



# Blakesley CE Primary School

Newsletter 12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Welcome back to a new term and new year at Blakesley CE Primary School. We'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.*

## *New year news*

It's been lovely to see the children coming back to school looking smart and ready to learn. We've enjoyed their recounts of the fun – and in many cases adventures! - that they've had over Christmas

On behalf of all of the staff, I'd like to thank you for the kind words, cards and gifts sent into school at Christmas time. Your generosity was greatly appreciated – thank you.

This term, we welcome Mrs Emma Darby to our staff team, Mrs Darby will be teaching the Year 1 children on Monday-Thursday mornings. Please join me in making her feel very welcome.

## *Soundwrite Phonics*

It's been a busy start to the new term already; this week Mrs Fox, Miss Murray and Mrs Darby have all been attending a training course to develop the way that we teach Phonics at school. We will share information on the 'Soundwrite' approach with Key Stage 1 parents in the coming weeks.

## *Parent Governor Vacancy*

We are currently seeking to recruit a parent to fill our Parent Governor vacancy. Please see the attached letter for details of how to register your interest. If you would like to speak to me or to Sarah Hyatt, our Chair of Governors, about what the role entails please don't hesitate to contact me.

## *Water bottles*

We are promoting the benefits of taking regular drinks of water to the children at the moment. Please could you send a named water bottle containing fresh water into school with your child each day, this will enable them to access their drinks regularly, thank you.

## *Communication*

We are in the process of renewing our School Website; please bear with us as we transition from the old to the new. Whilst this process takes place, we will communicate information with you by email primarily (please make sure that we have an up to date email address for you). We are trying to reduce the amount of paper that we use, so your support with this would be welcomed. Please let Helen know if your email details need to be updated.

We are also introducing a parent text message system to enable us to contact you by text. Again, please make sure that we have your most up to date contact details as we will be beginning to use this system in the coming weeks.

## *Holidays during term time*

We're aware that it's a busy time of year for making holiday arrangements. Please could we request that holidays are book during designated school holiday times rather than during term time wherever possible. Thank you for your support.

### *Parents' Evenings*

This term's Parents' Evenings will be held on:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 5.30pm**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 5.30 – 7.30pm**

A letter will follow closer to the time with details of how to arrange an appointment.

### *Magic Club*

We still have a few spaces left for Magic Club which will start next **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**, those children who have returned their slips or booked online have already been allocated places. Please contact us on Monday if your child would like a place at the club.

### *Dates for your diary*

#### *Spring Term 1*

**6th February – Safer Internet Day**

**7<sup>th</sup> February – Maths Workshop for Parents.**

Please join us to see, hear and experience how your children learn Maths in school. We will begin with an introductory talk in the Hall at 9am, followed by an opportunity for you to visit

**9<sup>th</sup> February - Pancake Day Celebrations** More details to follow!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School closes to pupils**

#### *Spring Term 2*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens to pupils**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February, 3.20pm - KS2 (Year 6 children) SATs information meeting for parents** Information about this year's **Croft Farm** trip will also be shared at this meeting.

**28<sup>th</sup> February, 3.20pm – KS1 (Year 2 children) SATs information meeting for parents**

**1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day** More details on Book-based fun to follow

**8<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 am – Mothers' Day Service** Our Reception and Year 1 children will lead our Mothers' day service at the church, please join us.

**14<sup>th</sup> March – Science Day** The children will enjoy a day packed with Science in school

**16<sup>th</sup> March – Sports Relief** We'll be doing a Sports Relief Mile! More details to follow

**27<sup>th</sup> March – Life Education Bus** The Life Education Bus will be visiting Blakesley to share important information about keeping safe and making positive choices, more information to follow

**29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service** Our Year 2 children will lead our Easter Service in the church, please join us.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter**

#### Summer Term 2018

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April -Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens to pupils**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday, school closed to pupils**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half-term**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens to pupils**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information about any of these events.

Kind regards,

*Sally Beaton*

Headteacher