



Blakesley CE Primary School

Newsletter 15/9/2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another wonderful week!

Our Ancient Egyptian topic is being enjoyed across the school; the appearance of intriguing boxes of objects linked to our Drama for Writing work are prompting some really deep questions; bridges spanning vast distances are being constructed from some unusual materials in Class 2 and in Class 1, Owl Babies are nesting everywhere!



Harvest Festival

Our **Harvest Festival** will be led by Class 4 at **St Mary's Church on Thursday 28th September at 9.30 am**. The children will be sharing readings, prayers and Harvest hymns and songs – please come and join our celebrations.

As we will be collecting non-perishable produce to donate to Towcester Foodbank, Barbara Parfitt will be leading our collective worship on **Tuesday 26th September**, telling the children how the foodbank works and what they can donate to support it (please see attached list of donations that they would particularly appreciate). We will set up a collection point for your donations just inside the main school entrance. Please help us to support the fantastic service that they offer to many local families in crisis.

Harvest Soup

We will be putting a call out for helpers to support us in preparing our Harvest Supper. If you have large saucepans, blenders, mashers or a couple of hours to spare on Wednesday 4th October or Thursday 5th October, then we would love to hear from you. Keep an eye out for the call for help!!

Parents Welcome Meetings

Please come and join us at our Class Welcome Meetings where essential information about your child's school life and class routines will be shared.

Class 1: Tuesday 19th September at 8.40 am (Reception and Year 1 together, followed by time with Miss Douglas for Y1 parents)

Class 2: Thursday 21st September at 8:50 am (Year 1 and Year 2 together, followed by time with Miss Douglas for Y1 parents)

Class 3: Thursday 21st September at 2:45pm

Class 4: Thursday 21st September at 8:50 am

KS2 Watersports Day, Wednesday 20th September

Please ensure that your consent forms with voluntary contribution are returned to the school office. We're really looking forward to some fun on the water!

Parking Safely

Whilst we appreciate the challenges presented by limited parking spaces close to the school; we would urge parents to park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please avoid parking across driveways, double parking to restrict access, parking on the grass near to the school or too close to junctions. Let's all play our part in keeping our children safe. Thank you for your support in this matter.

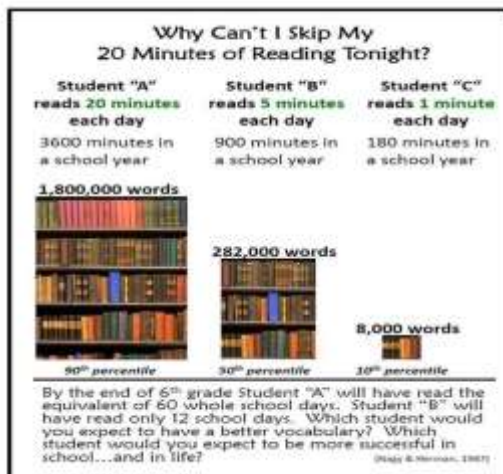
Absence

The return to school always seems to bring a wave of new bugs and shared illness. If your child is unwell, please notify the school office on the first morning of their absence. We ask that if your child has a sickness bug, they are kept at home for 24 hours after all symptoms have cleared. If they suffer with sickness and diarrhoea, we would ask that they are kept at home for 48 hours after all symptoms are clear. Thank you for your support.

Term-time holidays

When asked to authorise absence taken during term time for holidays, we are obliged to follow the School Attendance Regulations which require schools to record such absences as 'Unauthorised'. We would encourage you to book your holidays in school holiday times to avoid your child missing school. Thank you for your support.

Some food for thought with hearing your child read



Please support your child by hearing them read every day. Even our Key Stage 2 fluent readers benefit from reading aloud to an adult on a regular basis.

Birthday coming up? Pocket money to spend? Or just want to buy a good book?

See **'Pie Corbett's Reading Spine'** for a fantastic list of books for each age group.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child or would like to know more about what happens in school, please come in and speak to us.

Kind regards,

Sally Beaton

Headteacher