



**Blakesley CE Primary School**  
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## **Newsletter 7: October 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Harvest Service**

The Harvest Festival Family Communion held at St Mary's Church on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, was well attended. It was wonderful to see some of our pupils lead part of the service. As well as looking very smart in their school uniforms, they also read their lines so clearly and proudly.

The donated items of food have now been distributed to the Towcester Food Bank.



### **Virtual Book Fair (Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct to Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct)**

Next week our school is holding its first ever 'Virtual book fair'. The children will be allowed to view the books on sale during the school day under the guidance of their teachers. Order forms will be distributed early next week should your child wish to make a purchase. The more books sold the more money the school gains to spend on books too.

Below are two links that promote a selection of books that will appear on sale.

<https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/ed/0a/scholastic-uk-primary-invitation-v9-1966251.pdf>

<https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/d6/2a/sbf-pre-browse-order-form-v7-1966840.pdf>

### **FABs**

A FABs newsletter has been distributed outlining their up and coming fundraising events plus their spending commitments. Very excitedly, all class teachers are now ordering a new selection of reading material for each year group as part of our drive to improve even further the reading culture within our school.

Thank you FABs for providing the money to enable this wonderful treat to go ahead. There really are some 'high quality and engaging' books being ordered that will soon fall into the eager hands of our pupils.

## **Wooden Train**

Unfortunately, the wooden train at the top end of the playground has finally reached the end of the line. It has now become unsafe for our pupils to use. However, there are plans to try and sell it. Further details will follow soon.

I am aware there are many of you out there who are very fond of this feature. If anyone has any photos, dates or stories about its installation or any interesting news please let me know.

## **Blakesley Calendar 2021**

Also attached at the bottom of this newsletter is further information about a photography competition for the 2021 Blakesley Calendar being organised to raise money for the Pre-school.

**Three** months of the calendar will be dedicated to photos taken by under 12 year olds. Children under 12 can enter their favourite image for free (1 image per child please).

Photographic images that show off the landscape or landmarks and the changing seasons in Blakesley and surrounding villages are required. Representation of all the seasons is needed. Anyone 'housebound' can still take part by looking through their photo history.

Photographs can be taken by any means chosen, even mobile phones. Please remember to remind your child about staying safe when sending photos and using mobile phones.

Parents/carers get in touch with Vicky Rogers (email address in the text below) if their children would like to send a picture to be considered. Let's give the 'Countryfile Calendar' a run for its money.

## **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](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## **Welcome Return**

All being well, we look forward to welcoming all of our Class 4 members back into school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. The sessions of 'live learning' appear to have been very successful on many counts. Any feedback you would like to share would be received with interest.

All of us still need to consider, where appropriate, the government's newest slogan: "Hands. Face. Space." reminding us to wash hands, cover faces and keep our distance, in a bid to keep infections down especially as the winter draws ever nearer.

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

## **Flu Vaccinations**

We still await a new date to be given from the School Nurse for the cancelled vaccinations to be rescheduled. However, if you have a child who may be susceptible, for whatever reason, please contact your GP and the vaccination can be arranged at your convenience.

## **Coats**

A number of children are still coming to school without a coat. I know it seems unnecessary to wear one whilst travelling to school by car, however we are trying to ensure that all the pupils get outside as much as possible. The weather has become more changeable and certainly colder. To ensure your child stays warm and dry, please send them to school with a suitable coat.

## **Future dates**

- 31st Oct. Closing date for secondary school applications
- Training day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. (School Closed to all pupils)
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 School re-opens

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,

Laurie Hill  
Interim Headteacher

## **From the Pre-School**

### **Calling all photo fanatics, lovers of our landscape and proud picture takers...**

Would you like to enter your local image into our photography competition?

We are making a 2021 Blakesley Calendar to raise funds for our wonderful village preschool and to truly make it a celebration of our magnificent area, we need truly magnificent images!

We are looking for images that show off the landscape or landmarks and the changing seasons in Blakesley and surrounding villages. Maybe you have a picture of one of our beautiful buildings in the snow, a foggy autumn morning landscape or a sunny street shot? No pictures of people please, and please make sure the image is yours and that you have permission to use it.

To enter your image to be considered we are asking for a £5 donation to the preschool, or a £10 donation to enter up to 3 images. The images chosen for 3 of the months in the calendar will be chosen from entrants under 12 years of age and the under 12s competition is free to enter (one image accepted per child please). Remaining 9 months will be chosen from entrants that have donated the entry fee (teens/adult entrants).

Closing date for entries is 31st October. Please email [victoria.j.rogers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:victoria.j.rogers@hotmail.co.uk) for more info on entering.

Successful entrants will have their image proudly displayed in homes all around Blakesley, and will have helped raise funds to keep our wonderful preschool thriving during such challenging times! One overall winner will take pride of place on the cover, and will also win a HUAWEI mediapad T3!

Vicky Rogers Pre-School Blakesley