

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Newsletter 2 T1: September 17th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the first time in eighteen months it was wonderful to be able to welcome families into school again, providing the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Hopefully, this was an informative and reassuring experience finding about class routines, expectations and how you can help your child with their learning. If you were unable to make the meeting, please make contact and the teachers will make every effort to ensure you receive the shared information. It's not only the children who have returned to school to continue with their studies but so have our teachers too. Under the guidance of a Teaching and Learning consultant, our staff have been working on classroom and behaviour management techniques, assessment for learning strategies and effective modelling.

PE

The classes that have received tuition on PE days from Leigh Churchward have all given positive feedback. Arrangements for Class 1 have been shared on Tapestry. Remember on PE days children may attend school in their PE kit. If necessary, tracksuits and hoodies may be worn. Coats or jackets are becoming necessary so that we can allow the children access to 'fresh air' and exercise even if there is light rain. It is important that all clothing is named, already a number of nameless items have been left behind.

Musical tuition

Mr Fleming, our brass band peripatetic teacher, has been promoting taster sessions to classes. If your child has an interest in learning how to play a trombone, tenor horn or cornet, please make enquiries with the school office. Remember there may be a cost for tuition or hire of particular instruments.

Safeguarding

At the end of the school day to keep everyone safe, **all** children need to be kept under close supervision and should not be playing on the playground or with any equipment.

Our local PC, Mel Carter, paid a visit to school this week offering to come and talk to the children. In the near future she will be delivering sessions on road safety, coming to and leaving school safely, plus local contextual issues that are relevant to our area. It would be wise to have conversations at home with your children about staying safe whilst travelling to and from school. Remember if your child is being collected from school by a different adult or family, the school office needs informing. If older children are walking to or from school independently, please take the time to discuss all possible scenarios with your child and inform your child's teacher of your arrangements.

Outside the school please remember to park any vehicles safely, with consideration to other families and our local residents.

Bikeability

A Bikeability session for class 4 pupils who have returned their slips (from last Summer) is on Monday 27th September. A sheet detailing specific requirements will be issued to those pupils who have signed up for this activity.

Secondary Admissions: School places for Year 7 pupils in 2022



Please see below the key dates and deadlines for parents of current Year 6 pupils applying for Secondary School places for September 2022. A letter from West Northants Council is also being sent to our Year 6 parents.

All Towcester area (including Blakesley) schools now fall under West Northants Council admissions. Please ensure that you select West Northants when making your application.

The West Northants Council portal is now open for applications. Applications close **at 5pm on Wednesday 31st October 2021.** Failure to submit your application by the deadline may result in your application being treated as a late applicant and only allocated a place once all first round applicants' places have been filled. Please do not leave your application to the last minute.

Please follow the link to West Northants Council's School Admissions page for more information about the application process:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places>

For key dates and deadlines, please see:

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Future Dates

- 23/9 Y5/6 Football competition at Sponne
- 26/9 Harvest Festival at Church
- 12th Oct Parents' Evening
- 13th Oct Parents' Evening

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
Headteacher