



# Blakesley CE Primary School

## Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled well into their new class routines. Our Reception Class children joined us for their first Celebration Assembly today, we were very impressed by them and look forwards to welcoming our Reception parents to next week's Celebration.

### Dates to add to your Diary

Please note that all dates listed may be subject to change, we will notify you at the earliest point possible that changes are made.

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Clubs start
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Photographer in school taking photographs for our Website
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Barbara Parfitt, Food Bank Assembly
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 9.15am</b>	Harvest Service in St Mary's Church
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 3.15pm</b>	Harvest Supper in the school hall – all welcome (£1 per person entrance)
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open morning for prospective Reception parents (intake 2019)
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open morning for prospective Reception parents (intake 2019)
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School closes to pupils
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Teacher training day
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School re-opens to pupils
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-5.30pm</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 5.00 – 7.00pm</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm</b>	Remembrance Day service (on the grass bank in front of the school)
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual and Family Photographs
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm</b>	Online Safety Information Evening for Parents at Greens Norton Primary School
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am</b>	Christingle Service
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm</b>	Key Stage One Christmas Play, Dress Rehearsal (grandparents/community members/ pre-school community)
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm</b>	Key Stage One Christmas Play
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm</b>	Key Stage One Christmas Play
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm</b>	Class 4 leading Carols and Readings Around the Tree

### Harvest Celebrations

This year's *Harvest Service* will be led by our Class 4 children at **9.15am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** in St Mary's Church, Blakesley. Each of our classes will be singing a Harvest song, so please come and join us to celebrate.

The children are invited to bring in donations of non-perishable goods that will be donated to the Towcester Foodbank. Barbara Parfitt will be leading our assembly on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** to talk to the children about the work of the Foodbank. Please start sending in your donations from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. A leaflet is attached detailing the items that the Foodbank are always in need of. Thank you for your generosity.

Following the success of last year's *Harvest Supper* we will follow our Harvest Service with a *Harvest Supper* in the **School Hall after school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. As part of our Bread them this term, the children will be baking bread to share with our community at the Harvest supper. Come and join us for a Soup and Bread supper, entrance will be £1 per person. All profits raised will be donated to a charity chosen by our School Council. Our thanks go to the Heygate family for donations of ingredients. We hope that you will join us.

## Swimming

Our Class 4 children start their Swimming sessions at Towcester Leisure centre this afternoon. They will continue to swim until half term after which our Class 3 children will swim each Friday up until Christmas. In order to meet the requirements of enabling all children to leave Key Stage 2 able to swim 25 metres, any Year 6 children who have not achieved their 25 metres by October half Term will be invited to continue their lessons after half term.

Children will need a swimming costume or trunks, a towel and a swimming hat. Please support your child by removing or helping them to be able to remove earrings before their swimming lesson. Thank you.

Class 4 last swim

Class 3 weekly swimming on a Friday starting on \*\*\*\*, last swim \*\*\*\*

## Open Morning for Prospective Parents (children starting school in 2019)

We will be holding Open mornings for Prospective Parents (2019 Intake) on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.30am and **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.30am. Please join us if you are interested in a place for your child.

## Clubs

### **Pacesetters Clubs:**

Netball Monday 8.00 – 8.45 am

Gymnastics Tuesday 3.15 – 4.30pm

### **Freestyle Soccer:**

Wednesday lunchtimes

### **Wartsandall Theatre Company, Drama Club:**

From Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 3.15 – 4.15pm

### **Kidslingo French Club:**

Friday lunchtimes

Additionally, we will be offering teacher-led Clubs after school this half term. Please see the details below and complete and return the slip emailed to you to 'book' your child in. Paper copies will be available from the school office. All teacher-led clubs will start next week (w/c 17<sup>th</sup> September)

### *Teacher-led Clubs:*

**Football Club** with Mr Hill (Years 2-6) Monday 3.15 – 4.15pm

**Girls Only Multi-skills** with Mrs Kleggeris (Years 3 – 6) Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm

**Choir** with Mrs Darby (Years 2-6) Thursday lunchtime

**Running Club** with Mrs Beaton and Mr Hill (Year 2 – 6) Friday 3.15 – 4.15pm (parent helpers will be welcomed!) please provide clothing appropriate for cooler and wetter weather, trainers rather than plimsolls are essential.

Class 4 children who live in the village may walk home from school after clubs if written permission is sent in advance.

## House Points and Rewards

This year we are introducing a new House points System linked to our School Values. Children will receive House Points using an electronic system called Class Dojo. Housepoints will be awarded when our children demonstrate the school values, when they achieve their targets and goals and in recognition of consistently high or additional effort.

Our aim is to reward the children for their individual achievements and efforts, but also to encourage them to work collectively and collaboratively throughout the school to collect points for their class and their House Team. All children will be rewarded when they achieve 'Goals' for their individual efforts, their Class and their House rather than only the House with the highest score receiving a reward.

### *Individual Awards:*

Each child will collect House Points, receiving a certificate at regular milestones – Bronze (25HPs) Silver (50 HPS) Gold (100HPs) and Platinum (150HPs)

### *Class Awards:*

Each Class will receive a small reward when they reach their Class total milestone.

### *House Awards:*

Each House will receive a House Reward when they reach their House Milestone (100 HP, 200 HP, 300 HP etc). This way, all children are always recognised and rewarded for their efforts with their House Team. The awards will be announced each week in our Celebration Assembly.

## Church News

This Saturday, **15<sup>th</sup> September**, the church is holding an **Autumn Fair from 2.30pm to 4.30pm**. There's plenty to see and do including cream teas, a treasure hunt, brass rubbing, a raffle and a sale of pre-loved children's clothes and equipment. Proceeds will go to the church. Everyone is welcome.

## Breakfast and After School Care

Larks and Stay and Play are now up and running every day. Please note that the cost per session (or part session) is £3.50 this academic year. Larks is one session and Stay and Play can be either one or two sessions. Booking forms can be obtained from the school office or via email by request from [bursar@blakesley.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@blakesley.northants-ecl.gov.uk). Please, as far as is possible, book in advance. We will, of course, be able to take late bookings if the need arises. In this instance please either telephone or email the office. Many thanks.

## Attendance Awards

Our Attendance target this year is 98%. We would like to celebrate classes that have good attendance by trialling an award system for the class with the highest attendance rates each week. We will share the Attendance figures for each class in our Celebration Assembly, the class with the highest attendance will hold the Attendance Award for the following week. We know that you are aware of the importance of good attendance and would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are too unwell to.

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. We cannot authorise absence for holidays that are taken during term time. Thank you for your support.

Please see below the term and holiday dates for this year:

### **Term dates 2018-2019**

#### *Term 1*

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Teacher Training Days

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - School opens to pupils

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - School closes for pupils

#### *Term 2*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for pupils

#### *Term 3*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher training day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens to pupils

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – School closes to pupils

#### *Term 4*

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Teacher training day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - School re-opens to pupils

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – School closes to pupils

#### *Term 5*

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – School re-opens to pupils

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Early Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes to pupils

#### *Term 6*

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – End of school year, school closes to pupils.

Thank you, as always for your support. If there are any aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss with me or if you have any issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
*Sally Beaton*  
Headteacher

