

Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
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Dear Parents and Carers,



Marking the Coronation

Thank you to the Parish Council, Clerk Linda Paice, who attended our 'Praise' assembly this morning bringing gifts. To celebrate the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III every child has been presented with a stylish bookmark making a perfect keepsake of this special occasion. We thank everyone involved for their thoughts and generosity shown towards the school.



Celebrating the Coronation

On Friday 5th May, at 2.30pm, there will be an open event for the whole school community and beyond. The school will be hosting an afternoon tea party. There will be cream teas available, a cake competition, plus artwork and writing on display for all to see. (Please see attached flyer). On the day children may come to school wearing red, white and/or blue. (Mufti)



The Kingston Cat

On Wednesday afternoon, Simon Guntrip called into school to say that he had made an unusual discovery whilst restoring a wall in Kingston Close, Blakesley. As he was removing stones, Simon found, inside the wall, a stone cast of a cat. For how long the cat has been hidden, no one knows.

Meanwhile, Simon has skilfully re-built the wall and placed the cat proudly on show to all. Now the cat needs a name and Simon has requested the help of our children. Our pupils have been asked to think of a suitable name for the cat which will then be engraved on a plaque, attached to the wall and then be on view to the public. Please discuss this find and the competition with your child/children.

Next week all children will be given the opportunity to enter a name. The Top Five names will be decided by staff and presented to Simon. Together the best name will be selected. If any family would like to enter on behalf of their child entries can be emailed to me L.Hill@blakesley.pdet.org.uk

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom



School dinners

Although not as many families as anticipated attended the Dolce school dinner 'Taster Event' held on Tuesday, Dolce have stated that it was a pleasure to meet parents and children, plus have the opportunity to answer any questions or queries relating to their lunch service. There is no doubt the food was well presented and as there was very little left, even after the 'After School Club' children had had their fill, one can only conclude the food was 'delicious'. A low turn-out may suggest that many are happy with the provision offered daily. However, if there are further questions or concerns, the manager of Dolce, Faye Conway, has said that she is always happy and available to discuss any matters arising.



Every day counts

Nationally, attendance figures for school are still lower than desired. However, at Blakesley CE, we are pleased to announce that our numbers are above the national average. Please be aware any absent child's family will be contacted by phone/e mail if no message has been given to the school office by 9.15am. Everyday, unless told otherwise, the expectation is that parents/carers inform us as to where their children are. There must be legitimate reasons for keeping a child off school. Records of all reasons given for absence continue to be kept.

All attendance figures are regularly checked. Families are being notified and challenged as to why any persistent absenteeism is continuing. The Local authority officer will also be contacting families that continue to cause a concern.



Home to School Transport Consultation

West Northamptonshire would like to know your views on changes that they are proposing to the Home to School Transport service. These changes are required to meet increased demand and operating costs, whilst also exploring opportunities to give greater flexibility for parents and help to promote sustainable travel.

Any changes that are being proposed in this current consultation will not come into effect until September 2024.

This consultation closes midnight Tuesday 30 May 2023.

Please visit <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/home-to-school-transport-2023/> for further information including how to have your say.



Thank you

May I just say a heartfelt 'Thank you' to the parents, families and children who have given, in so many ways, to make a birthday I was trying to avoid, very special indeed. Thank you for your generosity and kindness shown.



Praise

Well done to the following children who were nominated for Special Praise in assembly this morning. We are very proud of you all.

Pupils who received Praise from their class teachers	
Class	Names
1	Finn + Francey
2	Hugo + Clara
3	Katelyn
4	Millie + Stefan

Forthcoming events

- Coronation School Event 2.30pm Fri 5th May
- KS2 Sats week 9th May (Tues-Fri)
- Life Education Visit 16th May
- Y6 Residential 17th-19th May
- Bikeability Y5 22nd -25th May
- End of Term 5 Fri 26th May

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