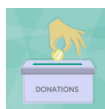


**Blakesley CE Primary School  
Blakesley  
NN12 8RD  
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**Donations**

Thank you to all the children who came to school on Monday, wearing spots or sporting kit, and gave donations. Approximately £80 was raised. This money has been given to Children In Need where it will be used to help vulnerable children, address young people's mental well-being and support 'grass root' organisations.

£52.03 was raised for Royal British Legion from the selling of poppies which is fantastic. At our Remembrance service it was touching to see children wearing only poppies, no other extras.



**Christmas Hampers**

Items for Christmas Hampers, which FABs will auction off at the end of term, are now being requested. Raffle tickets and details about this event are being distributed today. Each year group has been asked to collect specific items as stated below:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Donation Requests</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Family Night Treats</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Christmas treats</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Pamper items</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Chocolate</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Stationery</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gardening items</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Wine</b>

Please pass donations to your child's teacher where they will be gratefully received. If anybody is still interested in becoming involved, or wishing to help FABs in any way, please contact Charlotte Cockerill on 07522 832824.



**Blakesley Calendars**

Blakesley 2023 calendars are now for sale. The calendars are a wonderful celebration of our local area featuring pictures of Blakesley and surrounding villages. They are A4 and wall hanging and make lovely Christmas gifts. Every penny raised from sales goes to the village pre-school. Cost: 1 copy £12 / 2 copies £22 / 3 copies £30  
Email [Victoria.j.rogers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Victoria.j.rogers@hotmail.co.uk) to order



## **Attendance**

It is clear illness is having a negative effect on our attendance figures. At the start of the year a target of 96% minimum attendance for each pupil for the year was set. Whilst we know being poorly is unavoidable the importance of being in school every day cannot be stressed enough. Missed time away from school cannot be replaced. An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

As stated previously attendance records are scrutinised regularly. Directives from NCC state that pupils with attendance figures below 90% must now be viewed as persistent offenders. In such cases, individual circumstances will be taken into account and also in the way in which communications will be made with families. This may be a quick word, a telephone call or a more formal letter where required.

Where families ask for permission to take their children out of school for holidays remember these days off school cannot be authorised. The importance of your child being in school every day cannot be stressed enough.



## **Punctuality**

School doors are open from 8.40am and the registration period is officially between 8.50am and 9.00am. Any pupil arriving after 9am is marked as a late arrival. Being late for school reduces learning time. Being ready for school and being punctual certainly helps children settle more quickly for the day ahead. If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss approximately three days of learning each year.



## **Values Passport**

It is time to launch the second opportunity for children to participate in our Values Passport challenge.

Our Values Passport has been designed as a set of challenges and activities that link to our core values of COURAGE, COMPASSION, THANKFULNESS, FELLOWSHIP and WISDOM. Some activities are easier to complete, others are more challenging; some activities will need to be completed at home, others can be completed in school; some activities can be completed quickly, other activities will take a longer period of time.

Please see the attached letter for more details and copies of the Passport to complete. If you have any questions regarding our Values Passport please ask.

### Forthcoming events

- 7/12 Dress Rehearsal 2pm and Nativity 6pm
- 8/12 Nativity 6pm
- 9/12 Christingle in Blakesley Church 9.30am
- 9/12 Visiting Community Event Y5/6 2-3pm (No swimming)
- 14/12 School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Dinners need booking via Dolce)
- 15/12 Carols around The Tree
- 16/12 Last day of term (Last swimming session)
- 4/1/23 Wednesday School Re-opens

All are welcome to attend the Christingle in the church, which will be led by Class 3 pupils. (Y3/Y4) All classes will be attending.

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.

Laurie Hill  
Headteacher