

Blakesley CE Primary School  
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## Newsletter 2 T2: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

For those who managed to attend our Remembrance Service, I am sure you will agree it was a truly atmospheric occasion. All of the school stood respectfully, as pupils from Class 4, sombrely and so fittingly, read readings and prayers. 'We will remember' was sung sensitively. However, having ex-pupil, Michael Ward, play the 'Last Post' and 'The Reveille' so strikingly, made the ceremony seem even more poignant.



### Hindu Workshop

As part of their religious studies Class 3 have been studying aspects of Hinduism. Our Hindu guests, Indri and Krishna, delivered a workshop providing opportunities to explore beliefs, festivals, gods, stories and lifestyles. There were plenty of opportunities to take part in role-play activities, act out key stories and wear traditional costumes, which the children did with such enthusiasm. Hopefully, some of the knowledge gleaned made its way home.

### Sporting successes



On Saturday, our school equestrian team had another successful event at the NSEA Bury Farm. There were many personal triumphs but the following deserve a special mention: Sybil for entering her first competition, Henry and Olivia for attempting jumps of 70cm, then gaining first place in the 50cm Class were Tilly, Maisie and Henry.

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Following this event, every single member of our equestrian team has received the news that each of them have all secured a place in the Regional championships being held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to you all.

Very proudly, I am pleased to share the news that Oscar Minish, Y6, has been informed, after a year at Northampton Town FC, that his contract will be extended for another season. In the near future, Oscar will also be a flag waver at the U-18s game versus Stockport County.

### **Online Gaming and videos**

Please can all parents and carers pay close attention to any online games and videos that your children may be spending time playing or watching. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions too. Ensure that parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

### **COVID 19**

At present, there are still no reported cases of COVID within our school. However, there have been a growing number of children beginning to develop temperatures, coughs and beginning to feel unwell during the school day. Temperatures will continue to be taken, where we feel it is appropriate or necessary. As previously explained, all pupils who develop temperatures of over 37 degrees will be isolated and phone calls will be made to arrange their collection from school.

Please continue to maintain good routines of hygiene, consider 'distancing' and be watchful for symptoms.

### **Gentle reminder**

Please remember, next week, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, when school finishes at 3.15pm, there will be **NO** Hotshots Club **or** afterschool care provided.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but hope you will all continue to be understanding as our school staff wish to attend a service so that our respects can be made to our friend and colleague, Helen Thompson, who sadly passed away recently.

### **Future Dates**

- 14<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> November Class 3 Trip Think Tank
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Break The Rules Day (FABS)
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – No Hotshots or After School care
- 10<sup>th</sup> December Movie Night
- 16<sup>th</sup> December Winter Warmer TBC

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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