

**Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
NN12 8RD**

Newsletter 5 T1: 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



The school hall became the 'Blakesley Bandstand' on Tuesday and Wednesday, as we hosted two days of performances by NMPAT's String Quartet and Brass Septet. All our children and staff were thoroughly entertained and inspired by the sound, skill and enthusiasm demonstrated, especially by the trombone solo of a piece named, 'The Acrobat'. It was just incredible.

One of the reasons to hold such events is to encourage children to show an interest, or desire to want to learn how to play a musical instrument. It certainly now seems as if we have even more pupils interested in taking up musical tuition. If you feel your child is showing a genuine interest in wishing to have lessons please make contact with the school office stating the preferred choice of instrument.

Jack and The Beanstalk

FABS have been offered the chance of reduced price tickets for the panto at Milton Keynes. This year it is Jack and The Beanstalk featuring Ashley Banjo & Diversity!

If you would like tickets, please email fabsofblakesley@outlook.com **BEFORE 20TH OCTOBER**, stating how many tickets and for which day. Payment can be made by either PayPal or cash given to Charlotte Cockerill / Lottie Rogers.

The tickets, £18.50, are for Thursday 6th January & Friday 7th January 2022. A portion of this ticket price will go to FABS, hopefully kick starting their fundraising again and for you to take advantage of discounted tickets.

Parents' Evening

It will be lovely to welcome all families back into school on the two evenings of October 12th/13th. Notification of finalised slots for appointment times have been issued to your children today, in paper form. Please check book bags. Should there be any problems with timings issued please make contact with your child's class teacher directly. They will do their best to be accommodating if changes are necessary.

If you would like to see your child's workbooks, they will be available, prior to your appointment time, outside your child's classroom. As we have been advised to avoid large gatherings you are welcome to come 15 minutes before your appointed time to peruse your child's work, but please after your consultation leave the building promptly.

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If parents wish to wear masks, that is a personal choice. Please be understanding, if teachers maintain a respectful social distance. All of us are adjusting to returning to normality and are still finding our own levels of comfort.

Timings of appointments are ten minutes in length. Should there be the need to require more time please request the opportunity to arrange another meeting.

Winter Warmer Evening

Sadly, due to the directive from Public Health England last Friday, we have had to postpone our Bread and Supper Evening on Fri, 15th Oct. Sorry for any disappointment caused, however, we are now proposing to hold a Winter Warmer evening, towards the end of Term 2 instead. Details will follow in the near future.

Trips

All classes are in the process of trying to organise educational trips to enhance the learning experience. We are doing our best to keep costs to a minimum but please know it is often the cost of transport that increases prices significantly. However, most trips will be capped, at £20, where possible. As always, all costs towards trips are paid voluntarily but should the school not receive enough funding, a trip may not be able to go ahead as planned.

School Lunches

Unfortunately, due to supply issues because of national difficulties there may have to be slight alterations to dinners ordered. Where possible our staff will always try to ensure your child receives the meal they ordered however sometimes this may not always be possible. As always please make sure all meals are ordered in time.

Prospective Parents

Should anyone have or know of a child who will be eligible to start school in September 2022 please inform their family of our Open Evening for Prospective Parents being held on Monday 18th at 5.45pm. Any enquiries should be signposted towards our school office or ask Mrs Cox or myself.

Future Dates

- 12th Oct Parents Evening
- 13th Oct Parents Evening
- 18th October Open Evening 5.45pm Prospective Parents

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

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