considerate of timings when making contact. I know our staff will always try to help, but there is no obligation to reply to messages sent in the evenings or at the weekend.

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Request from Blakesley Pre-school

Have you any 2-3 year olds that will hopefully be joining Blakesley school in the next couple of years? Blakesley Pre-school is a great place to start. Although separate from the school, it is a fantastic way for children to meet their future peers and build on their independence ready for school. The pre-school has spaces on a Monday-Thursday, for half or full days.

Please email blakesleypreschool8@gmail.com and for references speak to some of the many families within our school that have utilised this fantastic community charity.



Future Dates

- 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