

**Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
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Newsletter 2 T3: 19th November 2021



Dear Parents,

After mentioning some recent sporting successes in the newsletter, the celebrations got even bigger after the 7 a-side ESFA Small Schools Regional Football competition, held last Friday at Daventry Sports Field. Twenty schools entered the tournament, played in group stages leading to a knock out section. We are so pleased to announce that the winners were Blakesley CE. To win a local tournament is a notable achievement in itself, but to go on and win the regional tournament is tremendous. The standard of football and sporting behaviours were of the highest level. A special mention must be given to Teddy, Archie, Oliver, William, Noah, Polly, Tilly, Oscar and Elliot. Everyone played their part. Plus a big 'Thank you' too to Mrs Klegeris for organising, taking and coaching them. Well done Team Blakesley.

Anti -bullying week

The theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021 has been 'One Kind Word'. Our school display showing our pupils' contributions, promoting kind words and actions, is nearing completion. Discussions in classes have centred on the obvious or hidden behaviours of bullying, as well as what makes a good friend, finding ways to solve disagreements and who to turn to should help be required. We are very aware actions of rejection, nastiness and name-calling can cause great distress when they occur. Please encourage your child should they encounter anything at all at school that makes them feel unhappy or unsafe that they must speak to an adult and share their concern. As a school, we are working hard to improve even further, our levels of care and the nurture we provide.

Music

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils eagerly take up music tuition and attempt to master playing a new instrument. Please continue to encourage your child at all times. It is very common for the enthusiasm to wane in the second or third week but please support your child and help them to practise regularly. A very short time daily is far better than one longer session once a week. Learning to play an instrument is not an easy task, perseverance, resilience and positive words of encouragement are all needed in abundance.

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom

FABs

The annual FABs fundraising auction starts today. Please take a look at the attached auction list. It will be running on the FABs Facebook page, Folks Associated With Blakesley School. Details of how to bid are also included in the attached PDF.

This is a great opportunity to do a bit of Christmas shopping and raise money for Blakesley School.

Any questions please contact either Lottie Rogers on 07736 227721 or Charlotte Cockerill on 07522 832824. As always, your support is very much appreciated.

Please note that FABs, on behalf of the school, are kindly making a donation from the total money collected today from 'Break The Rules Day' towards Children in Need.

COVID 19

Unfortunately, COVID cases appear to be rising again. Inside school, we are continuing to deal with children developing temperatures, coughs and complaining of feeling unwell during the day. Where we feel it is appropriate or necessary temperatures will continue to be taken. 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. Remaining cautious feels like sensible advice.

Future Dates

- 19th November – **No Hotshots or After School care (today)**
- 10th December Movie Night
- 16th 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,

Laurie Hill
Headteacher