



**Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest collections

A massive 'Thank you' to those of you who kindly donated items of food into our Harvest Collection. The produce will be distributed equally between our local residents and the Towcester Food Bank.

In this COVID world it's sad to know there are more and more families in need and have to rely on the giving of others. It is heartening to know that there are so many generous people within our school community.

The Harvest Festival Family Communion is being held at St Mary's Church this Sunday, October 11th, at 10:30am. Some of our pupils are leading part of the service. Everyone is welcome to attend this family service. It would be lovely to see even more supportive faces. Please note social distancing measures directed by the Church will have to be observed on the day.

Parent Consultations

Over the next two weeks, consultations with parents have been scheduled to take place. Today you should receive notification of the time and date allocated for your meeting. If there are genuine problems with the time slot offered, please do let the class teacher know as soon as possible and they will try their best to be accommodating.

Please know that we are all extremely disappointed that it is not possible to allow parents onto our school site. Advice from higher authorities has been sought and our offers of a phone call or Zoom meeting are the safest options for all concerned. Unfortunately, this is not a time in which we will be able to share your child's work with you. To photocopy samples of work to display I am afraid would be far too onerous.

However, we are in the midst of discussing ways that we will be able to share your child's books with you at another time via other arrangements very shortly. Please bear with us.

A reminder for the application for school places

Applications for Primary and Secondary school places can now be made for 2021 Admissions.

Parents/carers of children in current year 6 of Primary School will need to apply for their Secondary School place by 5pm on Saturday 31 October 2020.

Parents/carers of children who have their 4th birthday between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 need to apply for their school place by 5pm on Friday 15 January 2021.

The school admissions website is www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

New appointment

I am pleased to announce that Francesca Fleming will be joining our Blakesley team, to teach French to all of our Key Stage Two pupils. French lessons for Class 3 and Class 4 will begin on Wednesday November 11th 2020.

Clarification

As the information distributed yesterday stated, we now have had a confirmed 'positive' case of Coronavirus within our school. All the procedures have been adhered to correctly and advice has been sought from the highest level possible.

The date, October 19th is the first date that pupils from the isolated bubble will be permitted to re-attend school. From my calculations the period of isolation actually ends for the 'bubble involved' at midnight of Friday October 16th 2020. I apologise if my first communication did not make this clear.

Unfortunately, there has been an increasing number of children beginning to feel unwell whilst in school. We do understand if parents are working, it can be rather inconvenient to receive a call from school, but I am sure that all of you realise we take your child's word seriously in these situations.

In such COVID times we all have to be cautious, plus we have to be considerate thinking of all of our pupils and our whole school community.

The recent government campaign is to remind people to wash their hands, cover their faces and keep their distance, in a bid to keep infections down especially as the winter months approach.

All of us need to remember and act upon the slogan "Hands. Face. Space"

Remember also the main symptoms of coronavirus are a high temperature, a new or continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

A period of isolation will be necessary if

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus
- you live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- you are told by NHS Test and Trace that you have been in contact with a person with coronavirus

Future dates

- 13th-15th Oct. Parents feedback evenings
- 20th -22nd Oct. Parents feedback evenings
- 23rd Oct. Prospective parent video release
- 31st Oct. Closing date for secondary school applications

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.

Kind regards,

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