



**Blakesley CE Primary School  
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## **Newsletter 8: October 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Thank you**

From all of the staff at Blakesley, we would like to say a huge 'Thank you' for showing compliance, patience and consideration towards the school during this first term of the school year. Dealing with all the constraints of COVID has not been easy at the best of times. However, it has certainly been most uplifting to hear your words of support and appreciation. In contrast to the gloom of the news, it is still so wonderful to see smiling and happy children enter and leave our school each day.

I know the pupils of class 3 and myself would like to thank Mrs Mullen for all of her hard work since the start of the school year. After half-term, there will be various sessions taking place during the school day that have been organised to help children make further progress or support with needed 'catch up' some may require. I am pleased to say that Mrs Mullen will still be involved in helping with some of these interventions for two days a week.

Now we look forward to welcoming Stephanie Bolton as the new Class 3 teacher starting at the beginning of Term 2.

I hope you have found the recent consultation meetings with teachers useful and informative. Any constructive feedback over the use of either the telephone or 'zoom' would be welcomed.

### **Sandpit Fundraiser**

The 'Grow a Pound' Scheme started in Class1 has raised a staggering £1080. There is now more than enough money to fill the 'enormous' sand pit as well as being able to purchase new storage equipment, new outdoor resources and other items that the children can use within their learning environment.

A massive 'Thank you' to Emma Cox, her team and the very supportive parents who helped organise activities and made financial contributions.

### **Virtual Book Fair**

The children have been enjoying being allowed to view the books on sale. Please note orders can still be taken during the holiday. The more books sold the more money the school gains to spend on books too. Orders can be placed following this link:

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

### **Book challenge**

Over the holiday period if any child (or adult) can find a suitable book that demonstrates one of our school values of Courage, Compassion, Fellowship, Thankfulness or Wisdom please let me know.

Any suggestions of a book title, along with author and ISBN number given to me before 9am Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November will be rewarded.

Suggestions can be e-mailed to [lauriehill@blakesleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:lauriehill@blakesleyprimary.co.uk)

### **Photos needed for the Blakesley Calendar 2021**

Would all budding photographers, especially if you are under 12, get out and about over the holiday period and take some photographs for the Blakesley Calendar 2021.

Photographic images that show off the landscape or landmarks and the changing seasons in Blakesley and surrounding villages are still required. Photographs can be taken by any means chosen, even mobile phones.

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

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

The 2021 Blakesley Calendar being organised to raise money for the Pre-school.

If participating, please remember to remind your child about staying safe when sending photos and using mobile phones.

### **Promoting Blakesley C of E: School places available September 2021.**

Please may we ask your support in helping promote Blakesley C of E within the local community and beyond by notifying your friends, relatives, colleagues or anyone you may happen to know who has a child starting school in Sept 2021-2022. To help continue the established success and future sustainability of the school please urge anyone who may express an interest to make contact with the school.

A promotional video is being created, flyers are being prepared and a potential open evening in a COVID safe environment (by appointment only) is being arranged for early next term. Further information will follow shortly.

### **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)

## **Flu Vaccinations**

The rescheduled date for the flu vaccination to be administered in school has been set for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. If your need is more urgent or 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.

## **Staying safe**

Please enjoy the holiday period but please stay safe at all times. Keep in mind, when out and about, "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**

- 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
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> High Sherriff visit to talk to Y5Y6

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. Have a good break.

Kind regards,

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