



Blakesley CE Primary School

Newsletter 12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another really busy week here at Blakesley, there is a wonderful buzz of children engaged and active in their learning echoing throughout the building– it's wonderful to hear! The Soundwrite Phonics training that our Key Stage 1 staff have undertaken is really making a difference to their phonics sessions and the Kinetic Letters handwriting is really starting to show too – great stuff!

Here's a snapshot of today's 'Fun Friday' in Key Stage 1 this afternoon – fruit kebabs, library time and felt and button tree craft - what team work!



2017 End of Key Stage 2 Results

Please see below the amazing results that were achieved by our pupils in their end of Year 6 tests last year. The figures show the progress rates of our pupils from the end of Key stage 1 to the end of Key Stage 2. Well done to all of the staff and pupils for these fantastic outcomes.

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Overall performance at end of key stage 2 in 2017 - all pupils

School name	Type of school	% of pupils meeting expected standard	Progress score & description			% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
			Reading	Writing	Maths			
Blakesley Church of England Primary School	Maintained School	90%	Well above average 5.1	Well above average 6.0	Well above average 8.5	20%	106	112

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7th February – Maths Workshop for Parents.

Our Maths workshop is fast approaching! If you've ever heard yourself saying 'They do Maths differently to when I was at school' then this session is made for you! Please join us to see, hear and experience how your children learn Maths at Blakesley. We will begin with an introductory talk in

the Hall at 9am, followed by an opportunity for you to visit classrooms to see the children's learning. We look forward to seeing you!

Parking at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please could I issue a gentle reminder to those parents that drive to and from school to park considerately at the beginning and end of the school day. We appreciate that parking spaces are scarce, but urge parents to make the safety of all of our community their priority when dropping off and collecting from school. Thank you for your support.

Water bottles

Thank you for ensuring that your children bring a named water bottle containing fresh water into school each day.

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 booked during designated school holiday times rather than during term time wherever possible. Thank you for your support.

Winter Bugs

We have had a spate of illness running throughout the school over the last couple of weeks. I'm glad to see many of the children returning to school feeling better. If your child suffers with a sickness bug, our guidance is that they should stay off school for at least 24 hours after they have last been sick. We recommend 48 hours if your child has suffered from diarrhoea.

We have also had a couple of cases of Slapcheek in school, whilst this is not a notifiable illness, we would like to inform you of this.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term 1

6th February – Safer Internet Day

7th 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

9th February - Pancake Day Celebrations More details to follow!

Friday 9th February – School closes to pupils

Spring Term 2

Monday 19th February – School re-opens to pupils

22nd 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.

28th February, 3.20pm – KS1 (Year 2 children) SATs information meeting for parents

1st March – World Book Day More details on Book-based fun to follow

8th 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.

14th March – Science Day The children will enjoy a day packed with Science in school

16th March – Sports Relief We'll be doing a Sports Relief Mile! More details to follow

27th 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

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

Thursday 29th March – School closes for Easter

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April -Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 17th April – School re-opens to pupils

Monday 7th May – Bank holiday, school closed to pupils

Friday 25th May – School closes for half-term

Monday 4th 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